

January 4, 2011 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Ralph Moyer 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: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

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, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Ricky Triest, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. John Gilmer, Jon & Rhonda Olesh, Tamara Ritter, Any Schlater, Frank & Sherry Massaro, Jessica Gutierrez, Denice Dodge, Daniel Steinhauer, Ronald Spinelli, Chris Heck, and Brett Hambright, Reading Eagle

BCTC Students of the Quarter: West Campus – Mr. Donald Jones, Principal JSHS

Ezekiel Sheaman	Automotive Technology I
Demetrios Miller	Automotive Technology II
Leslie Ramos	Cosmetology II
Jennifer Maloney	Occupational Child Development
Alex Rhein	Recreational and Power Equipment Technology

Dr. Albert explained that Mr. Jones and he visited BCTC West campus for the recognition breakfast. Dr. Albert stated that he was very impressed. The above students were recognized before the Board. They did not attend to accept their certificates. Mr. Jones will see that they get their certificate.

Students of the Month: Bethel Elementary – Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Principal

Ms. Denice Dodge:	John Marez	Mackenzie Olesh
Ms. Tamara Ritter:	Alexis Martinson	Trent Johnson
Ms. Amy Schlater:	Haily Mc Carty	Paige Massaro

The above students were recognized before the Board and received their certificates. Mr. Moyer and Dr. Albert congratulated them and thanked the families.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Board Meeting – BCTC

o April 19, 2011

Dr. Albert informed the Board that we will hold the 04/19/2011 Board meeting at the BCTC West Campus. It will start with the students serving a meal to the Board at 5:30 p.m., a tour of the facility at 6:15 p.m., and the Board meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Albert thanked the Reading Eagle for the positive media coverage they extended Tulpehocken recently.

Dr. Albert announced that the free Winter Sports' program has been received and is available at the winter sporting events.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that the foundation received a \$5000.00 anonymous donation.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that January is Board appreciation month. The Board will be recognized at the January 18, 2011 Board meeting.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

A. Herbein & Company Audit Report – Linda Himeback

Ms. Linda Himeback presented the audit report to the Board. The Board did not have any questions of Ms. Himeback

B. Per Capita Tax Policy – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek explained to the Board that the BCIU changed their system this year and started including names of students that turned 18 after the first billing. In years past they were not billed until the next year. Mr. Kowalonek asked the Board their thoughts and it was agreed that they would go back to the way it was and bill them the following year.

C. Approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2011/2012 school year.

Mr. Kowalonek explained that the above resolution must be past stating that we will not raise school taxes above the stated index.

D. Approve the 2010 Per Capita exonerations as per the attached list.

It was explained that the exonerations are the 18 year olds that received a bill because of the change the BCIU made.

4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The following motions were voted as stated as stated below:

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Ashley Richards as an alternate education teacher effective January 20, 2011 at a salary of \$44,000, 1B, prorated to the number of days worked.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Ashley Richards as a substitute teacher effective immediately.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

A. Policy #123.1 – Review policy per the request of David Bortz

The above policy was reviewed at the request of Mr. Bortz, President of the Tulpehocken Wrestling Association. It was decided to keep it the same.

7. Curriculum

A. Penn-Bernville Autistic Classroom – Lisa Kiss

Ms. Lisa Kiss addressed the Board about having Tulpehocken take over the Autistic Support Classroom at Penn-Bernville that he BCIU currently runs. We are at place where it would be great timing for the transition. This motion will appear on the 01/18/2011 Board Agenda

B. Approve a foreign exchange student from France to attend the JSHS during the 2010/2011 school year.

The Board voted on the above motion as stated below:

A resolution was offered by Mr. Kiehl, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve a foreign exchange student from France to attend the JSHS during the 2010/2011 school year.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

8. Items for Board Action

A. 2012 Florida Softball Trip Presentation – Jason Bottiglieri

Mr. Bottiglieri and Mr. John Gilmer asked the Board to consider allowing the softball team to go to Florida for spring camp. It allows them several opportunities to practice outside as well as a couple o scrimmages. There are approximately 20 students interested in going. This motion will be voted on at the 01/18/2011 Board meeting.

B. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2011.

C. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2011.

D. Approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2011.

The Board reviewed the above motion's that will appear on the 01/18/2011 voting session agenda.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Jenkins reported that the Holiday concerts were wonderful. The staff enjoyed their Holiday break and getting back into the swing of things.

Mrs. Benfer reported that they received the Points of Light award and thanked the Board for allowing them to attend the recognition conference. 45 people attended the session they were responsible for teaching.

Mr. Bottiglieri reported that we received the program for the winter sports season and that WEEU will be covering two basketball games. It is the first time in 4 to 5 years that WEEU has covered a sport for us. The Holiday tournament was very successful; we lost in the championship round. Boyer's food mart donated a \$25.00 gift card that we were able to raffle off and they supplied food for a hospitality suite. We are in the process of looking for a JH Cheerleading Coach. We have been receiving positive reviews on the Trojans program.

Mr. Don Jones reported that the Community Blood Drive was very successful with 139 units of blood donated. The Holiday concerts were great. They held a 4-sight score meeting and they looked at the bubble kids. He has visited Penn-Bernville Elementary and will be visiting Bethel Elementary shortly. Visiting the elementary buildings has been a great learning experience.

Mr. Corcoran reported that the smartboard in the JSHS library has been moved to a central area.

Ms. Lisa Kiss reported that she is looking into more opportunities for acceleration and training's. She could not be happier with the Trojans program.

Ms. Barbara Davis reported that they held an in-service for collaboration and the 2nd unit of FOSS. Held Professional Education and Wellness Committee meeting's.

Mr. Leister reported that the gifted council held their first election. The student store will hold their ribbon cutting this Friday at noon. The third round of 4-sight testing will be starting.

Mr. Triest reported that they relocated smart boards. The lighting company will be here next week to adjust the lighting. He met with the HVAC Company at Bethel and they are working on maintenance and tree trimming.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

*Mr. Jason Huey
Board Secretary*