

March 02, 2010 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Ralph Moyer called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:02 p.m.).

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum
Ms. Jennifer Hertwig, Director of Sp. Ed/Pupil Services
Mr. Donald Jones, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Asst. JSHS Principal/Athletic Director
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Arlan Werst, Korey Cox, Rachel Graby, April & Joshua Jonas, Natalie & Becky Williams, Terry & Kelly Zerbe, Nathalie & Franz Lore, Kathy Janoczkin, Carrie McCulley, Aaron Riegel, Michael Minnich, Cindy Ambrosiani, Joanne Dillman, and Alane & Glenn Riegel

Students of the Month:

Junior High School

Grade 7

Audrey Jonas
Aaron Riegel

Grade 8

Hannah Zerbe
Alex Lore

The above students were recognized before the Board as students of the month from the Junior High. Mr. Jones handed each student a certificate of recognition. Dr. Albert thanked the students and parents for all their hard work and dedication.

BCTC Students of the Quarter:

BCTC East

Devin D. Ruggiero

Diesel Technology

BCTC West

Jared Brown

Automotive Collision Repair Technology

Kristen Shirk
John Emore
Natalie Williams
Kaitlyn Keeney

Cosmetology I
Electrical Occupations
Health Occupations
Photo Imaging Technology

The above students were recognized before the Board as BCTC students of the quarter. Jared Brown and Natalie Williams were present to receive their certificates. Mr. Jones will personally congratulate and make sure the other recipients receive their certificates. Dr. Albert thanked the students and parents for all their hard work and dedication.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

- A. Approve the conception of the Radio Club at the Junior/Senior High School.

Mr. Michael Minnich and four students presented the radio club to the Board. The students explained the club to the Board and played an example of the music that will air.

- B. Bond Issuance- Brad Remig

Mr. Brad Remig, PFM, presented the bond issuance information to the Board. Mr. Remig fielded questions.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that an interview committee has been formed for the position of Special Education Director. The committee will interview on Thursday and Friday and recommend two final candidates for the Board to interview on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that the Superintendent's of Berks county are getting together to compose a letter in regards to Senate Bill #1156 cyber schools.

Dr. Albert notified the Board that he had his 3rd consecutive Town Hall meeting with no one showing up.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that we will be hitting the "Brick Campaign" really hard.

2. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Bethel Construction Update- William O'Neil

Mr. O'Neil gave the Board an update on the Bethel Construction Project.

- B. Approve the agreement with AEM Architects Inc. for the Architectural/Engineering Study for the Main Entrance Drive Renovations at the Jr./Sr. High School.

The Board reviewed the above motions that will appear on the 03/16/2010 voting session agenda.

3. Finance

- A. 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.
- B. Approve the 2010 Bond Resolution as presented to the Board.
- C. Approve a 7 year beverage provider agreement with Coca Cola Enterprises Inc. as presented to the Board. (Agreement to follow).
- D. Approve the 2010-2011 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.
- E. Approve a resolution urging legislative action on school employee pension reform.
- F. Approve the Business Manager as the Tulpehocken Area School District's Trustee for the Berks County School District Health Trust and the Superintendent as the Alternate Trustee.

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4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Rick Triest reported that the dugouts are looking good with only excavating left to finish. The Bethel Constriction Project is going smooth.

Jason Bottiglieri reported that Ross Bayer placed 31st in the district 3 bowling tournament. Boys' & Girls' basketball qualified for district playoffs. They both lost at districts.

Don Jones reported that they held parent meetings for scheduling purposes and they are ready to start scheduling in March. The High School held another successful blood drive with over 200 pints of blood donated. Tulpehocken has an Artist in Residence right now at the Junior/Senior High School. She will be at Penn-Bernville next.

Jennifer Hertwig thanked the Board and the administration; she stated that Tulpehocken is a great place to work.

Steve Corcoran thanked the Board for allowing him to go to the technology conference. It was very helpful. Dr. Albert thanked Steve for his efforts and dedication.

Mike Leister reported that he attended the FFA breakfast. It was great food and it had a good turnout. Tulpehocken hosted the last Assistant Principals meeting. It was the first time a Superintendent and Principal addressed the group.

Barb Davis reported that she was asked to present at the Federal Programs Conference.

Cindy Jenkins reported that Bethel has Read Across America Day. Bethel had a guest author and a randomly selected group of kids were able to have lunch with her and the author. They completed their Math League Contest. Bethel Elementary has the "Helping Haiti Program" to help the devastation in Haiti.

Bonnie Benfer reported that her Cindy are teaming very well together. Penn-Bernville will hold an Internet Safety parent information meeting on March 8, 2010. Nan Gilson and Danette Seidel spoke at the PTO meeting. Penn-Bernville has 'Hats for Haiti' to help Haiti.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Executive Session Followed.

*Mr. Oscar Manbeck
Assistant Board Secretary*