

January 06, 2015 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Scott Klopp called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward J. Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, JSHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Michel Leister, Junior High House Principal
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael DeBakey, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Rachel Graby, Ms. Marjorie Hix, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Kylene Sanders, Mr. Rufus Brown, Ms. Lorraine Brown, Ms. Tamara Ritter, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Marie DeFilipps, Ms. Deborah Miller, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Robert Neiswender, Ms. Lynne Higgins, Ms., Clarissa Plato, Mr. & Mrs. Heberling, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle

I. Discussion Items

There was a moment of silence for Sue Bordner, an employee who passed away over holiday break.

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Security – *No Report*

B. Recognition of Employees

Mike Leister

- Lynne Higgins
- Deborah Miller

Jason Bottiglieri

- Rob Neiswender

Mark Brown & Amanda Cipolla

- Marie DeFilipps

Mark Brown

- Rachel Graby
- Linda Heberling

The above employees were recognized before the board for going above and beyond. Dr. Albert thanked them for their commitment and dedication.

C. 2015/2016 School Calendar – Ed Albert

Dr. Albert referred the board to the 2015/2016 proposed school calendar. The board needs to look at both versions and decide which start date they want to choose.

D. Board Appreciation Dinner – 01/20/2015 District Office Board Room 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Albert reminded the board that there will be a Board appreciation dinner on January 20, 2015 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the DO office board room.

E. STEM Project – Timeline

Dr. Albert informed the board that the STEM Project timeline is being postponed for a couple of months due to the busy times and the JSJS Principal search.

F. Gifted Proposal – Mr. Roberts

Dr. Albert informed the board that Mr. Roberts, the husband of Jean Roberts a retired teacher who has passed way has donated \$25,000 to the gifted program.

G. Borough/Township Meeting – (01/13/2015 7:00 p.m.)

Dr. Albert reminded the board that there will be a Borough/Township meeting on January 13, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m.

H. Principal Search Update

Dr. Albert gave the board an update on the JSJS Principal search. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 16, 2015. They have received 4 applications thus far and they are going to have a campout at the JSJS to find out what the employees at the JSJS are looking for. There is also a survey posted on line so the public can have input.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

- A. Approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2015/2016 school year.

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the January 20, 2015 board meeting.

B. Budget Discussion

Mr. Kowalonek and Dr. Albert preliminarily discussed the budget with the board.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motions were discussed and voted on as stated below:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Katlyn Diehl as a part-time cafeteria employee at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.25 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Diane Lotz as Dean of Students effective January 20 through June 19, 2015 with an increase of \$100 per day.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following part-time JSBS study hall paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$10.00 pending completion of paperwork:

- Thomas Witmer
- Clarinda Wenger

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

5. Programs

A. ELCO Cooperative Sponsorship – Football

Dr. Albert discussed the possibility of having a football cooperative sponsorship with ELCO. The board gave approval to pursue this and to get the pertinent cost information from ELCO.

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

A. Kindergarten Survey – Mark Brown/Amanda Cipolla

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Cipolla presented the kindergarten survey to the board.

B. School Profile Results – Mark Brown/Amanda Cipolla

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Cipolla presented the School profile results to the board.

C. Kahoot.it – Kylene Sanders & Tamara Ritter

Ms. Sanders and Ms. Ritter showed the board Kahoot.it and how it can be used with the students to help them learn.

8. Items for Board Action

A. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2015.

B. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2015.

C. Approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2015 at the stated rate.

D. Gifted Field Art Trip – Doylestown, April 14, 2015 – Lynne Higgins

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the January 20, 2015 board meeting.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

A. Child Protective Services Law Discussion – Ed Albert

B. Legislative Update – Ed Albert

C. Legislative Breakfast Overview Page – Ed Albert

Dr. Albert reported to the board on the above legislation.

12. Administrative Reports

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Executive Session was held before the board meeting and also followed.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary