

January 10, 2017 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Oscar Manbeck called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller (7:06 p.m.), Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director Special Education
Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael DeBakey, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, and Mr. Tom Moorhead

Students of the Month – Penn-Bernville – Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Principal

Students of the Month:

Suzanne Hamrick – Rebecca Herrmann
Mason Lillis

Amy Noecker – Rachel Cox
Peter Jackson

The above students were not recognized as planned because of inclement weather. This will be rescheduled.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. 2015/2016 Audit Presentation – Herbein & Company, Inc. – Chris Turtell

Mr. Turtell from Herbein & Company, Inc. went over the 2015/2016 audit with the board. He was very complimentary and reported that there were no findings.

B. Board Appreciation Dinner – 01/24/2017 District Office Board Room 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Schultz informed the board that the administrators will be treating them to dinner to show their appreciation for all their hard work and dedication.

C. 2017/2018 Proposed School Calendar

Dr. Schultz presented the proposed 2017/2018 school calendar to the board to view. This will be a voting item at a future board meeting.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

A. Waste Water Treatment Plant Update – Rick Triest

Mr. Triest gave the board an update on the waste water treatment plant project.

4. Finance

A. Approve the 2015/2016 Audit from Herbein & Company as presented.

B. Approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2017/2018 school year.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the January 24, 2017 board meeting.

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

9.8.1 Accept the resignation of Stephanie Kiecko as Basketball/Competition Cheerleading coach effective December 22, 2016.

The above was voted on as stated below:

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to accept the resignation of Stephanie Kiecko as Basketball/Competition Cheerleading coach effective December 22, 2016.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.2 Approve Jessica Mierzejewski as Basketball/Competition Cheerleading coach for the remainder of the 2016-2017 season at a stipend of \$1,407.

9.8.3 Approve Paul Waters as Junior High Assistant Baseball coach for the 2016-2017 season at a stipend of \$1,335 pending completion of paperwork.

The above was voted on as stated below:

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Jessica Mierzejewski as Basketball/Competition Cheerleading coach for the remainder of the 2016-2017 season at a stipend of \$1,407.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Paul Waters as Junior High Assistant Baseball coach for the 2016-2017 season at a stipend of \$1,335 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

9.4.1 Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on February 21, 2017 to the following policy:

#815 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources/Facilities and Internet by Staff, Students, and Community Members

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the January 24, 2017 board meeting.

8. Curriculum

A. FBLA State Competition Field Trip – Leah Harpel

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the FBLA State Competition Field Trip from April 3, 2017 to April 5, 2017 as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

B. State Legislative Leadership Conference (Agriculture Trip) - March 12-14, 2017 – Christine Williams

The above conference was presented to the board and will appear as voting item on the 01/24/2017 agenda.

C. PA FFA ACES Conference – Christine Williams

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the PA FFA ACES Conference as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

D. 10th Grade Washington D.C Field Trip – Chris Stoy

The above field trip was presented to the board and will appear as voting item on the 01/24/2017 agenda.

E. Gifted Field Trip – Robert Schultz

The above field trip was presented to the board and will appear as voting item on the 01/24/2017 agenda.

9. Items for Board Action

- A. Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2017.
- B. Approve the listed Board representatives for 2017.
- C. Approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2017 at the stated rate.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the January 24, 2017 board meeting.

10. Technology

- A. Technology Discussion – Mike DeBakey

Dr. Schultz and Barb Davis gave the board an overview of what computers we have and what computers need to be replaced. Mr. DeBakey fielded questions.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Rodig, to approve the 8th grade pilot program based on the understanding that the board will evaluate the results of the pilot.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary