

## **February 07, 2012 – Board Work Session Minutes**

President Mr. Scott Klopp 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:** Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mrs. April Klopp

### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent  
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Instruction & Curriculum  
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education  
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal  
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal  
Mr. Donald Jones, Jr/Sr High Principal  
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal  
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal  
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds  
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. & Mrs. Bednarczyk, Ms. Alicea Rodig, Mr. Dustin Risser, Ms. Michelle Risser, Mr. Robert Henry, Ms. Loretta Henry, Mr. Jonathan Risser, Ms. Elizabeth Risser, Ms. Mary James, Ms. Teresa James, Ms. Rebecca James, Ms. Ashley Count, Ms. Betty Martin, Ms. Ashley Gassert, Ms. Kate Mays, Mr. Ross Baver, Ms. Marissa Berry, Ms. Abby Boltz, Ms. Jill Baver, Mr. Troy Ross, Ms. Ingrid Ross, Ms. ZenaRae Ross, Mr. Lee Boltz, Ms. Lori Boltz, Ms. Diane Berry, Mr. Michael Berry, and Ms. Ashley Gold, Reading Eagle.

### **Students of the Month:**

#### **Junior High – Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal**

##### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

October	Tori Scheider	Joey Bednarczyk
November	Olivia Stephan	Cody DeLong
December	Leslea Rodig	Justin Ulrich
January	ZenaRae Ross	Andrew Risser

##### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

October	Kristen Ziegler	Jonathan LaFollette
November	Kevin Berry	Rebekah Brossman
December	Clarissa Plato	Timothy Groff
January	Kirsten Wenger	Eugene Kudlanov

*The above 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were recognized as students of the month. Mr. Leister will make sure those students that were unable to attend will receive their certificates.*

## **High School – Mr. Don Jones, Principal**

### September:

Elizabeth Palmer  
Ross Baver

### October:

Rebecca James  
Robert Kessler

### November:

Kirstin Luckenbill  
Jaime Vasquez

### December:

Megan Hess  
Kevin Avila

### January:

Ashley Rank  
Andrew Frantz

*The above high school students were recognized as students of the month. Mr. Jones will make sure those students that were unable to attend will receive their certificates.*

*Dr. Albert commended all the students in attendance for all their hard work and dedication and thanked the parents.*

## **I. Discussion Items**

### **1. Superintendent's Report**

#### **A. Possibility of a Psychologist Intern**

*Dr. Albert informed the board that there is a possibility of us getting a Psychologist intern from Millersville University. It would only cost the district an annual fee of \$23.00 for insurance and mileage reimbursement.*

*Dr. Albert informed the board that he had the pleasure of attending the County Band and Chorus. It was an outstanding wonderful evening. He thanked the students and staff involved.*

### **2. Buildings and Grounds**

- A. Approve the attached list of items as surplus.
- B. Blue Rocks Baseball Organization – Use of Outdoor Baseball Fields (June-August)
- C. SAND PRO

*The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 02/21/2012 board meeting.*

### **3. Finance**

- A. Approve the 2012/2013 Berks County Intermediate Unit Services Budget as presented to the board.

*The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 02/21/2012 board meeting.*

### **4. 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 Mr. Manbeck, to accept the resignation of Erika Wessner as elementary autistic support teacher effective February 3, 2012.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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- 9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Hassler, to approve the change to Shanon Sittler's unpaid leave of absence to end February 7, 2012.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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- 9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the transfer of Shanon Sittler from Junior/Senior High School Autistic Support Teacher to Elementary Autistic Support Teacher effective February 8, 2012.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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- 9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Hassler, to approve the recommendation to eliminate the position of Director of Food Service on June 30, 2012.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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- 9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Bayer, to approve the following revision of mentor teachers:

- Amyclaire Klopp for Erika Wessner from the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year through October 31, 2011 at a stipend of \$500 prorated to the number of days worked.
- Jessica Hritzko for Erika Wessner from November 7, 2011 through February 3, 2012 at a stipend of \$500 prorated to the number of days worked.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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- 9.8.15 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Hassler, to approve the below motion.

The School Board directs that the Superintendent and the Central Administration Team:

1. Study the professional staffing needs of the District based upon instructional program requirements and student enrollment; and
2. Determine the minimum professional staffing needs of the District for the upcoming school year based upon the foregoing studies; and
3. Make recommendations to the Board during February and March 2012, based upon the considerations set forth in the Public School Code, concerning whether any professional or temporary professional

employee positions should be maintained, added, reduced or eliminated during the 2012-2013 school year; and

4. If a recommendation is made for elimination or reduction of positions, implement the established procedures through termination of specific temporary professional employees, suspension of specific professional employees or demotion of specific professional employees, obtaining such approvals from the Department of Education that may be required for the alteration or curtailment of educational programs; and
5. Notify any temporary professional and professional employees who may be affected by the recommendations.
6. Consult with and work with District legal counsel to insure the correctness and completeness of the process.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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**5. Programs**

**6. Policy**

**7. Curriculum**

- A. 2012/2013 Proposed School Calendar – Ed Albert

*The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/21/2012 board meeting.*

**8. Items for Board Action**

- A. Senior Gifted Field Trip – Boston

*Gifted students presented a proposed trip to Boston to the board. They answered questions the board had about the trip.*

- B. Approve Mr. John Rausch as the Berks Vocational-Technical School's Authority for a five year term expiring on 12/31/2016.

*The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 02/21/2012 board meeting.*

**9. Technology**

## **10. Transportation**

## **11. Administrative Reports**

*Bonnie Benfer reported that they are holding their third round of data meetings for 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They scored 79.28% proficient plus in Math and 85.59% proficient plus in Reading. Read Across America is in full swing and the kids are really enjoying it. Family Reading Night is being held on 02/16/2012 starting at 5:30 p. m. at the JSHS.*

*Cindy Jenkins reported that they are holding their third round of data meetings too. Their ratings are 81.7 proficient plus in Reading and 78.57 proficient plus in Math. The spelling will be held at the JSHS on 02/17/2012 starting at 11:30 p.m.*

*Lisa Kiss reported that the Junior/Senior High held a mock trial in Mt. Vernon. They are holding Indicator 13 training. They are gearing up for PSSA's*

*Jason Bottiglieri reported that they are prepping for the PSSA's. They held their February WOW meeting, and are in the process of CDT analysis.*

*Don Jones reported that they are in the process of CDT analysis. The Coaches vs. Cancer event was a great success. He attended the County Music Festival and it was a wonderful evening. The school improvement committee has been meeting and is having very informative meetings. The blood drive is being held on February 22, 2012 and February 23, 2012.*

*Barb Davis reported that she held a teacher evaluation pilot meeting. We were notified by PDE that we are being monitored on our Title I Audit.*

*Mike Leister reported that they are still doing 4-sight testing and they will transition to CDT next year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of 4 sight testing has been completed. They are in the process of preparing for the PSSA's.*

*Steve Corcoran reported that we have outgrown our server room in regards to power. Our wireless lease expires this summer so they will be looking at that. They are looking at holding smartboard training.*

## **12. Old Business**

## **13. New Business**

## **14. Public Comment**

## **II. Adjournment**

*Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Manbeck.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Executive Session was held from 7:36 p.m. to 8:09 p.m. regarding personnel.*

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*Mrs. Lisa Hassler*  
*Board Secretary*