

June 02, 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, 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
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Renee Norman, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Gary Silvi, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. George Field, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

- A. Security - *No Report*
- B. Recognition of Employees – *None*
- C. Vesper Property Group – Gary Silvi

Mr. Gary Silvi asked the board to extend a LERTA Incentive on property that Vesper group owns. They feel it will be more appealing to potential buyers. The board is going to think about this. They will revisit this another time.

- D. Administrative Goals – Barbara Davis

Mrs. Davis reported that they are working on getting administrative goals established.

E. BCTC – 1st Day August 26, 2015

Dr. Albert informed the board that BCTC is not starting school until August 26, 2015 for the 2015/2016 school year. He asked the board if they wanted to adjust our start date to either match their start date or meet half way. The board decided to keep our 2015/2016 start date August 24, 2015.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

- A. Adopt the final budget for the 2015-2016 school year with projected expenditures of \$_____ and projected revenues of \$_____ including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.70, Act 511 per capita tax of \$5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of \$5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.
- B. Request approval to adopt the 2015/2016 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.
- C. Approve the tax resolution to levy taxes for the 2015/2016 school year.
- D. Approve any necessary journal entries and budget transfers to the financial statements of the school district after June 30, 2015.
- E. Approve the commitment of funds for the following categories in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620:

Special Education
Benefits

The specific amounts for each category will be determined at a later date.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the June 16, 2015 board meeting.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motions was voted on as stated below:

- 9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Nicole Kissell, Penn-Bernville Elementary guidance counselor effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

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.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Samantha Bolles as the STEM Coordinator effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$52,263, Step 2M.

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 Mr. Heck, to approve Stephanie Lynch as a guidance counselor at the Junior/Senior High School effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$52,263, Step 2M.

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.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the transfer of Diane Lotz from Junior/Senior High School Guidance Counselor to Junior/Senior High School Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2015 at a salary of \$96,000.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, and Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-3.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Kristen Karl as a Junior/Senior High School health and physical education teacher effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$50,547, Step B1+24, pending completion of paperwork.

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 Mr. Heck, to approve Patrick Slater as a Junior/Senior High School health and physical education/driver education teacher effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$69,214 Step 11B+24, pending completion of paperwork.

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.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the administration salary increases based on the Act 93 Agreement and the written contract of the Business Manager as presented to the Board.

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

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-2.

5. Programs

6. Policy

- A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on July 21, 2015 to the following policy:

916 Volunteers

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the June 16, 2015 board meeting.

7. Curriculum

- A. Approve the agreement with Hamburg Area School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2015/2016 school year as presented.
- B. Approve the agreement with Schuylkill Valley School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2015/2016 school year as presented.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the June 16, 2015 board meeting.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Executive Session was held from 7:35 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. and after the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary