

March 1, 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 7:03 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. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Mark Kiehl

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. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Ricky Triest, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Dennis Baver, Ms. Rachael Heim, Ms. Jennifer Baer, Tracy & Bo Morais, Mr. Christopher Heck, Ms. Rachel Graby, Mr. Joseph Carr, Ms. Loraine Brown, Ms. Paula Huey, Mr. Leon Huey, Ms. Melissa Huey, Mary & Teresa James, Mr. Jeff Ziegler, Ms. Jennifer Swope, Mr. Steve Stephen, Mr. David Peiffer, Mr. Dean Peiffer, Ms. Brenda Peiffer, Mr. Ronald Spinelli, The Gradwell Family, Ms. Shirley Benzel, Ms. April Klopp, Ms. Amy Noecker, Ms. Jan Gernsheimer, Ms. Suzanne Hamrick, and Val Lacis, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month: Penn-Bernville Elementary – Mrs. Bonnie Benfer, Principal

Janet Gernsheimer - Vance Gradwell
Kendra Benzel

Suzanne Hamrick - Ryder Huey
Stephanie Haws

Amy Noecker - Tori Scheider
Olivia Stephen

The above students were recognized as Students of the month at Penn-Bernville Elementary. They each received a certificate of recognition.

Student Recognition: JSHS – Mr. Donald Jones, Principal

Yocum Institute for Arts Education:
Kailee Ziegler – 2nd Place

Melissa Pierson – 3rd Place
Cory Swope – Honorable Mention

The above students were recognized for their participation and placement in the Yocum Institute for the Arts competition. They each received certificates of recognition.

BCTC Students of the Quarter:

BCTC East

Michael T. Brown Diesel Technology

BCTC West

Erik Breen	Automotive Collision Repair Technology
Lee Epler	Automotive Technology
David Peiffer	Carpentry
Lexus Woznicki	Cosmetology I
Leah Kitchenoff	Cosmetology II
Kyle James	Information Technology – Programming
Katelyn Shirk	Photo Imaging Technology
Benjamin Moser	Welding Technology

The above students were recognized for being BCTC students of the quarter.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. 2011/2012 School Calendar

Dr. Albert informed the board that the calendar has been revised as discussed at the last meeting.

Dr. Albert reminded the board that the musical is very quickly approaching and if they have not already ordered their two complimentary tickets they should do so very soon.

*Dr. Albert pointed out the students art work displayed in the boardroom. March is Art Recognition Month. The art teachers displayed our student's art. The T*E*A will be held on March 22, 2011 so family members can come and view their child's art.*

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

A. Approve the 2011/2012 Berks County Intermediate Unit Services Budget as presented to the board.

B. Approve donating the stipend for the Board Treasurer of \$500 and the Board Secretary of \$900 to be donated as the Board of Director's Scholarship Award.

The Board reviewed the above motion's that will appear on the 03/15/2011 voting session agenda.

4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

A. Special Education/Technology – Rachel Heim & Tracy Morais

Ms. Rachel Heim, Ms. Tracey Morias, and student Samantha Morais demonstrated how an I-Touch can help in educating a student.

B. Approve the Teacher Induction Program as presented – Barbara Davis

Ms. Barbara Davis gave the board an update on the teacher induction program. They made minor changes to the program.

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Mr. Rick Triest reported that they are working on the lighting and preparing for the spring sports season.

Mr. Jason Bottiglieri reported that they are preparing for spring sports season. The boys' basketball team completed their season. The sports boosters provided a fan bus to attend the playoff game.

Mr. Donald Jones reported that the blood drive was very successful with 276 units of blood being donated with the potential of 828 lives being saved. He attended the BCTC student recognition breakfast. He is working on the 2011/2012 student schedule.

Mr. Michael Leister reported that they are getting ready for the PSSA testing in grades 7, 11, & 12. The FFA breakfast was a huge success and the food was great. He is planning his trips to visit the elementary buildings and is looking forward to it.

Ms. Bonnie Benfer reported that the spelling bee was a huge success. She attended the Songfest with Ms. Jenkins and they were both very impressed with the program. Penn-

Bernville and Bethel will be sharing a guest author this week. The author will read her stories to the kids and there are different activities planned during her visit.

Ms. Barbara Davis reported that the Professional Ed Committee has done a great job planning the next in-service.

Ms. Cynthia Jenkins reported that Songfest was a huge success and she enjoyed seeing the program. She attended the FFA breakfast up at the high school. They will be having spirit week. The spelling bee was a huge success.

Ms. Lisa Kiss reported that the FFA breakfast was a huge success. They are working on the in-service for next year. She is very impressed with her staff and how they go above and beyond what is expected of them and the presentation the board saw tonight was a prime example.

Mr. Stephen Corcoran reported that he attended the P & C conference with six other teachers. The teachers that attended were very thankful and thought the conference was great.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

*Mr. Jason Huey
Board Secretary*