November 05, 2013 – 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 (7:13 p.m. via phone), 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. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
- Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
- Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
- Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Dave Stoltz, Ms. Benita Stoltz, Mr. Charlie Johnson, Ms. Kelly Johnson, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Mr. Jeff Strayer, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Amy Schlater, Mr. John Kintzer, Ms. Diana Kintzer, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Principal

- **Denice Dodge** – Sarah Johnson
  - John Kintzer
- **Amy Schlater** – Josh Straw
  - Carissa Martin
- **Jeffery Strayer** – Andres Bazan
  - Megan Eberly

BCTC National Technical Honor Society

- Tyler Berube
- Troy Bouffard
- Brandon Hartranft
- Jacklyn Koenig

Shocktoberfest Film Contest – Best Creativity Category

- Shane Bowman

*The above students were recognized before the board for their accomplishments. The students that were unable to attend will receive their certificate from their building principal.*
I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

   A. Security
      ✓ ALICE Training for Administration

   *Dr. Albert informed the board that the administration went through ALICE training. It was a two hour training. They were very impressed with the information that was given. The administration will be training the crisis team and staff.*

   B. Trojans II Update

   *Dr. Albert gave the board an update on the Trojans II class stating that it is going very well and they are very impressed with the job Mrs. Stoy is doing.*

   C. Playoffs/Board Meetings

   *Dr. Albert addressed the board regarding playoff games on board meeting nights. The board agreed that it would be ok to move the board meeting if it fell on a night that Tulpehocken was in a playoff game.*

   *Dr. Albert informed the board that they have invited veterans to come for special recognition on Veterans’ Day.*

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

   A. Accept the donation of $40,000 from Dollar General’s Reading Revolution Program to promote and strengthen reading at the Bethel Elementary School. The funds will be placed in the district’s Special Revenue Fund.

   *Mrs. Jenkins informed the board that Dollar General donated $40,000 to Bethel Elementary to strengthen their reading program.*

4. Personnel

   A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motions were voted on as stated below:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Kevin Simpson as head wrestling coach effective immediately.

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

   NAYS:

   ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Henry Wooleyhand as head wrestling coach for the 2013-14 season at a stipend of $3,167 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: 

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 9-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

A. Give second reading and final approval to the following polices.

302 Employment of Superintendent
309 Assignment and Transfer
310 Abolishing a Position

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 11/19/2013 board meeting.

7. Curriculum

A. Data Driven Instruction/Test Scores

Dr. Albert informed the board that they are in the process of having meetings to discuss improving test scores and to put an action plan together.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

A. IDEA Litigation

B. Sequester
Dr. Albert discussed the above topics and informed the board that General Assembly is currently in recess.

12. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Jenkins reported that they were very excited to receive the generous donation from Dollar General. They will put it to good use. Race for Education was a huge success with $21,000 being raised.

Mr. Triest reported that they are in the process of getting the grounds ready for fall.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

There was public comment that the funds that Dollar General donated should not be used for a recurring expense. It was stated that it will not be.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

Ms. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary