

February 05, 2013 – 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, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Instruction & Curriculum
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Donald Jones, Jr/Sr High Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Assistant Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House 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: Ms. Millie Bross, Ms. Miranda Stephen, Ms. Allison Kerber, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, The Huey Family, Ms. Jaime Fisher, Mr. Leon Huey, Ms. Paula Huey, The Risser Family, Mr. Brydon Barker, Ms. Lynne Higgins, Mr. Tim DeAcosta, Ms. Theresa DeAcosta, Ms. Beckie Burns, Ms. Jody Rhoads, Ms. Joan Dietz, Ms. Amy Schlater, Mr. Tyler Stricker, Mr. Chad Mohn & Family, Ms. Teresa Burns, Ms. Jackie Burns, Ms. Jen Barker, Mr. Cody Delong, Ms. Denise Paulson, Ms. Cathie Shipe, Mr. Paul Zerbe, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

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

September, 2012

Megan Zellers
Jose Lopez

October, 2012

Esther Dronyi
Mitchel Almond

November, 2012

Allison Kerber
Devon Carefoot

December, 2012

Miranda Stephan
McQuillin Murphy

The above high school students were recognized before the board for being students of the month. Mr. Jones will make sure they all receive their certificate of recognition.

Junior High – Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal

7th Grade

October	Rebecca Burns	Coty Emerich
November	Brittany Hartranft	Timothy DeAcosta
December	Allyson Yoder	Charles Mohn
January	Jennifer Bazan	Brydon Barker

8th Grade

October	Krystal Leinbach	Tanner Schlater
November	Kayla Paulson	Ryder Huey
December	Olivia Stephan	Cody Delong
January	Emma Stupp	Andrew Risser

The above junior high students were recognized before the board for being students of the month. Mr. Leister will make sure they all receive their certificate of recognition.

Recognitions – Mr. Brent Johnson

Dylan Shipe - All Berks Girls Soccer
Casey Rightmyer - All Berks Girls Soccer
Paul Zerbe - All Berks Girls Soccer Coach of the Year

Nick Rieck - All Berks Boys Soccer
Garret Latimer - All Berks Boys Soccer
Brandon Daub - All Berks Boys Soccer
Tim Frantz - All Berks Boys Soccer Coach of the Year

Cody Hunsicker - All Berks Field Hockey

Paul Zerbe – A Girls Coach of the Year

Tim Frantz – AA Boys Coach of the Year

The above athletes and coaches were recognized before the board. Dr. Albert congratulated and thanked everyone. Dr. Albert also recognized the great job that Mr. Brent Johnson is doing as Athletic Director.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Ag Nomination

Dr. Albert informed the board that we were nominated to receive a grant if we receive enough votes from the Ag Association.

B. Girls' Lacrosse

Mr. Brent Johnson made a presentation to the board about possibly starting Lacrosse. He is recommending starting it as a club sport. The board will consider this request once they see

what the interest is in Track.

C. Security – Armed Guards

Dr. Albert asked the board their thoughts on having an armed guard at the entrances of the buildings. The opinions were mixed and this will be revisited on a monthly basis. The subject of intruder drills was brought up. It was confirmed that we do intruder drills and are very pro-active in our approach to safety. Mr. Leister informed the board that John Baker, who steers the Safety committee at the Lancaster/Lebanon I.U., was impressed with our pro-active approach.

Dr. Albert pointed out the banner with our mission statement on it. These banners were created by Mr. Gernsheimer and will be in our buildings.

Dr. Albert gave a cyber/charter school report with different options that we may be able to save money.

Dr. Albert publicly thanked Lisa Kiss and the Special Ed department on a job well done.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

- A. Approve the 2013/2014 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 02/19/2013 voting session agenda.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

- 9.4.1 Give second reading and final approval to the following policy.

217 Graduation Requirements

- 9.4.2 Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on March 19, 2013 to the following policy.

121 Field Trips

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 02/19/2013 voting session agenda.

7. Curriculum

- A. Spring 2014 Marching Band Field Trip to Chicago – Mr. Dustin Shirk

Mr. Dustin Shirk, Tyler Stricker, and Amanda & Jody Rhodes presented a Marching Band field trip to the board. This motion will appear on the 02/19/2013 voting session agenda.

- B. March 2013 combined Art/Gifted Field Trip to Philadelphia – Higgins

Mrs. Lynne Higgins presented an Art/Gifted field trip to the board. This motion will appear on the 02/19/2013 voting session agenda.

- C. Gifted Council Lock-in

Jaime & Miranda presented a proposal for a gifted council lock-in for the 5th & 6th grade gifted students to the board. This motion will appear on the 02/19/2013 voting session agenda.

- D. Approve the revised Ag Agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Hamburg Area School District for the 2012/2013 school year.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 02/19/2013 voting session agenda.

- E. 2013/2014 School Calendar

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 02/19/2013 voting session agenda.

- F. Cyber School Update – Barb Davis

Mrs. Barbara Davis presented an update on cyber school enrollment and the direction TVA is taking.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Barbara Davis reported that they are busy with the iPad pilot at the JSHS. They are looking to see what apple technology can do for us. She pointed out that she used her iPad and iPhone for her presentation.

Mrs. Lisa Kiss reported that Mrs. Martin was at a mock trial with the gifted students.

Mr. Jason Bottiglieri reported that the discipline report was in front of them.

Mr. Donald Jones reported that he has been reminding the students of classroom behavior and our expectations. Course selection for our current 8th grade class for their 9th grade courses is complete and was done for the first time on line. It went very smooth. District Band County Music Festival is approaching. The FFA breakfast is fast approaching, please RSVP if you would like to come.

Mr. Michael Leister reported that he helped facilitate the spelling bee. The latest junior high dance was a success. They just completed 4-sight and CDT testing. The coaches vs. cancer event raised \$3,000.00.

Mrs. Bonnie Benfer reported that they just completed the PSSA writing pilot. The PTO hired a magician for a magic show. The show will be on 02/23/2013. Michelle Snyder will do WOW tomorrow.

Mrs. Cindy Jenkins reported they had a Crisis Management meeting. The 6th grade Select Chorus will be singing at the Hershey Bears game.

Mr. Steve Corcoran reported they continue to work on the security camera upgrade, network upgrade, iPads at Bethel, Replacing the Art room Macs, and labs 708 & 201.

Mr. Rick Triest reported that they are busy emptying out the other side of the building.

Mr. Thomas Kowalonek reported that the frozen coil at Bethel will have a repair cost of around \$10,000 and the minor leak and electrical fire has an approximate cost of \$2,500.00. The state auditors will be here towards the end of the month and will be here approximately one month.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Executive Session was held before & after the board meeting.

*Ms. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary*