

March 05, 2013 – 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. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

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. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Assistant Principal
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor-(8:26 p.m.)
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Angela Lawrence, Mr. Larry Lawrence, Ms. Susan Burns, Ms. Barbara Perez, Ms. Diane Lotz, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Amy Schlater, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Ms. Tamara Ritter, Ms. Ashley Count, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mrs. Cynthia Jenkins, Principal

Mrs. Dodge

Emily Lawrence
William (Billy) Fantozzi

Mrs Ritter

Tyler Hulse
Brandie Boltz

Ms. Schlater

Gage Dundore
Caroline Dougherty

The above students were recognized before the board as students of the month for Bethel Elementary. Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, principal will see to it that all students receive their certificate.

BCTC Student of the Quarter – 2nd Quarter – Mr. Don Jones, JSHS Principal

Ezekiel Sheaman – Automotive Technology
Nicolas Gatoura – Automotive Technology II

Jacklyn Koenig – Painting & Decorating
Davey Naftzinger – Photo Imaging Technology
Tyler Berube – Recreational & Power Equipment Technology
Kira Naftzinger – Technology Based Entrepreneurship

The above students were recognized before the board as BCTC students of the quarter. Mr. Donald Jones, principal will see to it that all students receive their certificate.

Recognitions

School Doctor/Years of Service – Dr. Stewart

Dr. Thomas Stewart was recognized before the board for all his years of service to the district and the Tulpehocken community. Dr. Albert presented Dr. Stewart with a certificate of appreciation.

PIAA Berks County Cheerleading Competition – Coaches Nicole Kurowski & Michelle Frantz

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| Kaytlin Becker | Amanda Kozak | Shiann Reimert |
| Dominique Fantozzi | Nicole Mertz | Carley Schultz |
| Gabriella Farissi | Davey Naftzinger | Kristy Schutt |
| Ananissa Garcia | Dejanae Navedo | Nathaly Shalters |
| Vanessa Graham | Kyana Perrier | Kristen Wenger |
| Christina Koenig | Kasey Raifsnider | Megan Zellers |

The above students were recognized for their participation and achievement in the PIAA Berks County Cheerleading Competition.

Dr. Albert congratulated everyone and thanked them.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Naming Rights

Dr. Albert presented the board with some sample policies and an application to view for naming rights to a building, etc... The board will view these policies and it will be discussed at a later board meeting.

B. Sports Committee

Dr. Albert informed the board that a committee has been formed.

C. China Book

Dr. Albert presented his book to the board that he wrote for his trip to China.

D. Security

Dr. Albert informed the board that we had a planned weather drill and a planned intruder drill. Later in the afternoon we had to have a real restrictive lock down.

E. Guidance Department Presentation

Diane Lotz, Barbara Perez, Susan Burns, and Hillary Malone presented a day in the life of a guidance counselor at Tulpehocken.

Dr. Albert informed the board that in his absence Ms. Barbara Davis will be in charge. He has great confidence that she will do a great job.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Roofing Bid Discussion

There was discussion regarding the bids that were received regarding the roof replacement at the JSHS. There was a recommendation and it was agreed upon that it will be voted on at the 03/19/2013 board meeting.

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.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 03/19/2013 voting session agenda.

4. Personnel

- A.** Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motions were voted on as stated below:

- 9.8.1** A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve the transfer of Ronaele Wengert from full-time custodian to part-time custodian effective March 6, 2013.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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- 9.8.2** A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Chris Brennan as an assistant high school track coach for the 2013 spring season at a stipend of \$2,560 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2013 spring season:

- Claudia Guenther Boys' Tennis
- Emily Schuppert Boys' Tennis

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

- A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on April 23, 2013 to the following policy.

121 Field Trips

The above policy will continue to be a work in progress and will be discussed at future board meetings.

7. Curriculum

- A. 8th Grade Ag Adventure Field Trip to Penn State University - Gene Kreitzer

Mr. Gene Kreitzer and Ms. Christine Williams presented information to the board regarding an 8th grade Ag Adventure Field Trip to Penn State. The above motion was voted on as stated below:

- 7 A. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve the 8th grade Ag Adventure field trip as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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- B. Approve a student to continue TVA while living outside of the district.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 03/19/2013 voting session agenda.

8. Items for Board Action

- A. Approve Evelyn Fox as the BCIU Representative for a three year term ending on June 30, 2016.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 03/19/2013 voting session agenda.

9. Technology

- A. Technology Update – Steve Corcoran

Mr. Corcoran gave an update on the technology of the district to the board.

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Bonnie Benfer reported that the PTO fundraiser they held raised \$5,000.00. Ms. Pricilla Ahn was here for Read Across America. They held three assemblies and had a mini concert. Reading Fun Night was held last Wednesday. The crisis safety team met and they held drills. Band fest will be held on March 25, 2013 at Conrad Weiser.

Cindy Jenkins reported that the spelling bee was a great success. A Bethel student won 1st place and a Penn-Bernville student won 2nd. They will both advance to the county spelling bee. They held a magic show for Read Across America. The crisis team has held team meetings.

Jason Bottiglieri reported that the February discipline report is in front of them. Their next WOW will be spent debriefing from the planned drills and the real one that happened this week. He thanked guidance for their presentation and all their hard work.

Barb Davis reported that PDE is backing off on the School Performance Profile; they will not be launching it this spring. She will be holding iPad pilot training for the effected teachers this week. They are working on the professional development training for next year. Keystone results came back. They are in the process of deciphering the information. The state police made the comment to her that Tulpehocken has doing a lockdown down well.

Lisa Kiss reported that her department has been very busy with 80 referrals, re-evaluations, and I.E.P's. The Parent Resource Fair will be held on May 22, 2013.

Don Jones reported that they are prepping for the PSSA's and they are working on the musical. He thanked the Ag Department for their hard work with the breakfast.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

Mr. Kowalonek gave the board an overview of the budget and the timeline.

Ms. Hassler brought a PSBA video conference to the board's attention and encouraged them to attend.

15. Public Comment

Mr. Daniel Steinhauer asked a question regarding the purchase of text books. The board answered.

Mr. Edward J. Albert, Sr. told the board how impressed he was with our district and stated we have a great thing going on.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

*Ms. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary*