

February 03, 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 7:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt (via Skype), Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

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
- Ms. Diane Lotz, JSHS Dean of Students
- 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
- Mr. Brian Boland, Esquire
- Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Sheila Bednarczyk, Mr. & Mrs. Kephart, Ms. Holly Baer, Ms. Heather Stoy, Ms. Ashley Pastor, Mr. Derek Herr, Ms. Suzanne Hamrick, Ms. Ashley Mowrer, Ms. Rebeca Webb, Mr. & Mrs. Stricker, Mr. Steve Stephen, Mr., & Mrs. Luckenbill, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. & Mrs. Kintzer, Mr. & Mrs. Naftzinger, Mr. Mike DeAcosta, Mr. & Mrs. Beck, Mr. & Mrs. Keeney, Mr. Jack Thomas, Mr. Jordan Mathias, Ms. Sarah Mathias, Ms. Traci Kramer, Mr. & Mrs. Grumbine, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Brad Remig, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Student Recognitions:

High School Students of the Month:

September

Audrey Jonas
Grant Baver

October

Aaron Riegel
Taylor Boyer

November

Tyler Gransden
Darian Gordon

December

Abraham Rivera
Alexis Yenser

BCTC-West Campus-Student of the Quarter:

Skylyn Naftzinger Communication Media Technology

Jacklyn Koenig Painting and Decorating

Junior High Students of the Month:

7th Grade

October	Andres Bazan	John Kintzer
November	Josh Keeney	Kyleigh Beck
December	Jesse Torres	Aubrey Evans
January	Jack Thomas	Natalie Grumbine

8th Grade

October	Jonah Mathias	Caitlyn Haws
November	Brandy Boltz	Sean Pacilio
December	Lydia Bednarczyk	Justin Stricker
January	Abby Christ	Sariah Symington

Students of the Month – Penn-Bernville:

Suzanne Hamrick – Mary Groff
 Nick Kephart

Amy Noecker – Brittlee Reese
 Jacob Bowers

Janet Gernsheimer – Bailee Gagnon
 K'drian Vega

The above students were recognized before the board. They were given certificates of appreciation. The students that were not able to attend will be given their certificate by their building administrator. Dr. Albert congratulated and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Security

No report this week

B. Recognition of Employees

Jason Bottiglieri

- Derek Herr
- Heather Stoy

Mr. Bottiglieri recognized the above employees before the board for their hard work and dedication and continually going above and beyond.

Amanda Cipolla

- Rebecca Webb

Ms. Cipolla recognized Rebecca Webb before the board for her hard work and dedication and going above and beyond.

Lisa Kiss & Amanda Cipolla

- Ashleigh Mowrer

Ms. Kiss recognized Ashleigh Mowrer before the board for her hard work and dedication and going above and beyond.

Ed Albert

- Lacey Baxter

Dr. Albert recognized Lacey Baxter before the board for her hard work and dedication and going above and beyond.

C. Gettysburg Field Trip – Michael Minnich

Mr. Minnich presented the Gettysburg Field Trip before the board. This will be a motion that the board will vote on at the 02/17/2015 board meeting.

D. Near Pod Presentation – Ashley Pastor & Courtney Luckenbill

Ms. Pastor and student Courtney Luckenbill presented and showed the board how to use Near Pod.

E. LERTA Discussion

Dr. Albert informed the board that there is a company interested in the property close to M.R.D. Lumber. He and Tom met with two gentlemen regarding this. He wanted them to know that they will most likely be looking for some type of LERTA.

F. School Delays/Closures

Dr. Albert discussed the process in having a two hour delay and an early dismissal in the same day. The weather forecast changed which required the early dismissal.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

- A. Approve the 2015/2016 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board.

The above motion was discussed and will be on the 02/17/2015 voting session agenda.

- B. Approve the agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Schuylkill Valley School District for a student placement in the Trojans II program.

The above motion was discussed and will be on the 02/17/2015 voting session agenda.

- C. 2010 & 2010A Bond Refunding Discussion – Brad Remig, PFM

Mr. Brad Remig, from PFM presented the information to the board regarding Bonds that could be up for refinancing.

- D. Approve the agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Herbein & Company for the years ending June 30, 2015, 2016, 2017.

The above motion was discussed and will be a motion on the 02/17/2015 voting session agenda.

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 Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Deborah Hamm as a part-time emotional support paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$11.00 effective January 30, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for a pre-employment commitment for Stephanie Lynch from February 3-6, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Suzanne Hamrick for February 13 and 16, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

This motion was carried 5-2.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Linda Heberling from January 26-February 6, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

This motion was carried 5-2.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the termination of David Golowski as a full-time custodian at the Junior/Senior High School effective January 23, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

A. Approve the 2015/2016 School Calendar as presented.

The above motion was discussed and will be a motion on the 02/17/2015 voting session agenda.

8. Items for Board Action

A. Boys' Basketball Field Trip to Villanova – (Wells Fargo Center -March 7, 2015) – Ed Albert

The above motion was discussed and will be a motion on the 02/17/2015 voting session agenda.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mr. Jason Bottiglieri reported that this is potentially his last meeting and he thanked the board.

Mr. Mark Brown reported they are holding data meetings. They are working on getting information on Camp Invention. They getting ready for a visiting author, assembly, and workshop.

Ms. Amanda Cipolla reported that they wrapped up their data meetings, preparing for Vendor Bingo, and getting ready for the PTO meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Rick Triest reported that they are working on renovations.

Ms. Lisa Kiss reported that they are working on the Parent Resource Fair. Our students at BCTC created and printed the flyers. 59 new Special Education students have enrolled so far this year.

Mr. Mike DeBakey reported that they extended the WAN deadline. They will be attending the Penn-Tech Conference next week. Erika miller has been conducting team meetings.

13. Old Business

The question was asked about the status of a co-op regarding a football program and ELCO. Dr. Albert responded that it is in ELCO's court and we are waiting to hear.

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

Mrs. Hassler inquired about teachers leaving and if they were required to reimburse the district for professional development within a certain timeframe.

Richard Klopp asked the board not give a LERTA tax break and then turn around and raise taxes.

II. Adjournment

Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Klopp.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. Executive Session was held from 8:09 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*