

May 06, 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 (via phone), Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck (7:03 p.m.), and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

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
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Junior/Senior High Assistant Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville 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. Michalene Berg, Ms. Mary Hare, Mr. Cody Etchberger, Ms. Tracey Etchberger, Mr. Keith Etchberger, Ms. Caitlin Haws & Parents, Mr. Christian Carrera and Ms. Noemi Carrera, Mr. Dylan McGinity & Parents, Mr. Jacob Hare, Mr. Brydon Barker, Ms. Jeni Barker, Mr. Jacob Carles, Ms. Sarah Wenger, Mr. Parker Harris, Mr. Nathan L. Harris, Ms. Hannah Sealer, Mr. Corey McGinity, Ms. Andrea Freed McGinity, Mr. Chris Sealer, Ms. Renee Norman, Ms. Cindy Ambrosiani, Ms. Erika Kindoll, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Gene Kreitzer, Jr., Ms. Kelly Boyer, Mr. Jonathan Elinsky, Ms. Bernadette Elinsky, Ms. Brooke Boyer, Ms. Jennifer Bazan, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

TVA Students of the Month – Ms. Erika Kindoll

David Boylan – Secondary
Connor Schrack - Elementary

Students of the Month – Senior High School – Mr. Donald Jones, Principal

Students of the Month:

January

Kristy Schutt
Conner Kelly

February

Mark Marez
Brooke Boyer

March

Kiana Vega
Christian Carrera

BCTC-West: Students of the Quarter (Second Quarter):

Shane Bowman	Communication Media Technology
Kathy Ramos	Cosmetology I
Donna Ellmaker	Graphic Imaging Technology
Jacob Firing	Heating, Ventilation and Air Cond./Refrig.
Jacob Hare	Mechatronics

BCTC-West: Students of the Quarter (Third Quarter):

Nathan Berg	Automotive Technology
Timothy Kramer	Automotive Technology II
Grace Wachstetter	Cosmetology I
Dakota Hafer	Photo Imaging Technology
Tyler Berube	Recreational and Power Equipment Technology

BCTC – East: Students of the Quarter(Second Quarter):

Travis Zweizig	Diesel Technology
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BCTC – East: Students of the Quarter(Third Quarter):

Chelsie Carr	Drafting /Design Technology
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Students of the Month – Junior High School – Mr. Michael Leister, House Principal

7th Grade Students of the Month

February

Amber Elinky
Dylan McGinity

March

Andrea Avila
Leighan Elicker

April

Abby Baransky
Kaitlynn Quillman

May

Caitlin Haws
Haley Evans

8th Grade Students of the Month

February

Jennifer Bazan
Jacob Carles

March

Sarah Wenger
Cody Etchberger

April

Brooke Scheider
Parker Harris

May

Hannah Sealer
Brydon Barker

The above students were recognized for their accomplishments. Dr. Albert congratulated the students and parents for their hard work. Each student will receive a certificate for their accomplishment.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

- A. Security
 - Intruder Drill – Bethel Elementary

The intruder drill was successful. We heard a lot of good things as well as some things that we can improve on.

- B. Distribution of Newsletter

Dr. Albert discussed the options we have for the newsletter. We could eliminate the mailing and post it on line only, keep it the way it is, or do a combination and allow the community to request the mailing and post it on line. More discussion will be held.

Dr. Albert informed the board that they advertised for two summer student helpers for the tech department.

Dr. Albert informed the board that the May 20, 2014 board meeting will be held at the BCTC, West Campus, Leesport.

Dr. Albert informed the board that it is that time of year again and to let Mimi know if they are attending Graduation or not.

2. Buildings and Grounds

The board was presented with a proposal from AEM Architects for the high school feasibility study and a proposal from SSM for the sewage treatment plant. These proposals will be voted on at the May 20, 2014 voting session.

3. Finance

- A. Appoint Evelyn Fox as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 for a stipend of \$500.

- B. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2014-2015 school year:
 - Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
 - Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
 - National Penn Bank
 - Wells Fargo
 - Metro Bank
 - PNC Bank
 - US Bank

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the May 20, 2014 voting session.

- C. Adopt the preliminary budget for the 2014-2015 school year with projected expenditures of \$28,450,000 and projected revenues of \$28,100,000 including a

real estate tax millage rate of 27.70, Act 511 per capita tax of \$5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of \$5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.

The above motion was discussed and voted on as stated below:

- C. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to adopt the preliminary budget for the 2014-2015 school year with projected expenditures of \$28,450,000 and projected revenues of \$28,100,000 including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.70, Act 511 per capita tax of \$5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of \$5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.

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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- D. Approve the Business Manager as the Tulpehocken Area School District's Trustee for the Berks County School District Health Trust and the Superintendent as the Alternate Trustee for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.
- E. Approve the agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and RAGE Soccer Club as presented.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the May 20, 2014 board meeting.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

- A. Give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval on June 17, 2014 the following policies.

312 Evaluation of Superintendent

313 Evaluation of Administrative Employees

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the May 20, 2014 board meeting

7. Curriculum

A. PA FFA State Activities Week – Penn State University (June 10, 2014 – June 12, 2014) – Eugene Kreitzer.

B. Give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval June 17, 2014 to use the following textbooks:

	Name of Textbook	Grade Level	Publisher	Grade Level/Course	Copyright	Teacher
1	<i>Pennsylvania Our Home</i>	4	Gibbs Smith, Publisher	Social Studies 4th Grade	2012	Luann Snyder
2	<i>Discovering World Geography: Western Hemisphere</i>	6	McGraw Hill	Social Studies 6th Grade	2014	Amy Noecker
3	<i>Sociology and You 2014</i>	10, 11, 12	McGraw Hill	Sociology	2014	Dave Voigt
4	<i>Discovering Our Past: A History of the US: Early Years</i>	8	McGraw Hill	8th Grade History	2014	Bill Moyer
5	<i>Making America</i>	11	Berkin Miller Cherny Gormly	AP US History	2015	Mike Minnich
6	<i>Economics Today and Tomorrow</i>	12	Glencoe McGraw Hill	Economics	2012	Dave Voigt
7	<i>Discovering Our Past: A History of the US: Modern Times</i>	9	McGraw Hill	US History I	2014	Mike Minnich
8	<i>American Government Institutions and Policies</i>	12	McGraw Hill	AP Government	2015	Mike Minnich
9	<i>United States History and Geography Modern Times</i>	10, 11, 12	McGraw Hill	Modern US History	2013	Dave Voigt
15	<i>The United States Communities and Neighbors</i>	3	McGraw Hill	Social Studies 3rd Grade	2014	Kylene Sanders
16	<i>Social Studies</i>	5	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Social Studies 5th Grade	2012	Jess Hritzko

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8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology – Barb/Jason

A. TVA/Edgenuity – Erika Kindoll

Erika Kindoll presented TVA/Edgenuity to the board and showed them how the students complete their work and how well they are doing.

Barb Davis gave the board a presentation on Common Core. Discussion was held.

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mike Leister reported that May is a busy month. May 23, 2014 is Tractor Day. The last junior high dance was held on April 25, 2014 there were approximately 100 people in attendance. They are prepping for Keystones.

Jason Bottiglieri reported that this month's discipline report is in front of them. They are prepping for the Keystone, and he is finishing EOY Evaluations.

Donald Jones reported that they he met with the students and reemphasized good behavior. They are getting ready for Prom, Graduation, and Baccalaureate. Teachers spent a full day prepping for the AP Exams. Concert season is upon us, and they are wrapping up spring sports.

Bonnie Benfer reported that the Reading Olympics were successful. The kids did a great job. Dance for Education earned \$17,000. The concert season is upon us. She presented the board with the Anti-Defamation League plaque that Penn-Bernville received.

Rick Triest reported that the he helped with the 3rd grade Ag Adventure, which was held at Mor-dale Farms. They have been prepping for spring sports season and are getting ready for EOY activities.

Lisa Kiss reported that the Special Olympics at Kutztown University were cancelled due to the weather. They staff quickly adjusted and Tulpy held their own Olympics. It was a great success. The Parent Resource Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Barb Davis reported that every department has gone through full cycle of curriculum writing.

13. Old Business

Mr. Baver asked for the stipend structure for the extra-curricular positions so the board could look it over as well as a structure of what other districts in our area are doing.

14. New Business

Mr. Steinhauer asked the board to discuss and address opening up our board meetings with prayer. This will be addressed with our solicitor.

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*