

April 05, 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. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

ABSENT:

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. Amy Noecker, Ms. Suzanne Hamrick, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Folk, Mr. Brad Folk, Ms. Amelia Folk, Ms. Brianna Zelek, Ms. Ellen Zelek, Mr. Don Zelek, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Michael Milks, Ms. Andrea Milks, Ms. Erika Kindoll, Ms. Ella Ahner, Ms. Mikaila Milks, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, Mr. Larry Rittle, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Student Recognitions:

Students of the Month – Penn–Bernville Elementary – Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Principal

Mrs. Suzanne Hamrick

Amelia Folk
Brianna Zelek

Mrs. Amy Noecker

Ella Ahner
Chloe Palm – Rittle

TVA Student of the Month – Ms. Erika Kindoll

Mikaila Milks – 7th Grade

The above students were recognized for their accomplishments before the board. Dr. Schultz congratulated the students, parents, and staff for all their hard work.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Disney Trip – Ms. Stoltzfus & Mr. Schrack

Ms. Stoltzfus and Mr. Schrack presented a Disney World Music Department field trip to the board. The plans are to go on this trip from May 4, 2017 – May 8, 2017. This will be a motion on the 04/19/2016 board voting session agenda.

B. Appraisal Appeal

Dr. Schultz informed the board that there will be a motion on the 04/19/2016 board voting session agenda withdrawing the appeal.

Dr. Schultz congratulated the science fair and art show winners.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

4. Finance

A. Budget Update – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek gave the board a budget update. We have a better idea of where things are at regarding state monies, but we still do not know what we are getting. Hopefully there will be more information at the next meeting.

B. Approve Thomas Kowalonek as the authorized signer for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 04/19/2016 board meeting.

C. Ratify the Electricity Contract – Mr. Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that we were offered an extension from our current carrier, Direct Energy of .0585 per kilowatt hour if we lock in to a contract from 11/2017 – 11/2019. We had to make a decision. There will be a motion on the 04/19/2016 voting session agenda.

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The following motions were voted on as stated below:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the transfer of Rebecca Randler from part-time autistic support paraprofessional to full-time student assigned autistic support paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary effective April 6, 2016.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Sarah Sweinhart as a part-time student assigned autistic support paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary effective April 6, 2016 at an hourly rate of \$12.00 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Trevor Brown as a substitute teacher for the purpose of behind the wheel training, pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

A. Give second reading and final approval to the following policies:

- 121 Field Trips
- 231 Social Events & Class Trips

B. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on May 17, 2016 to the following policy:

- 249 Bullying & Cyber Bullying

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 04/19/2016 voting session agenda.

8. Curriculum

A. Keystone Exam Incentive

Dr. Schultz asked the board their thoughts on offering an incentive for students who score proficient or advanced on the Keystone Exam. If the schedule would work out it would allow them to come in an hour late or leave an hour early. Mr. Netznik and Ms. Lotz will see if it is a possibility with the schedule. This will be brought back before the board.

B. Give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval on May 17, 2016 to use the following textbooks:

Class	Vendor	Title of Book
Kindergarten	McGraw Hill	Everyday Mathematics
Grades 1 thru 6	Pearson Education	enVision 2.0
Grades 1 thru 6 Common Core Math	Pearson Education	enVision 2.0 Common Core Math
Grade 11	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	United State Government
Grades 11-12	McGraw Hill	AP Economics
Grades 9 - 11	G-W Publisher	Foundations of Personal Finance

Grades 9 - 11	G-W Publisher	Contemporary Living
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	The Developing Child
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	Glencoe Culinary Essentials
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	Food, Nutrition, and Wellness
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	Glencoe Food for Today
Grades 9 - 11	Amazon	Housing and Interior Design
Grades 9 - 11	G-W Publisher	Interior Design

The above motion was discussed and will be a motion on the 04/19/2016 voting session agenda.

9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Leister reported they are getting ready for their PSSA kickoff. Spring sports has started. The gifted lock-in is on April 29, 2016

Ms. Lotz reported that they held a post-secondary program at the JSHS that was a huge success. There were colleges, employers, and tech schools present for students to talk to. We helped a student with the college interview process; the student received a full ride. They held a staff appreciation breakfast.

Mr. Netznik reported that they are getting ready for the Sterling Hoffman Track Invitational. The Mini-Thon is on the 23rd. Graduation is on June 2, 2016. Baccalaureate is at Little Swatara Church on May 22, 2016.

Mr. Brown reported that they are busy preparing for the PSSA. Working on the Maker Space room for an autistic support student. They are busy preparing for the Come out & Play Night on April 14, 2016.

Ms. Cipolla reported that they are busy preparing for the PSSA. Working on the Maker Space room. The Penn-Bernville PTO has the Raffle and Vendor Bingo coming up. Everyone is invited.

Mr. DeBakey reported that he did some walkthrough's. Provided Google Classroom training. Helped with the high school musical and the technology needs. Helped with iPad updates. They are doing the prep so graduation can be live streamed.

Ms. Kiss reported that they are preparing for the gifted lock-in. Preparing the Maker Space room for the social skills students. They provided the 6th & 7th grade transition teachers professional development.

Mr. Triest reported that they are working on the summer cleaning schedule.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*