

## **October 07, 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, 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, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
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:** Ms. Nicole Carley, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Ashley Count, Ms. Michelle Snyder, Ms. Sherri Glass, Mr. Dustin Shirk, Mr. Jeff Becker, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Barbara Wealand, Ms. Dory Triest, Ms. Dawn Weiss, Ms. Dianne Harchuska, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Richard Koenig, Ms. Teena Loeb, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

### I. Discussion Items

#### 1. Superintendent's Report

##### A. Security

*Dr. Albert reported that the Crisis team went to a meeting at the BCIU regarding Heroin in our schools. It was a very informative meeting and worth going to.*

##### B. Hall of Fame - Update

*Dr. Albert reported that the Hall of Fame was a huge success this year. It seems like it gets better every year.*

##### C. Recognition of Employees

*The following employees were recognized before the board for their hard work and dedication: Dianne Harchuska, Dory Triest, Barbara Wealand, Sherri Glass, Dawn Weiss, and Mimi Shade*

*The following people were recognized before the board for their hard work, dedication, and involvement in the marching band: Dustin Shirk, Jeff Becker, Rich Koenig, and Teena Loeb*

*The recognized employees were given certificates of appreciation.*

D. Flexible Instructional Days

*Dr. Albert informed the board that there is a proposal out to implement flexible instructional days. There are some school districts doing this. This means that if there is a snow day the student will still accomplish work at home. This was shared with the board for FYI purposes only.*

E. Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) – Comments from Christian Leinbach

*Dr. Albert reported that Commissioner Christian Leinbach is proposing that Berks County implement a county wide LERTA.*

F. 2015/2016 School Year – Start Date August 24, 2015 or August 31, 2015 - Discussion

*Dr. Albert asked the board to think about what they would like the start date for the 2015/2016 school year to be. This will be discussed at a later date.*

G. PSBA Value Pass – Scott Klopp

*Mr. Klopp asked the board their thoughts on obtaining a PSBA Value Pass which would allow the board and administrators to attend the PSBA conferences at one cost. Mr. Kowalonek will check in to this and see if it would be beneficial.*

H. DRC Contract

*Dr. Albert informed the board that DRC lost the contract for distributing and collecting the PSSA testing. This is their last year doing the distribution. The concern is that DRC will not do a good job and we will be waiting for our results.*

**2. Buildings and Grounds**

A. RAGE Agreement – Tom Kowalonek

B. Approve Right of Way of Crim Property

*The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 10/14/2014 board voting session agenda.*

**3. Finance**

A. Berks E.I.T/TCC Merger – Tom Kowalonek

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 10/14/2014 board voting session agenda.*

**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 Mrs. Klopp, to approve Angela Miller as a long-term substitute fourth grade teacher at Bethel Elementary from October 3 through approximately December 23, 2014 at a salary of \$51,263, Step M1, pro-rated to the number of days worked.

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.

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9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Judith Harig as a cafeteria aide at the Junior/Senior High School at an hourly rate of \$9.25 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.

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9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Thomas Paulson as a substitute aide for the remainder 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.

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**5. Programs**

**6. Policy**

- A. Give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval on November 18, 2014 to the following polices.

302 Employment of Superintendent

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 10/14/2014 board voting session agenda.*

**7. Curriculum**

- A. Gifted Presentation – Michelle Snyder

*Michelle Snyder presented the gifted program to the board. She showed them what they are doing with STEM projects.*

- B. Pennsylvania Core Standards Eligible Content Review – Barb Davis

*Mrs. Davis informed the board that the state is asking for feedback on the common core curriculum. She will provide the pertinent information on the website for the public to state their opinion.*

- C. School Profile Scores – Barb Davis

*Mrs. Davis reviewed the preliminary profile scores and said that all three buildings increased their scores. Final scores will be released once PDE verifies the information.*

**8. Items for Board Action**

- A. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Baltimore/Annapolis – Ashley Count

- B. 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Washington, D.C. – Nicole Carley

- C. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Adventure to Penn State – Christine Williams/Eugene Kreitzer

*The above field trips were presented to the board and will be voted on at the October 14, 2014 board meeting.*

D. BCTC Agreement for Nursing Services – Ed Albert

*Dr. Albert informed the board that we need an agreement with BCTC for nursing. Our school nurses need to meet with their nurses and set up a plan for our students that need services, as our nurses are responsible for them.*

**9. Technology – Barb/Jason**

*Mrs. Davis reported that letters went home to the parents for the grades that are receiving the iPads this year. They must return them to utilize the iPads.*

**10. Transportation**

**11. Legislative**

**12. Administrative Reports**

*Mr. Triest reported that they are busy at the high school doing repairs and working on the flower beds.*

*Mr. Bottiglieri reported that the Discipline report is in front of them. They attended SAP Maintenance Training at the BCIU. He attended the homecoming dance; there were about 200 students in attendance. There were over 1000 people in attendance at the homecoming game.*

*Mr. Jones reported that they are going over the CDT test data. On September 22, 2014 the 9<sup>th</sup> graders went to pre-approved local businesses and were told what they look for in employees. It was an eye awakening experience for some of the students. They are gearing up for the PSAT tests, and the STEM Competition.*

*Mr. Leister reported that homecoming was a great success. Fun was had by all. The pig roast was also well attended. They are prepping the teachers and students for the iPads. The Academic Hall of Fame was also a huge success.*

*Mr. Brown reported that Nearpod and iPad training is happening. They had a successful No Place for Hate Assembly and Science Explosion Assembly. He met with the Kurr Foundation and informed them of the district needs.*

*Ms. Cipolla reported that they had a successful No Place for Hate Assembly and Science Explosion Assembly. They have finalized the crossing guard procedure.*

*Ms. Benfer reported that she has been following Mark and Amanda around. She went over the preliminary scores with the staff and congratulated them.*

*Ms. Davis reported that they have been preparing for the Monday in-service for all staff. They are working on Title I requirements and will be meeting with Maria Garcia from PDE to over this. They are also working on Teacher Evaluations.*

*Mr. Kowalonek reported on PASBO and showed a video on the timing of the budget and deadlines. It is time to start working on it again.*

**13. Old Business**

**14. New Business**

*Mrs. Fox asked the board to look at the list of PSBA officers. The deadline for voting is coming up. There was discussion held.*

**15. Public Comment**

II. Adjournment

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

*The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. Executive Session Followed.*

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*Mrs. April L. Klopp  
Board Secretary*