

February 4, 2020 – 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 on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mr. Christopher Hamrick, JSHS Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal
Mr. Justin Welker, Assistant JSHS Principal
Ms. Jena Damiani, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Andrew Guers, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Heston Frey, Director of Operations
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Supervisor of Technology
Ms. Jillian Bergman, Food Service Director

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lydia Beck, Ms. Amy Schlater, Ms. Denice Dodge, Mr. Timothy Smith, Ms. Ashley Nelson, Ms. Jenny Marks, Mr. Kevin Marks, Mr. Dan Folk, Ms. Guilia Hummel, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Lisa Hassler, and Ms. J. Smith.

Call to Order President

Pledge of Allegiance.....President

Prayer.....Board Member

Roll CallRecording Secretary

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mr. Andrew Guers, Principal

Students of the Month:

Ms. Schlater:

Annie Folk
Kelby Meyers

Mrs. Dodge:

Kayla Smith
Annabelle Dove

Mrs. Hummel:

Heidi Marks

Aaron Wilson

The above students were recognized as students of the month and congratulated for all their hard work and dedication.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Internship/Pre-Apprenticeship Programs – Lydia Beck

Mrs. Beck reported how the Internship/Pre-Apprenticeship Program is doing. It is doing well.

Mr. Netznik reported on the State Budget Information that has been released so far.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

A. Authorize the administration to sell the Toro 580 and the Toro 5910 on GovDeals upon receiving the new Toro Groundskeeper 4000-D.

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/18/2020 board meeting.

4. Finance

A. Approve the 2020/2021 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. (Vote to be taken twice)

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/18/2020 board meeting.

B. Fuel Oil Bid Discussion – Mr. Thomas Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that they locked the price of fuel in at 1.7425. They are looking at locking fuel in for two years.

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 Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Batz, to accept the following resignations:

- Billy Myers, Co-Head High School Varsity Baseball Coach, effective January 15, 2020.
- Laurie Somerville, Administrative Assistant to Guidance for the purpose of retirement, effective April 3, 2020.
- Kelly Fink as a Part time Learning Support Paraprofessional at Penn Bernville Elementary, effective immediately.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Batz, to rescind the approval of Suzanne Shinn as Musical Choreographer for 2019-2020 school year, effective immediately

- Billy Myers, Co-Head High School Varsity Baseball Coach, effective January 15, 2020.
- Laurie Somerville, Administrative Assistant to Guidance for the purpose of retirement, effective April 3, 2020.
- Kelly Fink as a Part time Learning Support Paraprofessional at Penn Bernville Elementary, effective immediately.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Batz, to approve the following Employment:

A. Long-term substitutes:

- Approve Michelle Beck as a long-term substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Bethel Elementary from approximately February 14, 2020 thru

approximately April 27, 2020 at Step 1B \$49,293, pro-rated to the number of days worked, pending completion of employment requirements.

B. Support Staff:

- Approve Heather Schneck as a Part time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary effective February 5, 2020 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending completion of employment requirements.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Batz, to approve the following Volunteers for the remainder of the 2019-2020 School Year:

- Bailee Schies
- Nicholas Hemmerich
- Harry Kantner
- Nichole Diem

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

- A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on March 17, 2020 to the following policies:

#217 Graduation Requirements

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/18/2020 board meeting.

8. Curriculum

- A. Approve the Affiliation Agreement with Lebanon Valley College for 2019/2020 school year.

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/18/2020 board meeting.

9. Items for Board Action

- 9.0.1 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 #2020-03, and to ratify the execution of same by Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent of Schools.

The above motion was voted on as stated below:

- 9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Batz, 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 #2020-03, and to ratify the execution of same by Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent of Schools.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

10. Technology

- A. Presentation of eRate Budget for 2020-2021 Network Core Purchase – Mr. Shirk
- B. Discussion on Revised 5 Year Technology Plan – Mr. Shirk

The above was presented and discussed. The eRate budget will be voted on at the 02/18/2020 board meeting.

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

- Ms. Jena Damiani – Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal

Ms. Damiani reported that they are working with the BCIU regarding Early Intervention. They are in the middle of coin wars. The funds will be used to buy canned goods to donate.

- Mr. Andrew Guers – Bethel Elementary Principal

Mr. Guers reported that they started a VIP table at lunch and students can use their Tulpy ticket to sit there. They get special treatment and are served. It is a big hit. Dollar General donated a bunch of garden supplies that they are thankful for. He thanked the board for allowing them to be in each other's buildings to collaborate.

- Mr. Christopher Hamrick – JSHS Principal

Mr. Hamrick reported that Engineering Pathways Advisory is on track. FFA week is from March 19, 2020 through March 22, 2020.

- Mr. Michael Leister – JSHS Assistant Principal

Mr. Leister reported that the Junior High Community Service Club is collecting soda cans for the Ronald McDonald House. They are promoting an Act of Kindness in the Junior High. Be Kind to Everyone. The FFA Breakfast is on Friday, February 28th. Please feel free to come.

- Mr. Justin Welker – JSHS Assistant Principal

Mr. Welker informed the board that the Senior High Community Service Club is having a Jean Drive and to feel free to donate jeans. Olivia Oxenreider made it to PMEA District Band.

- Ms. Jillian Bergman – Director of Food Services

Ms. Bergman reported that the administrative review is complete and there were no findings. She met with the student council to find out what they like and do not like. She was able implement some of their suggestions.

- Mr. Matthew Shirk – Supervisor of Technology

Mr. Shirk reported that they attended a professional development workshop at the BCIU. They are working on the SMART Grant.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

Mr. Rodig inquired about the procurement cards. Mr. Netznik stated that it is being worked on.

16. Public Comment

17. Adjournment

II. Adjournment

Mr. Rodig made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Klopp. Executive session was held after the meeting for personnel and legal matters. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*