

April 14, 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 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck (via phone till 8:55 p.m.), 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. 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
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Branden Burkholder, Ms. Carena Burkholder, Ms. Jessica Yoder, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Amy Noecker, Ms. Connie Tworkoski, Mr. Richard Klopp, Ms. Andrea Hardick, Ms. Jeni Barker, Ms. Cade Barker, Ms. Christa Hopwood, Ms. Morgan Weiant, Ms. Traci Kramer, Mr. Jeremy Konora, Ms. Dixie Miller, Ms. Christina Koenig, Mr. Dallas Baer, Ms. Holly Baer, Mr. Jordan Baer, Mr. Jarred Baer, Ms. Jan Gernsheimer, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Erika Kindoll, and Mr. Curt Behler

Student Recognitions:

Students of the Month – Penn–Bernville Elementary – Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Principal

Mrs. Suzanne Hamrick

Jordan Baer
Swaye Hopwood

Mrs. Jan Gernsheimer

Cade Barker
Morgan Weiant

Mrs. Amy Noecker

Clara Hardick
Olivia Tartaglia

The above students were recognized for being Penn-Bernville students of the month. They were each given a certificate of achievement.

Reading Eagle Berks County – Essay Contest

Stephanie Younker – 1st Place Seventh Grade Category

Stephanie Younker was recognized before the board for winning the Reading Eagle Essay contest. The article was on farming. Stephanie read the article out loud to the board. She was given a certificate of achievement.

TVA Student of the Quarter

Michelle Chmielewski

Michelle was recognized before the board for being TVA student of the Quarter. She was given a certificate of achievement.

Health Class Resource on Suicide, Grief, & Loss

Jacob Bosland

Branden Burkholder

Joseph Eckart

Dixie Miller

Aleida Morales

The above students were recognized for their hard work in creating pamphlets on suicide, grief, and loss. They were each given a certificate of achievement.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Security

No report

B. Recognition of Employees

Mike DeBakey

Matthew Shirk

Barbara Davis

Erika Kindoll

The above employees were recognized for going above and beyond.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

- A. Approve the contract between Tulpehocken Area School District and Kathleen Edelstein, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired for the 2015/2016 school year, at the rate of \$95.00 per hour, not to exceed 400 hours for the year.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 04/21/2015 voting session agenda.

- B. 2015 Bond – Mark Quinn

Mr. Quinn presented the bond refinance information to the board. This will be voted on at the 04/21/2015 board meeting.

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 Mr. Steinhauer, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Edward Albert effective June 30, 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.

- 9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the B.C.I.U proposal for a Superintendent search pending solicitor approval.

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

A. Policy #916 Volunteers – Discussion

The above policy was discussed. The solicitor is in the process of updating the policy with the new laws that are going into effect 07/01/2015.

7. Curriculum

A. Approve the attached list of the Agriculture Advisory Council for the 2014/2015 school year as presented.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 04/21/2015 board agenda.

B. Gifted Senior Trip – Connie Tworkoski

Ms. Tworkoski and three gifted students presented a gifted field trip to New York. This will be a motion on the 04/21/2015 board agenda.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

A. 1:1 Program Proposal – Mike DeBakey

Mr. DeBakey presented a 1:1 program proposal to the board.

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mr. Leister reported that they are in the middle of PSSA testing. They are preparing for the Scholastic Achievement Banquet. The gifted lock-in was a huge success and he thanked all the chaperones. The Sterling Hoffman Track Invitational was a huge success. He gave a big thank you to all the volunteers. We are in the middle of preparing for the Mini-Thon.

Mrs. Lotz reported that they are gearing up for the Keystones. The Sterling Hoffman Track Invitational was a huge success. The gifted lock-in was great fun. They have been working on the scheduling for the high school. They will then focus on the Jr. High Schedule. She gave an update on the Trojans & Trojans II programs.

Mr. Brown reported that they were thankful for the Tom McCabe workshop. Dollar General helped with cost of this workshop. They are busy with the PSSA's and preparing for the Bethel Art Show.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that they are busy with PSSA prep. She is in the process of planning a 6th grade combined Bethel and Penn-Bernville gifted field trip. They are in the middle of getting ready for the Penn-Bernville Art Show.

Mr. DeBakey reported that he is looking at a new Data Collection program.

Mrs. Kiss reported that they had their first ever ES Easter Egg Hunt and it was a great success. The gifted lock-in was a huge success. Mr. Roberts's reception was very nice and it touched everyone. Wednesday, April 29, 2015 is the Special Olympics please feel free to come and join us.

Mr. Triest reported that the property near the JSHS has been purchased and we might be seeing some changes.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

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

- 14.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to Directors approve and ratify any and all actions, motions and resolutions taken at the January, February and March 2015 general monthly board meetings and monthly workshop meetings as if fully presented and approved at this meeting and as set forth in the agendas and minutes of those meetings.

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.

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. Executive Session was held from 7:55 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and after the board meeting.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary