

February 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 followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt (Via Skype), Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

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. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
- Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
- Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bednarczyk, Mr. & Mrs. John Burns, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mohn, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mike DeAcosta, Mrs. Theresa DeAcosta, Ms. Marjorie Hix, The Stricker Family, Salem Jurasinsis, David & Keesha Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Mathias, Ms. Brandie Boltz, Terri & Matt Boyer, Ms. Milissa Spera, Ms. Julie Blankenbiller, Ms. Joanne Zweizig.

Students of the Month – Junior High School – Mr. Michael Leister, Principal

7th Grade

October	Jonah Mathias Lydia Bednarczyk	December	Justin Stricker Dasani Hill
November	Matthew Boyer Caroline Dougherty	January	Tyler DeAcosta Brandie Boltz

8th Grade

October	Chad Mohn Priya Jurasinski	December	Coty Emerich Beckie Burns
November	Matt Emerick Michaela Blankenbiller	January	Andrew Michener Samantha Headley

The above students were recognized before the board. They received certificates for their achievement. Dr. Albert personally congratulated them.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Albert stated that it has been one wild winter and the grounds crew has done a great job keeping up.

2. Buildings and Grounds

The board was reminded that the board tour is scheduled for this coming Saturday. They will meet at 7:45 p.m. at the Keystone House for breakfast.

3. Finance

- A. Approve the 2014/2015 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board.

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/18/2014 board meeting.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

- A. Give second reading and final approval 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 02/18/2014 board meeting.

7. Curriculum

8. Items for Board Action

- A. Approve the Bethel Elementary Gifted Field Trip to the Philadelphia Zoo on February 25, 2014. – **Milissa Spera**
- B. Approve the 5th & 6th Grade Lock-In to be held on March 28, 2014 through March 29, 2014 at the Junior/Senior High School. – **Lisa Kiss**
- C. Approve the Barnes Foundation & Mural Mile Walking Tour Field Trip (April 09, 2014) - Philadelphia. – **Lynne Higgins**

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 02/18/2014 board meeting.

Motions D through F were voted on as stated below.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the listed motions:

- D. 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 #301424, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on February 04, 2014.
- E. 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 #301218, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on February 04, 2014.
- F. 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 #202664, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on February 04, 2014.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, 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: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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- G. 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 #300132, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on February 04, 2014.

The above motion was tabled until the 02/14/2014 board meeting.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Barb Davis reported that they are in the middle of the PIMS roster verification. She has completed several writing presentations to the Jr. High teachers.

Lisa Kiss reported that she completed the mid-year gifted survey. They are working on the Special Ed. Comprehensive Plan. She will be attending the BCIU on Thursday regarding an Early Intervention student. She is working on the Parent Resource Fair that is being held on May 27, 2014.

Bonnie Benfer reported that her data has improved from last year. The Fabulous February Fun Night will be held on February 10, 2014 with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.

Cindy Jenkins reported that she attended the BCIU Leadership Series. The PTO Roller Skate Night is on February 16, 2014.

Steve Corcoran reported that they are working on the quote for the cameras at Penn-Bernville.

Rick Trist reported that his staff has been busy working on snow removal.

Tom Kowalonek gave an overview of Governor Corbett's budget.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

Mr. Palmer gave kudos to the science program for a job well done.

Mr. Manbeck, Mr. Steinhauer, and Mr. Bayer requested more information regarding the Philadelphia Zoo field trip.

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

Mr. Steinhauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Executive Session was held before the board meeting for personnel.

*Mrs. April Klopp
Board Secretary*