

March 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, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:04 p.m.), and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
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, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, 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. Denice Dodge, Ms. Angela Kutsor, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Nevin Keeney, Mr. Greg Kutsor, Mr. Brent Johnson, Ms. Leigh Bragg, Ms. Autumn Schiefer, Ms. Kaitlyn Yoder, Jim & Heather Claman, Jeff & Angel Jacovicis, Ms. Amy Schlater, Ms. Susan Burns, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mrs. Cynthia Jenkins, Principal

Mrs. Dodge

Ariel Kutsor
Josh Keeney

Mr. Strayer

Randa Parmer
Natalie Grumbine

Ms. Schlater

Autumn Claman
Mehtab Kaur

The above students were recognized before the board and were given Certificates of Achievement. Dr. Albert thanked the students for a job well done.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Security

- SRO Program

Trooper John Yount spoke to the about the SRO program and how beneficial it has been for the students and Tulpehocken.

B. Articles Published

Dr. Albert informed the board that Barb Davis, Jason Bottiglieri, and he were published in the New Principals Magazine. The article was about the 360 evaluation.

C. Five Year Plan

Dr. Albert spoke to the board about a five year plan to take care of maintenance issues at the buildings. There will be Building & Grounds Committee meeting set up in the near future.

D. Tour Comments

Dr. Albert asked the board about the tour and asked them where we wanted to head in regards to needed repairs. There will be a Building & Grounds Committee meeting established and the five year plan and repairs will be discussed.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

A. Approve the following as Berks Tax Collection Committee Representatives:

- Primary Voting Delegate: T ASD Business Manager (currently Thomas L. Kowalonek)
- First Alternate Voting Delegate: T ASD Treasurer (currently Evelyn Fox)
- Second Alternate Voting Delegate: T ASD Superintendent (currently Dr. Edward J. Albert, Jr.)

B. Approve donating the stipend for the Board Treasurer of \$500 and the Board Secretary of \$900 to be donated as the Board of Director's Scholarship Award.

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

4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

9.4.1 Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on April 22, 2014 to the following polices.

- 314 Physical Examination
- 316 Non-tenured Employees

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

7. Curriculum

- A. 2014/2015 Proposed School Calendar – (January 2, 2015)

Dr. Albert discussed the proposed calendar with the board. They are considering using a couple of different options regarding snow make-up days. The calendar approval will wait until the April board meeting.

- B. Graduation Date – June 6, 2014

Dr. Albert informed the board that as of right now we are able to keep June 6, 2014 as Graduation day.

8. Items for Board Action

- A. Mini-thon - 4 Diamonds Fund – HS Student Council
- B. Ratify the appointment of Richard L. Guida, Esquire as the Board appointed Hearing Officer for the expulsion hearing for a student held on February 25, 2014.
- C. Adopt and approve the report of Richard L. Guida, Esquire, Hearing Officer as the final decision of the Board and approve and expel student # 300132, a 19 year old junior from the Tulpehocken Area School District as set forth in the report.

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

9. Technology – Barb/Jason

- A. LYNX

Mrs. Davis and Mr. Bottiglieri discussed the possibility of having LYNX come in and assess our technology and give us recommendations. The board agreed that was fine.

- B. Technology Demonstration

Mr. Bottiglieri and Mrs. Davis gave the board a presentation in Googledocs.

10. Transportation

- A. Approve the proposal to purchase Transfinder software as presented.

Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that we are in the need of new transportation software. He is recommending Transfinder. This will appear on the March 18, 2014 board agenda for vote.

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mr. Jones reported that the musical is in two weeks and encouraged them to come.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

Mr. Werst inquired about a report that states each item that has changed from the current CBA to the new one.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Executive Session was from 7:24 p.m. – 7:38 p.m. and after the board meeting for personnel.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*