

March 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 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mr. Andrew Netznik, JSHS Principal
Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Technology
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Jennifer Engelbert, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Amy Schlater, and Mr. Tom Moorhead

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mr. Mark Brown, Principal

Students of the Month:

Mrs. Dodge:

Breanna Claman
Jose Patino-Diaz

Ms. Schlater:

Madison Blouch
Zachary Kegerreis

Mrs. Engelbert:

Janae Matias
Regan Kreitzer

The above students were congratulated and recognized for all their hard work and determination. Dr. Schultz thanked the parents for supporting their children.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Netznik and Mr. Kreitzer presented the PA FFA Activities Week field trip to the board. This will be a motion on the 03/21/2017 voting session agenda.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Approve Homestead Excavating, Inc. to prepare the staging area for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project at a cost of \$8,354.45.

The above was voted on as stated below:

A resolution was offered by Mr. Steinhauer, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve Homestead Excavating, Inc. to prepare the staging area for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project at a cost of \$8,354.45.

AYES: 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

4. Finance

- A. Approve the parent/school district transportation contract for student # 302153 as presented.
- B. Approve the 2017/2018 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.
- C. Approve donating the stipend for the Board Treasurer of \$500 and the Board Secretary of \$900 to be donated as the Board of Director's Scholarship Award.

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 03/21/2017 voting session agenda.

5. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

9.8.1 Approve Sandra Boyer as a lunch/recess aide at Penn-Bernville Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.25 pending completion of paperwork.

The above was voted on as stated below:

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve Sandra Boyer as a lunch/recess aide at Penn-Bernville Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.25 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 Approve Sandra Mason as a part-time crossing guard at Penn-Bernville Elementary effective March 8, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$10.00.

The above was voted on as stated below:

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Sandra Mason as a part-time crossing guard at Penn-Bernville Elementary effective March 8, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$10.00.

AYES: 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

6. Programs

- A. Home Bound Instruction – Student #300618

Dr. Schultz reported that we have a student in need of homebound instruction due to medical needs.

7. Policy

8. Curriculum

- A. PA FFA Activities Week @ Penn State

The above was discussed under the Superintendents report.

9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

- A. Approve the purchase of Dell Latitude 3180 Non-Touch laptops, commensurate to the 9th grade student enrollment for the 2017/2018 school year, at an estimated cost of \$42, 827. (Details of the program change include the distribution of laptops from the carts to the students in grades 10 through 12, and lab/enclave attrition).
- B. Approve a 2:1 refurbish program of \$13,000 for the current 8th grade 2:1 devices. The machines that are refurbished will be distributed to the incoming 5th grade class in 2017/2018.

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 03/21/2017 voting session agenda. Mrs. Hassler asked if it was necessary. Her question was explained and answered.

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Netznik reported that they had the aquaponics system installed. There are 30 Tilapia and the plant life should be coming shortly.

Mr. Quirk reported that spring sports has started and we had some students go on college tours. The students went to a musical pre-view.

Mr. Brown reported that they completed Read Across America last week. The students were able to go to a musical pre-view.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that they completed Read Across America last week. They had some visitors speak to the students; an astronaut and author. The 5th grade basketball team has advanced. The students were able to go to a musical pre-view.

Mr. Triest reported that the WWTP has started and they are working on the staging area.

Mr. Shirk reported that for the first time you can go on our website and order musical tickets. It is going quite well.

14. Old Business

Mr. Kowalonek reported that he would like to change the Transfinder request. Instead of paying \$8, 000 to have them do route optimization for both the am and pm runs. He would like to send Mary to training for \$1500.00 plus expenses and have Transfinder do route optimization for only the am or pm run for 1/2 the cost. The board decided to rescind the Transfinder motion from the 02/21/2017 board meeting. The motions below are reflective to their decision.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to rescind the Transfinder bus optimization proposal that was approved at the 02/21/2017 voting session.

AYES: 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to approve Mary Snyder to attend training at Transfinder at a cost of \$1500.00 plus expenses.

AYES: 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

Mr. Steinhauer stated that he is glad to see Mr. Shirk at the meeting and hopes to see more of that.

Mrs. Hassler stated that she was glad to see Matt there as well and that he is great.

II. Adjournment

Mr. Klopp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rodig.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary