

January 8, 2019 – 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 on Tuesday, January 08, 2019 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Jade Sedoti, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal
Mr. Justin Welker, Assistant JSHS Principal
Mrs. Stacy Linderman, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Derek Stehr, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Supervisor of Technology
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Ashley Count, Mr. Jim Wright, Ms. Jennifer Becker, Mr. Steve Becker, Ms. Sheila Bednarczyk, Ms. Sheila Baransky, Ms. Lisa Marone, Mr. Pete Marone, Ms. Allyson Balmer, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Caitlyn Manmiller, Ms. Abby Baransky, Ms. Lydia Bednarczyk, Ms. Kiley Marone, Ms. Sarah Mathias, Mr. Jeff Jacovidis, Ms. Madison Boughter, Ms. Barb Grimes, Ms. Jennie Henn, Ms. Madeline Marous, Ms. Abby Becker, and Ms. Lisa Hassler

Students of the Month – High School – Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Principal

Students of the Month:

September:

Bastian Gerena
Kiley Marone

October:

Sean Pacillo
Madison Boughter

November:

Abigale Baransky
Austin Miller

December:

Lydia Bednarczyk
Jonah Mathias

Berks Career & Technology Center - Students of the Quarter:

Kolby Leonard – Auto Technology – West Campus
Daniel Boylan – Electrical Occupation – West Campus

The above students were recognized for all their hard work and were given certificates of recognition. Parents were also thanked and congratulated.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Taliyah Reid – Outstanding Citizen

Taliyah was recognized as outstanding citizen for arranging for families in need to get food baskets for the holidays.

B. Gifted Field Trip Presentation – Mr. Quirk

Mr. Quirk presented that they would like to take the JH gifted students to Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center for a research-based investigation. There will be guidance from the PA DCNR and a graduate from Lehigh University. This will be voted on at the 1/22/2019 board meeting.

C. Softball Field Trip, Florida – Ashley Count

The proposed softball trip to Florida was presented to the board and will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

D. State Legislative Leadership Conference (SLLC) – Allyson Balmer

The proposed State Legislative Leadership Conference was presented to the board and will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

E. 2019/2020 School Calendar – Draft

Mr. Netznik presented the 2019-2020 school calendar to the board. This will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

F. Safe2Say Reporting System – Mr. Welker

Mr. Welker presented the Safe2Say reporting system to the board. There was discussion held.

G. Student Management System Replacement

Mr. Netznik presented the possibility of switching to another student management system to the board. There would be an initial migration cost of \$40,000 with a savings of \$20,000 annually. This will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

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 2019/2020 school year.
- B. Approve the 2017/2018 Audit from Herbein & Company as presented.
- C. A resolution to approve Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys, Professional Corporation, the Solicitor for the Tulpehocken Area School District are hereby authorized to settle the real estate tax assessment appeal filed with the Berks County Court of Common Pleas for the 2019 tax year.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

- D. Retroactively approve the 2019/2020 school year heating oil bid opened on December 11, 2018 to PAPCO, Inc., at the NYMEX differential rate of \$0.0922 per gallon.**

The above motion was voted on as stated below.

- 4D A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Heck, to retroactively approve the 2019/2020 school year heating oil bid opened on December 11, 2018 to PAPCO, Inc., at the NYMEX differential rate of \$0.0922 per gallon.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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- E. Approve the lock-in price of \$ 1.8394 per gallon of heating oil for the 2019/2020 school year with PAPCO, Inc.**

The above motion was voted on as stated below.

- 4E A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the lock-in price of \$ 1.8394 per gallon of heating oil for the 2019/2020 school year with PAPCO, Inc.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

F. Per Capita Fee Discussion and Feedback – Mr. Netznik/Mr. Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek asked the board if they wanted him to go further with the Per Capita discussion and proposal. The consensus was no, because they want to keep the great relationships we have with the townships.

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motions were voted on as stated.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Rissmiller, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following Resignations:

- Jacqueline L. Yoder, Cafeteria, Junior Senior High School effective December 21, 2018.
- Gary Sholl, Maintenance Mechanic, for the purpose of retirement effective January 11, 2019.
- Christina M. Buehler 5th and 6th Grade Learning Support teacher Bethel Elementary effective at a mutually agreed upon date.
- Timothy Frantz, High School Boys' Soccer Coach, effective December 14, 2018.
- Dean Evans, High School Girls' Assistant Soccer Coach, effective immediately.
- Ricky G. Triest, Director of Building and Grounds, for the purpose of retirement effective March 15, 2019.
- Steve Himmelberger, Assistant High School Boys' Soccer Coach, effective December 21, 2018.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 9-0.

Mr. Manbeck dismissed himself from 8:23 p.m. – 8:28 p.m.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Rissmiller, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following employment:

A. Support Staff:

- Marie Switzer as a part-time Cafeteria Worker at the JSHS at an hourly rate of \$9.00 effective January 9, 2019.

B. Professional Staff

- Approve Lianna Houtz as a Special Education Learning Support Teacher at Step 4 Masters, \$54,163 at an effective date to be determined. Pending Completion of Paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-1.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Rissmiller, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve a medical sabbatical for Jessica Will from 12/21/2018 through the end of September 2019.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-1.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Rissmiller, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2018-2019 School year:

Christine Bucher

Lynne Kauffman

Kathy Seiders

Taylor Nornhold
Emily Nornhold

Tammy Wertz

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

6. Programs

7. Policy

- A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on February 19, 2019 to the following policies:

#209.2	Diabetes Management
#239	Foreign Exchange Students
#247	Hazing
#251	Homeless Students
#255	Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

8. Curriculum

- A. District Performance Data Presentation (AP Scores) – Mr. Netznik

Mr. Netznik explained and presented the district's AP Scores to the board.

- B. Approve the following Curriculum as stated below:

Language Arts 8 Inclusion
Language Arts 8 Advanced/Honors
Language Arts 8
English 9
English 10
English 11 Honors
English Academic 11
English 11
English 12 Honors
English 12

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

9. Items for Board Action

- A. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2019.
- B. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2019.
- C. Approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2019 at the stated rate.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 01/22/2019 board meeting.

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

- Mr. Michael Leister – JSHS Assistant Principal

Mr. Leister reported that it is Farm Show week. We had five students earn FFA Jackets. Mr. Pat Slater has been chosen to receive the Berks County Medical Hero Reward. Be sure to watch Assistant Principal Justin Welker on Wheel of Fortune at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening.

- Mr. Denis Quirk – JSHS Principal

Mr. Quirk reported that Abby Beranski and Andrea Avila are working hard to bring the Mini-Thon back. The Deiffenbach's were supportive and in attendance along with a representative from the 4-Diamonds. Their fundraising efforts earned \$1,000.

- Mr. Justin Welker – JSHS Assistant Principal

Mr. Welker reported that there are 17 JH students at Lebanon Valley College for a band program.

- Mr. Derek Stehr – Bethel Elementary Principal

Mr. Stehr reported that winter clubs are starting. The Geo Bee was in December with 19 kids participating. Aaron Hess qualified to go to the next round. He needs to take a test to move on to the state level.

- Mrs. Stacy Linderman – Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal

Mrs. Linderman reported that she went to the Farm Show for the first time ever and it was a great time. Gabriel Kratz won 2nd place in the Spotted Lantern Fly contest.

- Mr. Matthew Shirk – Supervisor of Technology

Mr. Shirk reported that they streamed the winter concert and they are getting ready for Keystone Testing.

- Ms. Jade Sedoti – Director of Pupil Services

Mrs. Sedoti reported that she is focusing on building visits and visiting the classrooms to interact with the teachers and students.

- Mr. Rick Triest – Buildings & Grounds Director

Mr. Triest reported that they are working on Maintenance and inspections. He thanked Gary Sholl for all his years of service.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

Mrs. Hassler inquired about the Special Education Audit and Mrs. Sedoti's title. Her questions were answered.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Executive Session was held from 8:05 p.m. until 8:09 p.m. and after the board meeting for personnel.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*