

February 02, 2010 – 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. Beverly Blatt, 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:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum
Ms. Jennifer Hertwig, Director of Sp. Ed/Pupil Services
Mr. Donald Jones, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Kelly Groff, Mr. Larry Groff, Ms. Diane Berry, Mr. Michael Berry, Mr. W. Eckhoff, Ms. Cindy Ambrosiani, Mr. Arlan Bond, Mrs. Mary Bond, Mr. Thane LaFollette, Mrs. Ruth LaFollette, Ms. Joan Steffen, Ms. Carol Trautman, Ms. Bridget Brandt, Mr. Terry Loeb, Ms. Teena Loeb, Mr. Donald Thomas, Mrs. Tammy Thomas, and Mr. Stephen F. DeLucas, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month:

Penn-Bernville Elementary

- Mrs. Gernsheimer – Timothy Groff, Kayla Thomas
- Mrs. Hamrick – Jonathan LaFollette, Jacqueline Kemmerling
- Mrs. Noecker – Kevin Berry, Marissa Loeb

The above students were recognized from Penn-Bernville Elementary. Dr. Albert thanked the students and their parents for their work and effort.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Albert informed the Board that Tulpehocken has received positive public relations since he has been Superintendent.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that he held his first Town Hall meeting; no one came. Perhaps it is because people are happy with the state of the district. The next Town Hall meeting will be held on March 2, 2010.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that the senior luncheons are very successful and he may continue them.

We received a letter and plaque from the United Way recognizing us as the “MVP” most valuable player.

There will be a Policy Committee meeting on February 16, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a Building & Grounds Committee meeting on February 16, 2010 starting at 6:15 p.m.; before the regular Board meeting.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Bethel Construction Update- William O’Neil

Mr. O’Neil gave a report on the Bethel Elementary project.

3. Finance

A. Approve the agreement between Commonwealth Orthopaedic Associates and Tulpehocken Area School District as presented.

B. Approve the change order for Pagoda Electric to provide interior conduits at Bethel Elementary in the amount of \$_____.

C. Approve the revised student activity procedure manual.

D. Approve the 2010-11 Berks County Intermediate Unit Services Budget as presented to the board.

The Board reviewed the above motions that will appear on the 02/16/2010 voting session agenda.

4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session. The motions below were voted on as stated below.

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve Ashley Richards as a long-term substitute science teacher at the Junior Senior High School starting approximately February 15, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year, at a salary of \$42,394, Step 1B, prorated the number of days worked.

AYES: *Mrs. Beverly Blatt, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.2 *A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to accept the resignation of Jennifer Hertwig as Director of Special Education and Pupil Services effective March 10, 2010.*

AYES: *Mrs. Beverly Blatt, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

- A. Approve the 2010/2011 School Calendar as presented.

The Board reviewed the above motion that will appear on the 02/16/2010 voting session agenda.

- B. Approve the field trip to Penn-State so 3 students from FFA can attend the PA 4-H Horse Judges and Show Management School as presented.

A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the field trip to Penn-State so 3 students from FFA can attend the PA 4-H Horse Judges and Show Management School as presented.

AYES: *Mrs. Beverly Blatt, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Mr. Jones for Mr. Bottiglieri updated the Board on the tennis courts.

Mr. Jones informed the Board that course selection night was a success. They added a second meeting this year. They held one in the evening and another one in the afternoon. There were approximately 100 parents in attendance. Mr. Jones informed the Board that we had two students participate in the Berks County Music Festival. Both students have made it to Regional Chorus thus far.

Mr. Corcoran informed the Board that the “Buy a Brick” link is on the website.

Mr. Leister informed the Board that we completed our 3rd round of 4-Sight testing. Tulpehocken received a plaque giving us the reward of” MVP” from the United Way. The Pride of Tulpehocken Breakfast is this week; Friday at 7:00 a.m. The Coaches vs. Cancer event was very successful. The event raised \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. Mr. Brent Johnson did a great job.

Mr. Triest informed the Board that the softball dugouts are complete and they are now working on the roof of the baseball dugouts.

Mrs. Benfer informed the Board that the Mobile Ag Lab will be at Penn-Bernville the week of the 8th. The 3rd benchmark is back and we are on track for doing better this year than we did last year. There is a parent training event with the Reading Coaches on Thursday for both Penn-Bernville & Bethel Elementary.

Mrs. Jenkins informed the Board that her 4-Sight results are showing they are in good shape and will be ahead of last year. Eleven students participated in the Geography Bee and three students participated in the Spelling Bee. Mr. Avery’s morning club is off to a great start. There were 15 kids the first day.

Mrs. Davis informed the Board that we received a grant from stimulus funds. We received 16 skids of science materials.

Mrs. Hertwig informed the Board that Attorney Andrew Faust was here at Tulpehocken and went over how to write I.E.P’s and the “Tricks of the Trade”.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. Executive Session Followed.

Mr. Jason L. Huey
Board Secretary