

March 01, 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 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., (8:47 p.m.) Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp

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
Ms. Diane Lotz, JSHS Assistant 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: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Connie Tworkoski, Ms. Amy Schlater, Ms. Christa Miller, Mr. Marlin Jusino – Bobe’, Mr. Giovanni Rivera – Jusino, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Kara Henning, Mr. Chad Henning, Mr. Steve Henning, Ms. Isabelle Stull, Mr. Timothy Groff, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, Mr. Kyle Wyse, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mr. Mark Brown, Principal

Students of the Month:

Ms. Schlater: Chad Henning
Alexandrea Reinbold

Ms. Dodge: Reagan Smith
Giovanni Rivera-Jusino

The above students were recognized before the board for being students of the month. Dr. Schultz thanked the students, parents, and staff for all their hard work.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

- A. Gifted Lock – In – Connie Tworkoski
- B. Gifted Senior Field Trip – Connie Tworkoski

Ms. Tworkoski, Anne-Marie Burns, Isabelle Stull, Tim Groff, and Kyle Wyse presented the above lock-in and gifted senior trip to the board. These will appear on the 03/15/2016 board agenda for vote.

- C. JSHS Musical “Anything Goes”

Dr. Schultz informed the board of the musical and encouraged them to go.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

4. Finance

- A. Approve the 2016/2017 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. **(Vote to be taken twice)**
- B. Approve the 2016/2017 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.
- C. Approve the following as Berks Tax Collection Committee Representatives:
 - Primary Voting Delegate: TASD Business Manager (currently Thomas L. Kowalonek)
 - First Alternate Voting Delegate: TASD Treasurer (currently Scott Klopp)
 - Second Alternate Voting Delegate: TASD Superintendent (currently Dr. Robert K. Schultz, II.)
- D. 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 above motions were discussed and will appear on the 03/15/2016 board agenda.

- E. Administrative Report – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek gave the board a report on the budget and updated them on where things are at regarding the state budget.

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

6. Programs

A. Coaching Change Request

Dr. Schultz went over a proposed coaching change and asked if the board approved. This change will be voted on at the 03/15/2016 board meeting.

7. Policy

A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on April 19, 2016 to the following policy:

- 121 Field Trips
- 231 Social Events & Class Trips

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at 03/15/2016 board meeting.

8. Curriculum

A. RTII Presentation – Barb Davis/Lisa Kiss

Mrs. Kiss and Mrs. Davis presented RTII and the process of how students get identified.

B. Kindergarten Jump Start – Barb Davis

Mrs. Davis presented a proposal to start a kindergarten jump start program.

C. Approve the attached list of the Agriculture Advisory Council for the 2015/2016 school year as presented.

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at 03/15/2016 board meeting.

9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Leister reported that the Spelling Bee winner is Angelina Faust. Spring sports will start in a couple of weeks. We had three students place in the State Alcohol Awareness contest.

Mr. Netznik reported that the FFA breakfast was a huge success. Spring sports is going to start soon.

Mrs. Lotz reported that they formed a suicide awareness committee to help with identifiers, etc.. A group of students went on college visits and were treated to a tour and lunch. It was very beneficial for them.

Mr. Brown reported that Tom McCabe, a story teller was at Bethel for a writing workshop and he also spoke at Literacy night. They had a band in-service which gave students the opportunity to learn about various instruments. Dollar General is sponsoring a writing contest.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that they had Family STEM Night and it was a huge success. They held their book fair. They had Read Across America. They also had an author come to visit and hold an assembly.

Mr. DeBakey reported that they held the Technology Committee Meeting. He is working on e-rate funding. He attended the Pete & C conference.

Mrs. Kiss reported that they had a meeting to discuss how to help transiting students. We will have two tuition students start at Bethel.

Mr. Triest reported that they are busy prepping for different events that are scheduled and spring sports.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*