

**May 05, 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. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

**ABSENT:** Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp

**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:** Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. George Field, Ms. Tammy Field, Ms. Danette Seidel, Ms. Jennifer Engelbert, Ms. Michelle Schneck, Ms. Bonnie Gerhart, Ms. Diane Moorhead, Mr. Richard Klopp, Ms. Shannon Coy, Mr. Dylan Coy, Ms. Katlyn Diehl, Mr. Paul Zerbe, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Jim Stricker, Ms. Cheryl Yoder, Mr. Brian Schaffer, Mr. Tyler Stricker, Mr. Jeff Stam, and Ms. Gail Stam

**Student Recognitions:**

**Students of the Month – Junior/Senior High School – Mr. Michael Leister, JH House Principal**

**Students of the Month:**

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| Lauryn Yoder- January   | Christina Koenig- February |
| Tyler Stricker- January | Dylan Coy- February        |
| Julia Mohn- March       | Alexi Kissling- April      |
| Alexander Matias- March | Hunter Harris- April       |

**BCTC- West – Students of the Quarter- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:**

- Andrew Risser
- Tyler Stricker
- Cody Delong

**BCTC – West- Students of the Quarter- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:**

Timothy Kramer  
Tate Bouffard  
James Lochman

**BCTC- East – Students of the Quarter- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:**

Dawson Gehman

*The above students were recognized before the board. Dr. Albert congratulated them for their hard work.*

I. Discussion Items

**1. Superintendent's Report**

A. Security – *No Report*

B. Recognition of Employees

**Mark Brown**

Michelle Schneck  
Tammy Field  
Danette Seidel

*Mr. Brown recognized the above employees before the board for going above and beyond.*

C. STEM Presentation – Jeff Beard

*Mr. Beard showed a project to the board that was competed under STEM. The students had to build a box that they were able to use as a launch. This particular project used many facets of STEM.*

D. Green Screen Presentation – Jen Engelbert

*Ms. Engelbert did a green screen presentation so the board could see how it worked and what they were using for the morning announcements Wake-Up Bethel.*

**2. Buildings and Grounds**

A. Approve Spotts, Stevens, & McCoy to move forward with the permit application for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

B. Approve Brian Boland to request waivers from zoning requirements for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

*The above motions were discussed and will be voted in at the 05/19/2015 board meeting.*

**3. Finance**

- A. Appoint Evelyn Fox as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 for a stipend of \$500.
- B. Appoint April Klopp as board secretary for a term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018 for a yearly stipend of \$900.
- C. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
- National Penn Bank
- Wells Fargo
- PNC Bank
- US Bank

*The above motions were discussed and will be voted in at the 05/19/2015 board meeting.*

- D. 2015/2016 Budget Presentation

- E. Adopt the preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 school year with projected expenditures of \$29,283,026 and projected revenues of \$28,883,026 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.**

*Mr. Kowalonek presented the preliminary budget to the board. This motion was voted on as stated below.*

- 3E A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Baver, to adopt the preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 school year with projected expenditures of \$29,283,026 and projected revenues of \$28,883,026 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.

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

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-1.

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**4. Personnel**

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

*The below motion was voted on as stated below:*

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve Andrew D. Netznik as the principal of the Junior/Senior High School at a salary of \$103,500, pending completion of paperwork, effective upon release from his current employer

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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**5. Programs**

**6. Policy**

**7. Curriculum**

**8. Items for Board Action**

**9. Technology**

A. Dell Financial Services Lease Proposal

**10. Transportation**

**11. Legislative**

**12. Administrative Reports**

*Mrs. Lotz reported that the high school schedule is complete and they are now going to finalize the junior high schedule. Testing is complete*

*Mr. Leister reported that the discipline reports have been placed in front of them. They moved the field trip originally scheduled for Baltimore to Gettysburg due to the rioting in Baltimore. PSSA testing is complete.*

*Mr. Brown reported that PSSA testing is complete. He helped out at the More-Dale Farms field trip. The Bethel Beach Bash was a huge success.*

*Mrs. Cipolla reported that PSSA testing is complete. The spring concerts are soon under way.*

*Mr. DeBakey reported that he has been attending some professional development and has gleaned a lot from it.*

*Mrs. Kiss reported that the Special Olympics were huge success and it was a great day for everyone.*

*Mr. Triest reported the he helped out with the More-dale farms field trip. He recognized Coty who attended the board meeting to earn his merit badge for Boy Scouts.*

*Mrs. Davis reported that they are busy collecting data for the civil rights report and roster verification.*

**13. Old Business**

**14. New Business**

**15. Public Comment**

II. Adjournment

*Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Palmer.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Executive Session was held before and after the board meeting for personnel.*

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*Mrs. April L. Klopp  
Board Secretary*