

## **January 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 followed.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt (via phone), 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 Albert, Superintendent  
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  
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal  
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal  
Mr. Michael Leister, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal  
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Asst. JSHS Principal/Athletic Director  
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology  
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Amy Noecker, Ms. Suzanne Hamrick, Mr. & Mrs. Folk & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Walker & Family, Ms. Rebecca Webb, Ms. Merleen Brown Philippe, Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Family, Ms. Margie Folk, Mr. Kyle Schermerhorn, Ms. Judy Blatt, Mr. Robert Blatt, Ms. Lori Schermerhorn, Mr. & Mrs. Jonas & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Mellen & Family, Ms. Jan Gernsheimer, Mr. Troy Bouffard, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

### **Students of the Month – Penn-Bernville – Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Principal**

**Suzanne Hamrick –** Kyle Schermerhorn  
Jenna Philippe

**Amy Noecker –** Natalie Jonas  
Katherine Travis

**Janet Gernsheimer –** Andrew Folk  
Abigail Walker

### **BCTC-West Campus-Student of the Quarter:**

**Michaela Mellen** Advertising Art and Design Technology  
**Shane Bowman** Communication Media Technology  
**Cody Kramer** Comp. Machining Technology  
**Troy Bouffard** Information Technology-Programming

**Davey Naftzinger** Photo Imaging Technology  
**Mark Snyder** Recreational and Power Equipment Tech.

**BCTC East Campus- Student of the Quarter:**

**Krista Naftzinger** Dental Occupations  
**Ricky Lee Stong** Service Occupations

*The above students were recognized before the board and given certificates for their achievement. Dr. Albert congratulated them.*

I. Discussion Items

**1. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Security  
✓ SRO Visit – Bethel & Penn-Bernville

*Dr. Albert informed the board that the SRO visited Bethel Elementary and Penn-Bernville Elementary to make security recommendations.*

- B. Apple Trip – Canceled for now

*Dr. Albert informed the board that the Apple trip has been cancelled.*

- C. Board Meeting at BCTC West Campus – May 20, 2014  
✓ Dinner at 5:15 p.m. then tour BCTC West Campus  
✓ TASD Board Voting Session – 7:00 p.m.

*Dr. Albert notified the board that the May 20, 2014 board meeting will be held at BCTC West Campus. They will serve the board dinner and then provide a tour of the building. The board meeting will take place at its regular time at BCTC West Campus.*

- D. School Profile

*Dr. Albert showed the board a brochure about the School Performance Profile that will be sent out.*

- E. Tech Ed. Program Brochures

*Dr. Albert showed the board two brochures that were printed to help gain interest in the tech ed. program at the junior high and high school.*

**2. Buildings and Grounds**

**3. Finance**

- A. LERTA discussion- Paul Pontius IDI Developers, West Run Distribution Facility, Bethel Township.

***Mr. Paul Pontius presented a proposal for a possible distribution facility in Bethel Township and wants the board to consider a possible LERTA down the road.***

- B. Approve the Per Capita Exonerations as attached.
- C. 2012/2013 Audit Presentation – Herbein & Company, Inc.
- D. Approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2014/2015 school year.
- E. Approve the commitment of the following fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620 effective June 30, 2013:
  - Special Education \$200,000
  - Utilities \$50,000
  - PSERS/Benefits \$1,000,000
  - Total Committed Fund Balance \$1,250,000
- F. Approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the General fund to the Capital Reserve fund effective June 30, 2013:

***The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 01/21/2014 board meeting. Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that Herbein & Company will be here at the 01/21/2014 board meeting for their presentation. Mr. Kowalonek also reported that we received the official notice from our state audit. There were no findings.***

#### **4. Personnel**

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motion were voted on as stated below:

9.8.10            A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Nicole Kurowski Health & Physical Education at the JSBS effective January 07, 2014.

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., Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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#### **5. Programs**

## **6. Policy**

### **A. Expulsion Length of Time – Discussion**

- ✓ 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- ✓ 218.1 Weapons
- ✓ 218.2 Terroristic Threats/Acts
- ✓ 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- ✓ 233 Suspension & Expulsion
- ✓ 237 Electronic Devices

***Dr. Albert reviewed length of expulsion time and confirmed what the policy states with the board.***

### **B. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on February 18, 2014 to the following policy.**

- 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- 913 Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals

***The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 01/21/2014 board meeting.***

## **7. Curriculum**

### **A. Report/Update of the Trojans II Program**

***Dr. Albert gave the board an update on how the Trojan II students are doing. There is a possibility that some of them will be transferred out and enter into the Trojans program at the JSHS.***

### **B. Report/Update of Jr. High Students**

***The board was given an update of the junior high students.***

### **C. Website Presentation – Barb Davis/Jason Bottiglieri**

***Mrs. Davis and Mr. Bottiglieri gave the board a sneak peak and showed them the new website.***

## **8. Items for Board Action**

- A. Approve the 2015 Girls' Florida Softball Trip as presented at the 12/03/2013 board meeting.**
- B. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2014.**
- C. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2014.**
- D. Approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2014 at the stated rate.**

*The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 01/21/2014 board meeting.*

**9. Technology**

**10. Transportation**

*Dr. Albert reviewed the call off time frame for snow days and two hour delays. There was a letter received from the BCIU because we did not call off before the requested time frame on one of our snow days. Dr. Albert will be meeting with them to discuss this.*

**11. Legislative**

**12. Administrative Reports**

**13. Old Business**

**14. New Business**

**15. Public Comment**

*Mrs. Hassler asked about ACCESS Services and what it covers. Mr. Kowalonek answered her question and clarified what was said at a previous board meeting.*

**II. Adjournment**

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

*The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Executive Session was held before and after the board meeting for personnel.*

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*Mrs. April Klopp  
Board Secretary*