

April 05, 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 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

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
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Ms. Denice Dodge, Ms. Amy Schlater, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Miller, Mr. Joseph Carr, Ms. Stacy Martin, Ms. Tamara Ritter, Mr. Ronald Spinelli, Ms. Linda Heberling, Mr. Sigifredo Velazquez, Ms. Mirella Rincon, Mr. Dennis Baver, Kathryn & Dennis Judy, Ms. April Klopp, Ms. Laurie Somerville, Mr. Chris Heck, Ms. Treasure Lape, and Kate Wilcox, Reading Eagle.

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

Denise Dodge -	Derek Yenser Pablo Velazquez
Tamara Ritter -	Madison Miller Jonathan (JR) Yenser
Amy Schlater -	Heather Judy Stacy Martin

The above students were recognized as Bethel Elementary students of the month. Dr. Albert thanked the students and parents for their hard work and dedication.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. June Board Meeting Dates:

- June 7th & 14th instead of June 7th & 21st

Dr. Albert informed the board that the June board meetings will change as follows: June 7th & June 14th instead of June 7th & 21st.

B Legislative Update

Dr. Albert informed the board that he will be speaking before the PA House of Representative's against Senate Bill #1.

C. Recognition of Diane Lotz

Dr. Albert informed the board that that Diane Lotz received the Life Long Friend Career & Technology Award.

D. Letters from the Community

Dr. Albert read letters from Ms. Joan Steffen and Carole Troutman thanking him for the opportunity to attend the Senior Citizen supper and musical.

E. Scholarship Report

- Superintendent – Dr. Ed Albert Scholarship

Dr. Albert informed the board that the Superintendent Scholarship will consist of two awards totaling \$250.00 each. An award will be given to a male and a female in the senior class.

- Board of Directors Award

Dr. Albert notified the board that the Board of Directors Award will be awarded to seven students in the senior class that are strong students that may not receive many awards. Each award is \$200.00 each.

F. 04/19/2011 Board Meeting – BCTC West Campus

- Meet at the BCTC West Campus at 5: 15 p.m.

Dr. Albert reminded the board that the 04/19/2011 board meeting will be held at BCTC West Campus. Board members are asked to meet at BCTC at 5:15 p.m.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Approve the RAGE Soccer Club proposal to use the athletic facility as presented at the March 15, 2011 board meeting.

B. Approve the donation of team bench shelters for the High School Athletic Facility from the Sports Boosters Club at a value of \$11,700.

C. Resolved that the Tulpehocken Area School District enter into the Supplemental Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement Related to Highway Occupancy Permit Improvements and the Supplemental Improvements Agreement Related to Highway Occupancy Permit Improvements, both Agreements dated April 5, 2011, by and between the Tulpehocken Area School District and the

Township of Jefferson, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as presented and authorize the appropriate officers of the Board of School Directors to execute same.

The above motions were discussed and voted on and approved as follows:

- A. A resolution was offered by Mr. Huey, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the RAGE Soccer Club proposal to use the athletic facility as presented at the March 15, 2011 board meeting.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

- B. A resolution was offered by Mr. Huey, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the donation of team bench shelters for the High School Athletic Facility from the Sports Boosters Club at a value of \$11,700.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

- C. A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Huey, to resolve that the Tulpehocken Area School District enter into the Supplemental Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement Related to Highway Occupancy Permit Improvements and the Supplemental Improvements Agreement Related to Highway Occupancy Permit Improvements, both Agreements dated April 5, 2011, by and between the Tulpehocken Area School District and the Township of Jefferson, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as presented and authorize the appropriate officers of the Board of School Directors to execute same.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

3. Finance

- A. Pre- Presentation of the 2011/2012 Budget.

Dr. Albert and Mr. Kowalonek presented a preview of the 2011/2012 budget. Preliminary numbers indicate that we could possibly go with a no tax increase.

- B. Approve the 2011-2012 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.

Mr. Kowalonek gave a brief review of the BCTC operating budget and fielded questions from the board.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

- A. Approve the Special Education Agreement as presented. – Ms. Lisa Kiss

Mrs. Kiss presented the above agreement to the board and fielded any questions.

- B. Give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval May 17, 2011 to use the following textbooks:

American Government Institutions & Policies
AP Edition 12th Edition 2011 copyright
Cengage Learning
For Course: #215 AP US Government and Politics
Grade 12

Lifetime Health
2009 Copyright
Holt Rinehart, and Winston
For Course: #895 Health
Grade 9

Economics
2010 Edition
Pearson Education

The Board reviewed the above motion's that will appear on the 04/19/2011 voting session agenda.

8. Items for Board Action

- A. Approve the resolution as presented opposing Senate Bill #1.

The Board reviewed the above motion's that will appear on the 04/19/2011 voting session agenda.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Mr. Bottiglieri reported that the monthly discipline report has been set in front of them. He informed the board that the sports boosters have been generous and have given back roughly \$20,000 to the sports program.

Ms. Kiss reported that ESY will be run differently this year. 15 families are participating thus far and she has heard positive feedback. She nominated Ms. Rachel Heim for the Anne Sullivan Award. She is one of the final nominees being considered to receive this award. Ms. Susan Winebrenner will be speaking at an in-service that we are holding at Teen Challenge. They are not charging us anything for feeding us lunch.

Mr. Corcoran reported that the Technology Department is gearing up for the end of year and focusing on the 2011/2012 budget.

Ms. Benfer reported that they are in the process of PSSA make-up's and all students were able to attend the movie. Thirteen students attended the county wide reading Olympics. The select chorus will be singing the national anthem at the Hershey Bear's game on 04/14/2011.

Ms. Jenkins reported the PSSA's are wrapping up for them as well. The select chorus will be singing the national anthem at the Hershey Bear's game on 04/14/2011. Nine students attended the county wide reading Olympics.

Mr. Leister reported that PSSA'S are wrapping up for them as well. The last round of 4-sight testing is scheduled for 04/26/2011. The FFA line dance is scheduled for 04/08/2011.

Ms. Barb Davis reported that she is in the process of holding curriculum department meetings. They held their first meeting of the study skills committee. It went very well.

Mr. Jones reported they are in a testing period right now with PSSA's, 4-sight, and Keystone testing. The musical was a huge success. The POPS concert was also a success. He reported that blood drive brochure has pictures of our students on it.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Jason Huey
Board Secretary