

## **April 02, 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. (7:04 p.m.)

**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. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal  
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Assistant Principal  
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Elaine Fernandez, Ms. Jan Gernsheimer, Ms. Amy Noecker, Ms. Michelle Misterkiewicz, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

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

#### **Mrs. Hamrick**

Abigale Baransky  
Kathryn Angstadt

#### **Mrs Noecker**

Cassandra Ferraro  
Skylar Mathias

#### **Mrs. Gernsheimer**

Alyssa Messner  
Leighan Elicker

### **Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair**

- Isabelle Stull           1<sup>st</sup> Place Botany
- Annamarie Burns       1<sup>st</sup> Place Chemistry
- Tim Groff                1<sup>st</sup> Place Physics

*The above students were recognized before the board and received a certificate for their accomplishment. Dr. Albert congratulated them.*

I. Discussion Items

**1. Superintendent's Report**

A. Security

*Mr. Leister notified the board that the NRA came out with their own version of school safety. The all Berks Hazard Plan-(B.C.I.U) is currently being worked on and there will be a final draft for board approval in May.*

B. Club Lacrosse Team – Michelle Misterkiewicz Wright

*Ms. Misterkiewicz Wright presented the idea of developing Lacrosse as a club sport and possibly becoming a school sponsored sport. The board is going to be meeting regarding extra-curricular sports in the near future.*

C. Bus #713 Highway Clean- up

*Dr. Albert informed the board that Bus #713 is developing a plan to do highway clean up on April 20, 2013 (earth day) at the Flying J truck stop.*

D. More Hours for the State Police

*Dr. Albert asked the board to consider allowing the state police to attend two more hours per week during the 2013/2014 school year. The motion will appear on the June agenda.*

E. Two Personnel Items for Executive Session

*Dr. Albert informed the board there will not be a need for an executive session this evening.*

*Dr. Albert shared a video of a student performing at a talent show. This student is a life skills student and his performance was quite an accomplishment.*

**2. Buildings and Grounds**

**3. Finance**

A. 2008 Bond Refinance Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

B. 2013-2014 Budget Presentation – Tom Kowalonek

C. Pension Reform Resolution

D. Charter School Funding Resolution

E. Approve the 2013-2014 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.

*The above motions were discussed and will appear on future agenda's*

#### 4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The following motion was voted on as stated below.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck to approve Paul Brossman as a part-time weekend custodian at an hourly rate of \$10.00 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: 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.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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#### 5. Programs

#### 6. Policy

- A. Policy #121 Field Trips  
B. Policy #711 Naming Rights  
C. Policy #610 Bidding  
D. Policy #611 Purchases Budgeted

*The above policies were discussed and will appear on future agenda's*

#### 7. Curriculum

- A. Penn State 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Adventure – Christine Williams & Gene Kreitzer

*Mr. Gene Kreitzer presented an 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Penn State to the board. The trip is scheduled for May 8, 2013.*

- B. Spring Keystone Exams – Late Start

*Mr. Jones asked the board to consider allowing the students who were not taking the Keystone exam to have a delayed start on the two designated test days. This motion was voted on as stated below.*

7B. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve the JSHS implementing a late start on the two designated Keystone Exam test days for the students that are not participating.

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NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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**8. Items for Board Action**

**9. Technology**

**10. Transportation**

**11. Legislative**

**12. Administrative Reports**

*Steve Corcoran reported that the iPad pilot has been finalized. The circulation upgrade has been finalized. The 2<sup>nd</sup> iPad cart was installed.*

*Jason Bottiglieri reported that this month's discipline report is in front of them. They are working in the Pride of Tulpehocken Breakfast scheduled for May. They are currently working on the schedule for next year. The talent show was a huge success which was planned by the NHS. They even had t-shirts made. Thank you to Matt Shirk for all his hard work with the lighting and sound.*

*Don Jones reported that the musical was well received and they did a great job. He attended a social media workshop at the B.C.I.U about the do's and don'ts. He attended the Berks Business Coalition Breakfast for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. They are preparing for testing.*

*Mike Leister reported that they are preparing for testing. They have the gifted lock-in this Friday. There is a junior high dance scheduled for 04/12/2013 that should be well attended. He is going to see Dr. Ring, Psychologist that sees a lot of our students.*

*Bonnie Benfer reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing assessment just finished. She attended the Honors Choir Concert at Conrad Weiser.*

*Barb Davis reported that they are going to hold three TVA open houses. She is working in observations and helped Ed with his blog site for China.*

*Cindy Jenkins reported that she attended the Honors Choir Concert at Conrad Weiser. They are gearing up for PSSA testing. There is a talent show on April 26, 2013 feel free to come. They received a \$500.00 grant from Lehigh gas.*

*Lisa Kiss reported that they are getting ready for the gifted lock in and Read 180 is huge success.*

**13. Old Business**

**14. New Business**

*Lisa Hassler asked about the TVA open houses and recommended to not lump the groups together and to meet them as individuals.*

*Mr. Bayer stated how proud we was of Mrs. Weidenheimer for all the work she did with the Reading Berks Science & Engineering Fair in preparing our students.*

**15. Public Comment**

II. Adjournment

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

*The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.*

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*Ms. Lisa Hassler  
Board Secretary*