

March 06, 2012 – 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. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, 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, Junior High House Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Sherrie Kugel, Ms. Ann Loose, Ms. Tamara Ritter, and Ms. Carole Duran, Reading Eagle

Students of the Month:

Bethel Elementary – Mrs. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal

Mrs. Dodge:

Parker Harris
Rachel Loose

Mrs. Ritter:

Abigail Martin
Sarah Wenger

Ms. Schlater:

Chase Bowman
Jennifer Bressler

The above students were recognized as students of the month at Bethel Elementary. They will receive certificates of recognition for their accomplishment.

BCTC Students of the Quarter (2nd Qtr) – Mr. Don Jones, Principal

- Lee Epler – West Campus, Automotive Technology II
- Daven Lindsay – West Campus, Carpentry
- Kristen Shirk – West Campus, Cosmetology

- Matthew Baker – East Campus, Plumbing & Heating
- Bradley Noll – East Campus, Service Occupations
- Benjamin Whitmoyer – East Campus, Heavy Equipment Technology

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Dr. Albert congratulated the above students and their parents for a job well done.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

*Dr. Albert informed the board that the District Office T*E*A is scheduled for March 20, 2012.*

Dr. Albert informed the board that spring sports have started.

2. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Blue Rocks Baseball Organization – Use of Outdoor Baseball Fields (June-August)
- B. Approve the RAGE Soccer Club proposal to use the athletic facility as presented.
- C. Approve the solicitation of bids for the stage rigging system at the JSBS.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 03/20/2012 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 be voted on at the 03/20/2012 board meeting.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

8. Items for Board Action

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards

and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #300728, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.

- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #201841, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #202631, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.
- D. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #201601, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 03/20/2012 board meeting.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Lisa Kiss reported that they held System 44 and Read 180 meetings. Ms. Christa Miller is to be congratulated 81% of her students went from low to advanced with 11 students testing out. A Bethel Elementary kindergarten student, with our help was diagnosed with hearing loss. It has been great to see and experience this student hearing things for the first time. Rob Stepenaskie was featured in an article. We are very proud of him.

Bonnie Benfer reported that they are so proud of Rob Stepenaskie for being featured in the Reading Eagle. Bonnie also stated that we have received so much positive media and she gave Dr. Albert credit for that. She reported they are doing PSSA prep. The students will get a preview of Fiddler on the Roof and they are very excited. Read Across America was a huge success. They are preparing for the Race for Education which is being held in April.

Cindy Jenkins reported that the spelling bee was a huge success, Read Across America was also very successful. An author came and read her books to the students and held a writing workshop with them. She was very well received by the students.

Jason Bottiglieri reported that the February discipline report is in front of them. The JSHS is in the middle of PSSA prep. They will be holding WOW tomorrow, and he will be starting his pilot teacher evaluations.

Don Jones reported that the blood drive was a huge success. They collected 103 units of blood, which calculates to the potential of 309 lives being saved. They are preparing for the PSSA's, The WOW meeting is this week; they will be discussing the PSSA's. The musical is in full swing and we are all looking forward to seeing it. The POPS Concert will be held on March 28, 2012. The Keystone Exam project is coming along. The current 7th graders will have to pass the Keystone Exam to graduate.

Barb Davis reported that they are preparing for the Title I Audit. They are working with the textbook vendors to see what they can do for us and pricing. WIDA testing is complete and have all been sent back.

Steve Corcoran reported that they are looking to upgrade to Office 2000 and Windows 7. We are looking at leasing the upgrades from Microsoft instead of buying. It will be a huge savings.

Mike Leister reported that they held a meeting about bullying and two parents showed up. It was a great meeting even with the low number of attendees. Along the lines of bullying, this week was Inside out Week to emphasize to not judge someone from the outside.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

Mrs. Hassler informed the board that she had a couple of community members inquire about safety in our schools, and in light of the Ohio school incident wanted to discuss it. Discussion was held.

14. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heck.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Executive Session followed regarding personnel.

*Mrs. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary*