

November 04, 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 (7:05 p.m.), 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

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward J. Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
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: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Jill Hulse, Ms. Amy Schlater, Mr. Richard Klopp, and Mr. Stephen F. DeLucas, Reading Eagle.

Junior/Senior High School – Mr. Donald Jones – JSHS Principal

BCTC National Technical Honor Society:

Tyler Berube
Jacklyn Koenig
Michaela Mellen
Travis Zweizig

National Society of High School Scholars:

Abraham Rivera

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

Mrs. Dodge – Malachi Christ & Abigail Hulse
Mr. Strayer – Melanie Sareno-Garcia & Riken Patel
Mrs. Schlaeter – Adrienne Lash & Carlos Bazan

The above students were recognized before the board. They were given Certificates of Achievement. The building principals will make sure the absent students receive their certificate.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Security

Dr. Albert informed the board that they advertised for the police officer position.

B. Recognition of Employees

Mark Brown

- Debra Schwalm

Mr. Brown recognized Debra Schwalm for her hard work and going above and beyond.

Amanda Cipolla

- Nicole Clabaugh
- Cynthia Bickhart

Ms. Cipolla recognized Nicole Clabaugh and Cynthia Bickhart for their hard work and going above and beyond.

Dr. Albert congratulated the above students and employees for their dedication and hard work.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Heating Oil Contract

Mr. Kowalonek discussed the above with the board. He is going out to bid for our heating oil contract. He strongly feels it would be a good time to go out to bid since gas prices are coming down. The BCIU already went out to bid and were able to get pricing at \$2.61.

3. Finance

9.1.1 Approve the Per Capita Exonerations as attached.

9.1.2 Approve the commitment of the following fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620 effective June 30, 2014: (Discussion to be held regarding amounts).

Special Education
Utilities
PSERS/Benefits
Total Committed Fund Balance

9.1.3 Berks E.I.T Resolution

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 11/18/2014 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. Heck, to approve Pamela Schoonover as a part-time student assigned paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$12.00 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. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Cynthia Boyer as a part-time custodian effective November 5, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$10.00.

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:

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Christopher Smith as the Head Junior High Wrestling coach for the 2014-2015 season at a stipend of \$1,600 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. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignations of the following coaches effective immediately:

- Michael Dunkle Head Cross Country
- Amanda Minnich Head High School Field Hockey
- Ashley Gassert Asst. High School Field Hockey

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:

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

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

302 Employment of Superintendent

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 11/18/2014 board meeting.

7. Curriculum

A. Special Education Parent Survey Results – Lisa Kiss

Ms. Kiss presented the results of her parent survey to the board. The special education department got high scores in all categories.

B. STEM Discussion – Dr. Albert

Dr. Albert discussed STEM with the board and there will be someone coming to make a presentation in the near future for the board. Dr. Albert is proposing that a committee be formed regarding STEM. Mr. Palmer stated that he would be interested in being on the committee.

8. Items for Board Action

9.0.1 Reappoint Oscar Manbeck as BCTC Joint Operating Committee Representative for a three year term.

- 9.0.2 Reappoint William Palmer as BCTC Joint Operating Committee Representative Alternate Representative for a three year term.
- 9.0.3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #202338, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on October 20, 2014.
- 9.0.4 2015 Penn International Relations Conference (Gifted Field Trip) February 20, 2015 – Connie Tworkoski & Annamarie Burns

The above motions were presented & discussed and will be voted on at the 11/18/2014 board meeting.

9. Technology – Barb/Jason

Ms. Davis reported that the iPad rollout went smooth and the kids were really excited to get the iPads. It took on average ½ hour to get a classroom up and running.

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Ms. Kiss reported that they took a group of students to Dollar General that expressed interest in obtaining a job like that one day. There will be training for the Special Ed. staff on 12/03/2014 & 12/04/2014

Mr. Triest reported that the outside beds are finished. The Ag fence has been fixed. The roof on the maintenance building has been fixed. They are getting prepared for winter.

Ms. Davis reported that the iPad rollout has been completed. They are working on the training for the new Principal Evaluation System.

Ms. Benfer reported that there is a homeschool student interested in volunteering at Penn-Bernville Elementary. They will have her go through the same clearances as any other volunteer. Red Ribbon Week and the Halloween parade were a great success.

Ms. Cipolla reported that they are working on the Building Wide Action Plan. She also thanked board member Scott Klopp for attending the iPad rollout.

Mr. Brown reported they are working on the Building Wide Action Plan. He presented the new PVASS system at the faculty meeting. He handed out candy to the community on Trick or Treat

Night.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Executive Session was held before the board meeting and also followed.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary