

March 10, 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. The National Anthem was sung by Gabriella Sembello; opening Prayer followed.

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

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

- Dr. Edward J. Albert, Superintendent
- Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
- Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
- Ms. Diane Lotz, JSHS Dean of Students
- Mr. Barry Heckard, Interim JSHS Principal
- Mr. Michael 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. Diane Berry, Ms. Marissa Berry, Mr. Kevin Berry, Mr. Jeff Strayer, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Brett Forey, Mr. Lucas Forry, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Paige Dodge, Ms. Sarah Dodge, Mr. Kieu-Trinh Tran, Ms. Heather Forry, Mr. Anthony Martin, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Stephen Gable, Mr. Thomas Dodge, Ms. Susan Burns, Mr. Jim Chett, Ms. Wendy Fisher, Ms. Tina Klopp, Mr. Michael Milks, Ms. Andrea Milks, Ms. Connie Tworkoski, Mr. Brad Ingraham, Ms. Abby Fair-Gable, Ms. Bella Fair, Ms. Mary Snyder, Ms. Rita Boor, Mr. Scott Snyder, Ms. Shelly Yenser, Ms. Penny Bahner, Mr. Araln Werst, Ms. Traci Kramer, Mr. Tom Moorhead, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Student Recognitions:

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

- Mr. Strayer –** Ethan Whitman
Tiana Martin
- Mrs, Schlater –** Makaila Milks
Kyle Yenser
- Mrs. Dodge –** Lucas Fory
Bella Fair

The above students were recognized for being Bethel Elementary Students of the month. They were each congratulated and given a certificate.

Lisa Kiss

Steven Allamong

Steven was recognized for his hard work and dedication to his work at Goodwill, Robesonia.

Ed Albert

Gabriella Sembello

Dr. Albert recognized Gabriella for the outstanding job she did singing the National Anthem recently at a wrestling match.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Security – **No Report**

B. Recognition of Employees

Tom Kowalonek

Wendy Fisher

Michael Leister

Tina Klopp

Mary Snyder

Mark Brown

Denice Dodge

The above employees were recognized for their hard work, dedication, and going above and beyond.

C. April Board Meeting – 04/14/2015 & 04/21/2015

The board agreed to move the April board meetings to the above stated dates.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

A. Approve the following as Berks Tax Collection Committee Representatives:

- Primary Voting Delegate: TASD Business Manager (currently Thomas L. Kowalonek)
- First Alternate Voting Delegate: TASD Treasurer (currently Evelyn Fox)
- Second Alternate Voting Delegate: TASD Superintendent (currently Dr. Edward J. Albert, Jr.)

B. 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 03/17/2015 board agenda.

C. LERTA Discussion

There was discussion held regarding a possible LERTA for Mid Way Park. This will be a motion for approval at the 03/17/2015 board meeting.

D. 2015/2016 Budget Presentation – Tom Kowalonek

There was discussion held regarding the 2015/2016 budget.

E. Approve the 2015/2016 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 03/17/2015 board 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 Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following coaches for the 2014-2015 season:

- Desiree Bower Co-Asst. HS track \$640
- Rebecca Schlegel Co-Asst. HS Track \$640
- Larry Rittle, Jr. Asst. JH Track\$1,335
(pending completion of paperwork)
- Daryl Showalter Asst. JH Track\$1,335

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Rachel Graby as a volunteer track coach for the 2014-2015 season.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following part-time learning support paraprofessionals at Penn-Bernville Elementary at an hourly rate of \$11.00:

- Catherine Diggan effective March 4, 2015
- Jennifer Kershner effective March 9, 2015

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

A. Gifted Lock – in (April 10, 2015 – April 11, 2015)– Connie Tworkoski

Ms. Tworkoski presented the information on the gifted lock-in to the board. This will be a motion on the 03/17/2015 board agenda.

B. Mini Thon – Brad Ingraham

Mr. Ingraham and student, Kevin Berry presented the information to the board regarding the Mini-Thon. This will be a motion on the 03/17/2015 board agenda.

C. School Performance Profile Discussion – Barb Davis

Mrs. Davis explained School Performance Profile to the board. There was discussion held.

D. Gifted Parent Survey – Lisa Kiss

Mrs. Kiss presented the results of the recent gifted survey. The results were very favorable.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

A. Rescind the award for Wide Area Network services that was approved at the February 17, 2015 for non-compliance.

B. Award the bid for Wide Area Network services to Comcast at a monthly rate of \$6,900 and a one-time set up fee of \$2,500 and to authorize the appropriate officers of the Board to sign the agreement.

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NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9B A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to Award the bid for Wide Area Network services to Comcast at a monthly rate of \$6,900 and a one-time set up fee of \$2,500 and to authorize the appropriate officers of the Board to sign the agreement.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mr. Leister reported that this year we were able to provide 162 units of blood through our blood drives. Thank you, Jess Moyer!! The spring musical is this week. Please come join us. They are gearing up and preparing for the PSSA Tests.

Ms. Lotz reported that she is please to serve in this capacity for the remainder of the year. The guidance office is doing great and handling the changes. The administration met and discussed the seniors who are in danger of not graduating because their senior project is not complete.

Mr. Heckard reported that he has been doing bus duty and lunch duty, handling some discipline, and enjoying getting to know the staff and students.

Mr. Brown reported that they are gearing up for the PSSA'S. He held a take-away that was well received by staff. He also reported that he was one of the presenters at the Friday in-service.

Ms. Cipolla reported that she held a take-away. She was also involved as a presenter in the in-service. They are also gearing up for the PSSA'S.

Mr. DeBakey reported that the in-service was a huge success. They have been working on the WAN bid, and the summer schedule.

Ms. Kiss reported how happy she is with Steve Alamong and how well he is doing with work release. She is happy with the survey results. They are working hard on the Parent Resource Fair that is being held next week. The Special Olympics are being held on April 29, 2015.

Mr. Triest reported that they were working on snow removal and are working on spring sports.

Mrs. Davis reported that the in-service was a huge success.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. Executive Session was held before the meeting.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*