

February 02, 2016 – 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. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Andrew Netznik, JSHS 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: The George Family, Ms. Jennifer Bazan, The Miller Family, Mr. Brad Ingraham, Ms. Danielle Bressler, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Cade Barker, Ms. Jenn Barker, Mr. Brydon Barker, Ms. Erin Barker, Mr. Jacob Hare, Mr. Jen Hare, Mr. Andrew Risser, Ms. Tammy Field, Ms. Michelle Risser, Mr. Richard Klopp, Ms. Theresa DeAcosta, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. George Field, Ms. Sierra Fellows, The Burns Family, Mr. Jeff Beard, Ms. Brossman, Mr. Scott Thomas, Ms. Susan Thomas, Mr. Jack Thomas, Ms. Jill Hulse, Ms. Abigail Hulse, Ms. Maya Jurasinski, Mr. Salem Jurasinski, Ms. Rebecca Brossman, Ms. Ava Ahner, Mr. Tim DeAcosta, Mr. Mike DeAcosta, Mr. Ty DeAcosta, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month – High School – Mr. Andrew Netznik, Principal

Students of the Month:

October

Isabelle Stull
Kevin Berry

November

Maya Jurasinski
Jacob Hare

December

Rebekah Brossman
Benjamin Wanner

BCTC Students of the Quarter- 1st Quarter

Taylor George
Grace Wachstetter
Andrew Risser
Stephen Stoltzfus
Timothy DeAcosta

Students of the Month – Junior High School – Mr. Michael Leister, JH House Principal

Students of the Month:

7th Grade

| <u>October</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>December</u> | <u>January</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Lucas Forry | Jackie Burns | Mary Groff | Kelsey Dreibelbis |
| Abigail Hulse | Ethan Whitman | Carlos Bazan | Cade Barker |

8th Grade

| <u>October</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>December</u> | <u>January</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Aubrey Evans | Jessie Torres | Jordan Boyer | Ava Ahner |
| Jack Thomas | Andres Bazan | Mehtab Kaur | Natalie Jonas |

The above students were recognized for their accomplishment and congratulated by the board.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. 2015/2016 School Calendar

Dr. Schultz informed the board that the 2015/2016 school calendar has been modified. February 15, 2016 & March 21, 2016 are now instructional days.

B. 2016/2017 School Calendar

Dr. Schultz informed the board that the 2016/2017 school year calendar will be brought back to them for vote at the 02/16/2016 voting session.

Dr. Schultz informed the board that the senate approved delaying the Keystone Exam for two years.

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

Ms. Hassler informed the board that Policy #113.3 looked good on paper, and that she hopes it

will help the students. She encouraged the board to set things in place to identify a child's disability sooner.

3. Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Steinhauer asked Dr. Schultz for a feasibility study update and it was stated that the board should be a part of it and have input on the study before it goes too far. Dr. Schultz will contact the architects and put a hold on things so they can meet.

4. Finance

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The following motions were voted on as stated below:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Amyclaire Klopp effective March 29, 2016.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to accept the resignation of Deborah Hamm as part-time emotional support paraprofessional effective January 27, 2016.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Sierra Fellows as a long-term substitute fourth grade teacher at Bethel Elementary from February 3, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$48,043, Step 1B pro-rated to the number of days worked.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Emily Thompson as a long-term substitute second grade teacher at Bethel elementary from approximately February 17, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$48,043, Step 1B pro-rated to the number of days worked, pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Guilia Voletto as a preferred substitute starting February 3, 2016 through the remainder of the third quarter.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following mentor teachers:

- Teresa Kiebach for the long-term substitute second grade teacher (Emily Thompson) at a stipend of \$500 pro-rated to the number of days worked.
- Erin Dietrich for the long-term substitute fourth grade teacher (Sierra Fellows) at a stipend of \$500 pro-rated to the number of days worked.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

A. Give second reading and final approval to the following policy:

113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 02/16/2016 board agenda.

8. Curriculum

A. 2016 State Legislative Leadership Conference – JSHS

The above conference was presented to the board and will appear on the 02/16/2016 board agenda.

B. MiniThon – JSHS

The above MiniThon was presented to the board and will appear on the 02/16/2016 board agenda.

C. Poetry Club – JSHS

Mr. Kowalonek explained to the board that the Student Council wants to start a Poetry Club at the JSHS. They would like to become an official club so they can have a student activity account and raise funds. This will appear on the 02/16/2016 board agenda.

9. Items for Board Action

The following motions were voted on as stated below:

A. Approve the 2016 PA FFA ACES Conference Field Trip as presented at the 01/19/2016 board meeting.

- A. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the 2016 PA FFA ACES Conference Field Trip as presented at the 01/19/2016 board meeting.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

B. Approve the FBLA State Leadership Conference Field Trip as presented at the 01/19/2016 board meeting.

- B. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the FBLA State Leadership Conference Field Trip as presented at the 01/19/2016 board meeting.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

C. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2016-01, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on January 27, 2016.

- C. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2016-01, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on January 27, 2016.

AYES: Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. 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: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Leister reported that they completed their 3rd round of 4-sight testing. Senior night for boys' basketball and cheerleading is this evening.

Mr. Netznik reported that February 26, 2016 is the date for the FFA Breakfast. Parent night was a huge success and there were about 35 people in attendance.

Mr. Brown reported that Bethel had a grades K, 1, & 2 fun and games night that was sponsored by the PTO. They have been holding Data meetings. February 11, 2016 is STEM night, and February 25, 2016 is Family Literacy Night.

Ms. Cipolla reported that the youth wrestling event went well. They had a 100th day celebration, they held their PTO meeting, and STEM night will be held on February 20, 2016.

Mr. DeBakey reported that he has working on the budget, starting the e-rate filing process, and prepping for STEM nights.

Ms. Kiss reported that she has been working with Samantha & Laura with the social skills groups so they can go to the MakerSpace classrooms. The special education teachers will be participating in professional development from OVR.

Mr. Triest reported that they have been busy with snow removal.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The Negotiations Committee met prior to the board meeting and an Executive Session was held after the board meeting.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary