October 02, 2012 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Scott Klopp called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
- Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
- Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
- Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Instruction & Curriculum
- Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
- Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
- Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
- Mr. Donald Jones, Jr/Sr High Principal
- Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
- Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal
- Mr. Rick Triest, Building & Grounds Director
- Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
- Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Joseph Sabol, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Ms. Diane Berry, Mr. Arlan Werst, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

   A. Roles & Responsibilities – Update on personnel with Transportation, Food Service, & Central Office

   Dr. Albert informed the board that he is delighted with how smooth things are going with the new roles and responsibilities. They will meet every 45 days to evaluate how everyone is doing.

   B. Crim Scholarship

   Dr. Albert notified the board that with the passing of Ed Crim; there will be the Ed Crim Memorial Scholarship. He will be meeting with Nancy to discuss the criteria and guidelines.

   C. PetSmart Ground Breaking Ceremony – Friday, October 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

   Dr. Albert informed the board that the PetSmart ground breaking ceremony will be held on Friday, October 12, 2012. They were invited to attend and to RSVP via Mimi

   D. Weekly Report
Dr. Albert informed the board that the weekly report will be goal oriented and will state the goal number.

E. Thank you Note

Dr. Albert read a thank you note from Annette Dronyi stating that she was thankful for the education her children have received.

F. Bethel/Tulpehocken Meeting

Dr. Albert informed the board that he attended the township meeting regarding the bridge/road closure. He was the only one in attendance except for the maintenance crew. He was able to state his concern and they are going to consider other options.

G. Keystone/Tulpehocken Band

Dr. Albert informed the board that the concert was outstanding and they made the most money that have ever made.

Dr. Albert publically thanked the Reading Eagle for the article that was written in the Reading Eagle.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Electric Scoreboards/Pole Vault Padding
   a. Foundation
   b. Booster
   c. School District

There was discussion regarding sharing the expenses for the above purchases between the foundation, boosters, and the school district. It will save for everyone involved to take the collaborative approach.

B. Surplus Vehicle Sealed Bids – Thomas Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that the 5 vehicles in the parking lot are surplus items and we are accepting sealed bids until Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

C. Surplus Items Next Door

There was discussion to have the excess items next door auctioned off. We will look into this come spring.

3. Finance

A. Discussion on refunding the 2007 Bond Issue – Thomas Kowalonek

There was discussion regarding refunding the 2007 bonds. Mr. Remig and Mr. Quinn will be at the November work session.
4. Personnel

   A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

   A. Give second reading and final approval to the following policies:

      113.2 Behavior Support Plan
      113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
      200 Enrollment in District
      249 Bullying & Cyber Bullying

   *The above motion will appear on the 10/16/2012 board agenda.*

7. Curriculum

   A. Give second reading and final approval to the following curriculum:

      Modern Cookery
      Language Arts Grade K
      Language Arts Grade 1
      Language Arts Grade 2
      Language Arts Grade 3
      Language Arts Grade 4
      Language Arts Grade 5
      Language Arts Grade 6
      Language Arts Grade 7
      Language Arts Grade 7 Advanced/Honors
      Language Arts Grade 8
      Language Arts Grade 8 Advanced/Honors
      English 9
      AC English 9
      English 9 Honors
      AC English 10
      English 10 Honors
      English 10
      English 11
      AC English 11
      English 11 Honors
      English 12 Honors

   *The above motion will appear on the 10/16/2012 board agenda.*

   B. Read 180 Presentation – Barbara Davis/Lisa Kiss

   *Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Kiss gave a Read 180 presentation to the board.*
C. Admin China Exchange Trip

- Administrator from China here from 10/27/2012 – 11/02/2012
- Ed in China from 04/07/2013 – 04/21/2013

Dr. Albert informed the board that he has been chosen to participate in the Admin China Exchange Trip. It is at no cost to the district because the Berks County Chamber of Commerce is picking up the cost.

8. Items for Board Action

A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #301154, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on September 26, 2012.

The above motion will appear on the 10/16/2012 board agenda.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

A. Approve the transportation contract between Tulpehocken Area School District and Hamburg Area School District as presented.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 10/16/2012 board agenda.

11. Legislative

A. PASA Update

B. PARSS Update

Dr. Albert gave the board an update from his PASA and PARSS meetings.

12. Administrative Reports

Barb Davis reported they are preparing for Monday’s in-service. There will be and EXPO where they will be showing new technology.

Mike Leister reported they are in their first round of 4-sights. United way has wrapped up and there is 72% participation.

Cindy Jenkins reported that the Reading Coaches Parent Workshop was a huge success. SWEPS training went well.

Bonnie Benfer reported that the Mobile Ag visit went well. They had the best parent turnout for their math and reading presentation.
Jason Bottiglieri reported that the discipline report is in front of them. He is completing his observations. Homecoming activities are this week. The vulnerability assessment is complete in both verbal and written.

Don Jones reported that the open house went well and it was in the open format again this year which went well. They are in the process of 4-sght testing in the junior high. C.D.T testing is being held in the high school. The Hall of fame is this week and the inductees are going to speak to the students.

Mrs. Kiss reported that she sent out a welcome back letter and survey which she received positive results from. Her staff will be attending the Tech fair and safety care training. They continue to work on the special ed audit.

Mr. Triest reported a lot of interest in the surplus vehicles. He is visiting his staff in the evening two times a week.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

Mr. Manbeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heck.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting regarding personnel.

Ms. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary