

## **January 2, 2018 – Board Work Session Minutes**

President Mr. Oscar Manbeck called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

**ABSENT:** Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Interim Superintendent  
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager  
Mrs. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education  
Mr. Brian Booher, Interim JSHS Principal  
Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal  
Mr. Denis Quirk, Junior High House Principal  
Mrs. Stacy Linderman, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal  
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal  
Mr. Matt Shirk, Technology/AV Support Specialist  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

**And the following interested citizens and staff:** Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Teresa Burns, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Chad Mohn & Family, Ms. Emily Sealer, Ms. Michelle Sealer, Ms. Christopher Sealer, Mr. John Burns, Ms. Beckie Burns, Ms. Trinity Shepley, Ms. Priya Jurasinski, Ms. Maya Jurasinski, Mr. Eric Jurasinski, and Ms. Shelly Shepley

## **Students of the Month – High School – Mr. Brian Booher, JSHS Interim Principal**

### **Students of the Month:**

#### **September:**

Rebecca Burns  
Dominic Torres

#### **October:**

Chase Miller  
Brittany Hartranft

#### **November:**

Charles Mohn  
Priya Jurasinski

## **Berks Career & Technology Center - Students of the Quarter:**

Trinity Shepley – Painting & Decorating Field – West Campus  
Emily Sealer – Early Childhood Education – Emily Sealer – East Campus

*The above students were recognized before the board and congratulated for their hard work and dedication. The board congratulated the parents and thanked them for their support.*

I. Discussion Items

**1. Superintendent's Report**

A. Gifted Field Trip – Lisa Kiss

*Mrs. Kiss presented the above field trip to the board. This trip is paid in full by a donation made to the Berks County Community Foundation.*

B. \$5,000 Donation to the Arts Program – Andrew Netznik

*Mr. Netznik informed the board that there was a \$5,000 donation made by an anonymous donor to be used for the arts programs.*

**2. Citizen/Student Participation (Pertaining to Agenda items only)**

**3. Buildings and Grounds**

**4. Finance**

- A. Approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2018/2019 school year.

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 01/16/2018 board agenda.*

B. Cafeteria Meal Charging Changes – Tom Kowalonek

*Mr. Kowalonek informed the board of meal charging changes that have been handed down from PDE.*

**5. Personnel**

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

*The following motions were voted on as stated below:*

- 9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Sandra Mason as a part-time Emotional Support 1:1 Paraprofessional effective January 3, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Megan Leinbach as a part-time Life Skills 1:1 Paraprofessional effective January 3, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Mary Balloch as a part-time 1:1 Bus Aide effective January 3, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Pending Completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Kelsey Bixler  
Laura Kephart  
Eric Hartranft  
David Nowotarski

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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## **6. Programs**

## 7. Policy

- 9.4.1 Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on February 20, 2018 to the following policy:

#221 Dress & Grooming

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 01/16/2018 board agenda.*

## 8. Curriculum

## 9. Items for Board Action

- A. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2018.
- B. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2018.
- C. Approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2018 at the stated rate.

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 01/16/2018 board agenda.*

- 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 #2017-04, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on December 21, 2017.**

*The above motion was voted on as stated below:*

- E. A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve 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 #2017-04, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on December 21, 2017.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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## 10. Technology

## **11. Transportation**

### **A. Transportation Bid Discussion – Tom Kowalonek**

*Mr. Kowalonek informed the board of the timeline for the transportation bid.*

## **12. Legislative**

## **13. Administrative Reports**

*Mr. Leister reported that on January 19, 2018 there will be a Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser, everyone is invited. There are 13 college students coming to talk to the gifted students about college and what they can expect.*

*Mr. Booher reported the following:*

*Individual athletic recognitions:*

*Chase Miller*

*Berks Co Player of the Year*

*ESMARK High School All-American*

*Alivia Klopp*

*All-Berks County Field Hockey*

*All-State Field Hockey*

*Courtney Keegan Smith*

*All-Berks County Field Hockey*

*All-State Field Hockey Honorable Mention*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All-sport Letter of Intention signing*

*Feb 7 3pm High School Library*

*Expecting 2-3 high school seniors to sign to play collegiate sports at all levels*

*Appreciation to the following districts/organizations for supplying counselor today and tomorrow for support to teachers and students*

*Caron Foundation*

*Oley Valley SD*

*Kutztown Area SD*

*Governor Mifflin SD*

*Reading Intermediate H.S.*

*Appreciation to the following ministerial members of our community for supporting our teachers and students*

*Matt Christ – Little Swatara Church of the Brethren*

*Corinne Baker – TriCounty Worship*

*Joel Jackson – St. Thomas Church*

*Lou Vetri – Trinity UCC*

*Mr. Quirk reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade shark presentation will be held on January 4, 2018 starting at 8:00 a.m. He invited the board. We received a \$1,000 grant to buy more equipment for Ashley's room. There will be a Farm Show Field trip on January 10, 2018 for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*Mr. Brown reported that they trained 33 students to be peacemakers/student leaders. On January 8, 2018 after school clubs will be start.*

*Mrs. Linderman reported that she shadowed Amanda on December 21, 2017. On January 2, 2018 a positive behavior incentive letter will go out to parents.*

*Mrs. Kiss reported that they are going to hold their first comprehensive plan committee meeting.*

**14. Old Business**

**15. New Business**

**16. Public Comment**

**II. Adjournment**

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

*The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.*

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*Mrs. April L. Klopp*  
*Board Secretary*