

August 12, 2014 – 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, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck (7:08 p.m.), and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Donald Jones, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Junior/Senior High Assistant Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Elementary Supervisor
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Mark Forry, Ms. Heather Forry, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. David Kieffer, Ms. Alicia Kieffer, Ms. Renee Norman, Ms. Jocelyn Stoltzfus, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report – Barb Davis, Director of Curriculum reported in Dr. Albert's absence.

A. Security

They are in the process of updating the sound on the cameras. The Penn-Bernville camera project is complete. Matt Shirk did a great job.

B. 2015 National Conference on Education – February 26, 2015 – February 28, 2015 – San Diego, CA

Mrs. Davis informed the board that Dr. Albert would like to attend the National Conference as stated above. This will appear as a motion on the 08/19/2014 board agenda.

C. Crossing Guard – Penn-Bernville

Mrs. Davis reported that we have a crossing guard for Bethel Elementary and have advertised for a crossing guard for Penn-Bernville Elementary.

D. Comprehensive Plan

Mrs. Davis reported that the Comprehensive Plan is complete and posted. If they are interested in viewing it they may do so by going to our website. The Comprehensive Plan will be on the September agenda for approval.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Sewer Plan Proposal – Tom Kowalonek

Bob from Spotts, Stevens, & McCoy presented the Feasibility study for the sewer plant. This will be a motion on the September agenda.

3. Finance

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. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Samantha Bolles as the long-term substitute elementary math coach for 49 days (4 in-service days/45 student days) starting August 2014 through the end of the first quarter of the 2014-2015 school year at a salary of \$51,263, Step 1M, prorated to the number of days worked, pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Kristin Zerbe as the long-term substitute 1:1 teacher at the Junior/Senior High School from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year through the end of the first quarter at a salary of \$48,043, Step 1B, pro-rated to the number of days worked.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Michael Turner as the long-term substitute 1:1 teacher at the Junior/Senior High School from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year through the end of the first quarter at a salary of \$48,043, Step 1B, pro-rated to the number of days worked

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 seasons:

- Alexis Klopp Field Hockey
- Dustin Risser Track

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following coaches for the 2014-2015 seasons:

- Michael Dunkle Head Cross Country \$3,167
- Amber Boyer Head Junior High Field Hockey \$1,600 pending completion of paperwork

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

9.4.1 Give second reading and final approval to the following policy.

Policy # 810.4 Transportation – Video/Audio Recording

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the August 19, 2014 voting session agenda.

7. Curriculum

A. Study Skills Program – Barb Davis

Mrs. Davis described the new Study Skills Program to the board.

B. Boston Spring Show Choir Trip – Jocelyn Stoltzfus

Mrs. Stoltzfus presented information regarding a field trip to Boston the Show Choir would like to take. This will appear as a motion on the 08/19/2014 board agenda.

9.5.2 Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on August 19, 2014 to the following curriculum.

Course	Grade Level
US History I	8
Government	11
Economics	12
Economics Honors	12
German III	11-12
German IV Honors	12
Problems of Democracy	12
Psychology	12
Social Studies 1	1
Social Studies 2	2
Social Studies 3	3
Social Studies 4	4
Social Studies 5	5
Social Studies 6	6
Social Studies K	K
Sociology	12

World Cultures	10
World Cultures Honors	10
World History (7th Grade)	7
US History II	9
US History II Honors	9
AP Government & Politics	11-12
AP/RACC US History	11-12
Art Grade 5	5
Art Grade 6	6
Drawing 1	9-12
Drawing 2	9-12
Painting	9-12
Advanced Art	9-12
Pottery	9-12
General Art	9-12
Integrated Arts	10

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the August 19, 2014 voting session agenda.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology – Barb/Jason

Mr. Bottiglieri updated the board on iPads and the training.

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mr. Jones reported summer clean-up is done, schedules, etc... The custodians did an excellent job. They have received about 15 new students so far. They are involved in in-service prep.

Mr. Bottiglieri reported they held the training for the Teacher Evaluation Software, Talent Ed. The observations will all be done electronically.

Mrs. Kiss reported that the Special Education teachers have received their caseload. The numbers keep growing.

Mr. Triest reported that the custodians have done a great job. They are prepping for fall sports.

Mr. Leister reported that it will be great to see the kids. The grounds look fantastic. The teachers are starting to come back in and it is great to see them. They will hold new student orientation next week.

Mrs. Benfer reported that they went to see Jennifer Engelbert who is interning at the Reading Eagle. They are going to see some students that are holding a concert Thursday night. They are working on the Faculty Induction Meeting agenda.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that she met with staff individually to get to know them. She sent out a Connect Ed. for the crossing guard position.

Mr. Brown reported that they are working very hard to have consistency between the two buildings. They are going to be using GoToMeeting software to help with this. He is going to start a Bethel Facebook page.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

Mr. Peiffer asked the board to reconsider not having a van go down their road to pick up their children. They feel it is not safe.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*