

**February 7, 2017 – Board Work Session Minutes**

President Mr. Oscar Manbeck called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp (7:40 p.m.), Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

**ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

- Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
- Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director Special Education
- Mr. Andrew Netznik, JSHS Principal
- Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Assistant Principal
- Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
- Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
- Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville 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. Ron Boltz, Mr. Jason Bicher, Mr. Ed Bender, Mr. Jake Myer, Ms. Denise Christ, Mr. Nick Barrett, Ms. Christa Hopwood, Mr. Swaye Hopwood, Ms. Milissa Zintz, Mr. John Kern, Mr. Tim Wenger, Ms. Clarinda Wenger, Mr. Matthew Wenger, Mr. Joe Bednarczyk, Ms. Sheila Bednarczyk, Mr. Joey Bednarczyk, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, Ms. Teresa Burns, Ms. Jill Hulse, Mr. Davis Marous, Mr. John Swenson, Ms. Clara Hardick, Mr. Jeff Hardick, Ms. Andrea Hardick, Ms. Jenn Becker, Mr. Steve Becker, Ms. Sherri Glass, Mr. Mike DeAcosta, Ms. Theresa DeAcosta, Ms. Olivia Stephen, Ms. Angela Marous, Ms. Holly Baer, Mr. Larry Mays, Ms. Amy Schlater, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Keith Miller, Ms. Lori Miller, Ms. Mary Miller, Mr. Jacob Miller, Ms. Rebecca DeBenedick, Mr. Glenn Henne, Mr. Alex Henne, Mr. Ty DeAcosta, Mr. Tim DeAcosta, Ms. Ella Ahner, Mr. Robert Ahner

**Students of the Month – High School – Mr. Andrew Netznik, Principal**

**Students of the Month:**

September

Tanner Schlater  
Olivia Stephen

October

Joseph Bednarczyk  
Tori Scheider

November

Vance Gradwell  
Emma Stupp

December

Ryder Huey  
Heather Judy

**BCTC Students of the Quarter- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

Timothy DeAcosta – Computerized Machining Technology

Catherine Zimmerman – Health Occupations

**Students of the Month – Junior High School – Mr. Michael Leister, JH House Principal**

**Students of the Month:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

September

John Kern

Abigail Becker

October

Tyrese Sanchez

Shelby Wise

November

Adam Mays

Jessica McDermott

December

Makayla Barrett

Matthew Wenger

January

Ella Ahner

Madeline Marous

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

September

Alexander Henne

Swaye Hopwood

October

Abigail Hulse

Malachi Christ

November

Luke Hoffman

Clara Hardick

December

Jaclyn Burns

Jordan Baer

January

Mary Miller

Kyle Yenser

*The above students were recognized before the board and congratulated. Dr. Schultz thanked the students and parents for all their hard work and dedication.*

I. Discussion Items

**1. Superintendent's Report**

A. 2017/2018 Proposed School Calendar

*The above item was discussed and will appear on a future agenda as a voting item.*

**2. Citizen/Student Participation (Pertaining to Agenda items only)**

**3. Buildings and Grounds**

**4. Finance**

A. Approve Fredericksburg Community Health Center to sign off on PCA's for Access billing at \$30.00 per IEP.

- B. Approve the 2017/2018 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. **(Vote to be taken twice)**

*The above items were discussed and will appear on the 02/21/2017 voting session agenda.*

**5. Personnel**

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

- 9.8.3 Approve the resignation terms for Michael DeBakey as of January 18, 2017.

*The above was voted on as stated below:*

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the resignation terms for Michael DeBakey as of January 18, 2017.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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- 9.8.7 Approve Michaella Mellen as athletic event staff for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year pending completion of paperwork.

*The above was voted on as stated below:*

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Michaella Mellen as athletic event staff for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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9.8.10 Approve a stipend of \$7,500 for Matthew Shirk for completion of additional responsibilities within the technology department from January 17, 2017 until June 30, 2017.

***The above was voted on as stated below:***

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve a stipend of \$7,500 for Matthew Shirk for completion of additional responsibilities within the technology department from January 17, 2017 until June 30, 2017.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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9.8.12 Resolve that the Board of School Directors accept the State Mediator's Recommendation dated December 18, 2016, as attached, approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the School District and the Tulpehocken Education Association dated February 7, 2017 which is based upon the Mediator's recommendation, as presented and attached and to authorize the appropriate officers of the Board to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

***The above was voted on as stated below:***

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve that the Board of School Directors accept the State Mediator's Recommendation dated December 18, 2016, as attached, approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the School District and the Tulpehocken Education Association dated February 7, 2017 which is based upon the Mediator's recommendation, as presented and attached and to authorize the appropriate officers of the Board to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 5-4.

**6. Programs**

**7. Policy**

9.4.1 Give second reading and final approval to the following policy:

#815 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources/Facilities and Internet by Staff, Students, and Community Members

*The above item was discussed and will appear on the 02/21/2017 voting session agenda.*

**8. Curriculum**

A. Approve the Penn-State Berks Homework Hotline program as presented

*The above item was discussed and will appear on the 02/21/2017 voting session agenda.*

B. Kindergarten Jump Start

C. Junior High STEM/Ag Class

*The above items were presented and discussed*

**9. Items for Board Action**

**10. Technology**

A. Technology Discussion – Anthony Rodig

*Mr. Rodig presented the direction of technology to the board. This will appear on a future agenda.*

**11. Transportation**

A. Transfinder Bus Route Optimization proposal – Tom Kowalonek

B. Approve the Transportation Plan and Memorandum of Understanding between TASD and Berks County Children and Youth as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to ensure the educational stability of foster care youth

*The above were minimally discussed and will be discussed further when Mr. Kowalonek can be present.*

**12. Legislative**

A. Property Tax Elimination Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

*The above was discussed.*

### **13. Administrative Reports**

*Mr. Mark Brown reported that they celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. They had 36 students participate in the Readers Win Campaign.*

*Ms. Cipolla reported that they received a \$500.00 Tractor Supply grant. The SWEBS committee competed a matrix which involves a monthly reward for rule followers.*

*Mr. Netznik reported that 02/24/2017 is the FFA Breakfast and invited the board to come. Envirothon received a grant. Some of our students art is being displayed at Freedom Toyota.*

*Mr. Denis Quirk reported that there is a Fastlane Art Contest and you can go on Facebook and vote for Tulpehocken.*

*Mr. Leister reported that the Science CDT's were completed last week. 4-Sight testing will be the focus this week.*

*Mrs. Kiss reported that they are getting ready for OVR night in March.*

*Mr. Triest gave an update on the WWTP.*

### **14. Old Business**

### **15. New Business**

### **16. Public Comment**

*Mr. Ron Boltz from Pine Grove encouraged the board to look at and investigate 76, the tax elimination bill. There are other sources of information to look at. He invited them to a Town Hall meeting in Lebanon on February 13, 2017.*

*Mr. George Field encouraged the board to have Tulpehocken Township police look at Rehrersburg and the speeds and how people are driving. He said they were out just once and would like them to come out again.*

## **II. Adjournment**

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

*The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

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*Mrs. April L. Klopp  
Board Secretary*