

February 15, 2011 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Ralph Moyer called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:06 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 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, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Chris Heck, Ms. Joyce Keller, Mr. Amandon Carles, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Mr. Ron Spinelli, Ms. Karen Carles, Ms. Suzanne Hamrick, Mr. Dale Stump, Ms. Sharon Stump, Mr. Chris Vancampen, Consolidated Engineers, Mr. Phil Leinbach, AEM Architects, and Mr. Stephen F. DeLucas, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month: Junior/Senior High School – Mr. Donald Jones, Principal

Regina Stump
Zach Carles

The above students were recognized before the board for being students of the month. Dr. Albert congratulated them.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. WIDA Alternate ACCESS Alignment Study – Cindy Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins informed the Board that we are participating in a pilot program with WIDA. Cindy Seiger has been asked to attend a conference to present the findings. The new guidelines allow for the student to be more interactive and independent. The only cost to the district would be the cost to have a substitute cover Ms. Seiger's classroom.

Dr. Albert informed the board that we received another letter congratulating Mr. Leister and the district on the United Way fundraiser.

Dr. Albert informed the board that our cyber school enrollment has decreased from 67 students to 48 students. This is saving the district a lot of money.

Dr. Albert informed the board that we received a letter from the American Cancer Society thanking us for our recent donation from the coaches vs. cancer event. They informed us that we were the highest donator in our region from this event.

Dr. Albert informed the board that there will be a Building & Grounds Committee meeting on March 1, 2011 starting at 6:00 p.m. before the regular board meeting.

Dr. Albert reported that Representative Cox will be having a Town Hall Meeting next Tuesday, February 22, 2011 starting at 6:30 p.m. here in the board room.

Dr. Albert informed the board that they each have two complimentary tickets to attend the musical if they would like to attend.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. JSHS Entrance & Lighting Study – Mr. Phillip Leinbach

Mr. Chris Vancampen of Consolidated Engineers presented the lighting study to the board. The board will go over the findings and make a decision at a later time.

3. Finance

A. Approve the Special Education Settlement Agreement as presented to the Board.

The above motion will be voted on at the 02/15/2011 board meeting.

4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

A. Providing Opportunities for Students – Barb Davis

Ms. Davis informed the board of the different opportunities we offer our students in regards to technology. They consist of the following: TVA, VHS, On-line Foreign Language, Video Conferences, and Skype.

B. Public Release of PVAAS Data – Barb Davis

Ms. Davis informed the board that the state will be releasing a public website where they will post the PVAAS results.

C. 2011/2012 Proposed School Calendar – Ed Albert

The Board reviewed the above motion's that will appear on the 02/15/2011 voting session agenda.

8. Items for Board Action

A. Approve the revised listed appointments for the 2011 Board committees.

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9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Mr. Jason Huey

Board Secretary