

## **January 03, 2012 – 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. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal  
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Darius T. Angstadt, Ms. Suzanne D. Angstadt, Mr. Mark Santerian, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Ms. Kelsey Boltz, Ms. Holly Boltz, Ms. Katie Mays, Ms. Jan Gernsheimer, Ms. Amy Noecker, Mr. Eric Wentling, Ms. Margie Hix, Mr. Dan Plato, and Ms. Ashley Gold, Reading Eagle.

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

**Mrs. Gernsheimer** – Rebecca Burns and Jacob Carles

**Mrs. Hamrick** – Devon Price and Chad Mohn

**Mrs. Noecker** – Michaela Blankenbiller and Coty Emerich

### **JSHS Recognitions – Mr. Don Jones, Principal**

#### **Earned Keystone FFA Degree**

Kelsey Boltz  
Kristen Shirk  
Andrea Stalnecker

#### **Artwork was selected at the Kutztown University Art Education Fall Conference Art Show**

James Fulk  
Kasia Pittman  
Kristen Ziegler  
Kate Mays  
Nathaniel Hebbert

Katrina Harrison

**BCTC Students of the Quarter**

Krista Naftzinger – East Campus – Dental Occupations

Darius Angstadt – East Campus – Drafting Design Technology

Brandon Hartranft – West Campus – Electrical Occupations

Cody Kramer – West Campus – Precision Machining Technology

*The above students were recognized for being students of the month. They received certificates and were congratulated by the board. The students that were not in attendance will be given their certificate by their building principal. Dr. Albert thanked the parents, students, and the community members for their support of these students.*

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Heidelberg Country Club – Mark Santerian

*Mr. Santerian, owner of Heidelberg Country Club asked the board to reconsider their vote on forgiving their tax penalty. Mr. Jim Chett also asked the board to reconsider the penalty for the Country Club.*

B. LERTA

*There will be a presentation at the February 17, 2012 board meeting with the township regarding the Bethel Business Park and enticing new business.*

*Dr. Albert informed the board that the form to evaluate him has been given to them. He asked the board to please respond and return them by Wednesday, January 11, 2012.*

*Dr. Albert pointed out that there is a letter from Kozloff and Stoudt stating what their rate will be for 2012. They will be asked to vote on it at the 01/17/2012 board meeting.*

*Dr. Albert informed the board that AEM Architects donated \$500.00 to the foundation.*

*Dr. Albert wrote a letter from a parent that was upset about school being held on Monday, January 2, 2012.*

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

A. Approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2012/2013 school year.

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

- A. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2012/2013 school year.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, 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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#### **4. Personnel**

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

#### **5. Programs**

#### **6. Policy**

- A. Approve the recommendation to give second reading and final adoption to the following policy.

- Policy #217 Graduation Requirements

*The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 01/17/2012 board meeting.*

#### **7. Curriculum**

#### **8. Items for Board Action**

- A. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2012.
- B. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2012.
- C. Approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2012.

*The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 01/17/2012 board meeting.*

#### **9. Technology**

#### **10. Transportation**

#### **11. Administrative Reports**

*Mrs. Benfer reported on the Blue Ribbon Conference and presented the board with the conference agenda and showed them the award and banner that was presented at the conference. Mrs. Benfer thanked the board and Dr. Albert for their support of the trip.*

*Mrs. Jenkins reported that 2012 is off to a smooth start. The Holiday concerts were great. The Kurr Foundation gave the Bethel/Tulpehocken Library a donation. The library and Cindy will be working together to discuss how to spend the funds.*

*Mr. Bottiglieri reported that the monthly discipline report has been placed in front of them. They are preparing for the CDT to be taken this month. The CDT will replace the 4-sight test. The grant that the Caron Foundation received to hold group therapy sessions has run out. The interns that are working with Hillary and the guidance office interns are stepping in and holding these sessions.*

*Lisa Kiss reported they are holding indicator 13 training which is for transitioning students at the age of 14, per the requirement from the state.*

*Mr. Jones reported the winter concerts were great. There was a great crowd. The high school had books and breakfast so the teachers were able to see all the books available to aide them in the classroom. They have started to prepare for the school improvement plan which is due to the state the end of June. Two state FFA representatives came to visit the high school. They spent the entire day.*

*Mr. Leister reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of 4-sight testing is coming. The Holiday concerts were great and packed. The JH Winter dance had 128 students in attendance.*

*Mrs. Davis reported they attended Teacher Evaluation Pilot training. We are already doing a lot of the same things. They are in the process of getting a Bethel Title I Funding Committee together.*

## **12. Old Business**

*The board was asked what they decided about volleyball. President Klopp responded by stating the board is looking over all new athletics. They will put off a decision for a year, to look over the whole program.*

## **13. New Business**

*Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that the tax collector reports are due on January 15, 2012, so they need to decide about Heidelberg tonight. The board reconsidered and unanimously decided to stick with their decision.*

## **14. Public Comment**

## **II. Adjournment**

*Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bayer.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Executive Session was held from 7:34 p.m. to 7:51 p.m. for personnel issues.*

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*Mrs. Lisa Hassler*  
*Board Secretary*