

## **April 06, 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. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:25 p.m.).

**ABSENT:**

### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager  
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum  
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: Mr. Phil Leinbach, AEM Architects, Mr. Glenn Dunkelberger, Mr. Greg Janoczkin, Mrs. Kathy Janoczkin, and Mr. Stephen F. DeLucas, Reading Eagle.

### **Student Recognition:**

#### **Spelling Bee Champions- Don Jones**

Leanna Faith- Champion  
Brianna Janoczkin- Runner up

*Mr. Jones recognized the above students for placing in the Tulpehocken Spelling Bee. Brianna Janoczkin was in attendance to receive her certificate. Mr. Jones will make sure that Leanna Faith receives her certificate.*

### **I. Discussion Items**

#### **1. Superintendent's Report**

##### **A. Junior High Lock-in-Glenn Dunkelberger & Students**

*Mr. Dunkelberger and two students presented a proposal for a Junior High Lock-in to be held on May 7, 2010 to May 8, 2010.*

B. Budget Work Session- April 13, 2010

*Dr. Albert asked the Board if it would be o to hold a Finance Committee meeting on April 13, 2010.*

C. Berks County I.U. Convention- 04/29/2010

*Dr. Albert informed the Board that the BCIU will be holding their annual convention on April 29, 2010. He is encouraging as many Admin and Board members to attend as possible. Past Board member Mr. Earl Brown will be recognized for his years of service.*

D. Reading Eagle Newspaper

*Dr. Albert informed the Board and thanked the Reading Eagle for their positive news coverage.*

E. Student Surveys & Grant Opportunities

*Dr. Albert asked the Board to revisit the option of student surveys within the district. It seems that more and more grant opportunities require that the survey be done. We could also lose SAP funding. This topic was visited for the first time last year and was not approved.*

F. Autistic Support Classroom

*Dr. Albert informed the Board that the above topic would have to be discussed in Executive Session.*

*Dr. Albert informed the Board that Senator Mike Folmer will be holding a Town Hall meeting on April 26, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office board room.*

**2. Buildings and Grounds**

A. Bethel Construction Update- William O'Neil

*Mr. O'Neil gave the Board an update of the progress at Bethel Elementary.*

**B. RESOLVED, that Board of School Directors award a construction contract for the construction of a new middle school baseball field and tennis courts at the Tulpehocken Junior-Senior High School for the Tulpehocken Area School District, to the following Contractor in the amount stated herein, and subject to conditions stated herein:**

1. a) **A Complete Construction Contract to Landis C. Deck & Sons, Division of Reading Materials, Inc., 2415 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605, in the Base Bid amount of \$613,900.**

b) **AND, to reject the following Alternates:**

<b>Alt. 100</b>	<b>Access Drive</b>
<b>Alt. 200</b>	<b>Infield Drainage</b>
<b>Alt. 300</b>	<b>Seeded Baseball Field</b>

## Alt. 400      Irrigation Water

- c) **AND, to accept the Site Work Construction Unit Prices as submitted in the Bid Form.**
- AND, to reject all other bids.**

**TOTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO BE \$613,900.**

**AND, be it further RESOLVED that proper officers of the Board and Administration are hereby authorized to do all things necessary so that approval to proceed may be secured,**

**AND, be it further RESOLVED, that the Architect, AEM Architects, Inc., and the School District's Solicitor, be authorized to issue Letters of Intent to the Contractors informing them of this action and requesting submission of complete and proper Payment Bonds, Performance Bonds and Insurance Certificates to the Solicitor for approval. The Letters of Intent are conditioned upon receipt of final approvals from all regulatory agencies, the legal sufficiency of Bid Forms, Bid Bonds, Payment Bonds, Performance Bonds and Insurance Certificates.**

**AND, be it further RESOLVED, that upon the Solicitor's approval, proper Officers of the Board are hereby authorized to execute the Contracts and to authorize the Architect to issue the Notice to Proceed so that construction may begin.**

A resolution was offered by Mr. Huey, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the above motion

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

### 3. Finance

- A. Approve per capita exonerations as attached.

*The Board reviewed the above motion that will appear on the 04/20/2010 voting session agenda.*

*Mr. Kowalonek informed the Board that he has received a preliminary statement for the Bond issuance. He will share the information with them at a later date.*

## 4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

**5. Programs**

**6. Policy**

**7. Curriculum**

A. Approve the recommendation to give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval May 18, 2010 to the following planned courses as submitted:

- International Business 3E
- Introduction to Veterinary Science

*The Board reviewed the above motion that will appear on the 04/20/2010 voting session agenda.*

**8. Items for Board Action**

**9. Technology**

**10. Transportation**

**11. Administrative Reports**

*Don Jones: Reported that they have a big PSSA blitz happening right now due to the fact that all four PSSA test are due in the month of April. Staff prepared for the upcoming PSSA'S and assemblies were held to express the importance of the PSSA. The musical "South Pacific" was a great success. They held the emergency weather drill on March 29, 2010. There was a great response time.*

*Jason Bottiglieri: Reported that they are preparing for the Sports Banquet which is the first Wednesday in June. SAP is very active. The team went to the Berks County Resource Center. There are services out there for our kids. The students over all are receptive to the services that are available.*

*Mike Leister: Reported that he feels the students finally get how important the PSSA's are. He attended the Jr. High dance and the FFA Line dance. They are in the process of planning the Scholastic Achievement Banquet that is being held on May 20, 2010 at Teen Challenge. Our students' our helping people all over Berks County due to graduation projects.*

*Barb Davis: Reported that Tulpehocken is the first choice to receive the I3 grant. We would be involved in this grant for Performance Pathways with JSHS teachers tracking student data. They will eventually want to do research at the elementary level. This would be a potential savings of \$7000.00 per year for the next five years. They are impressed with Tulpy. The Professional Education Committee is going well. She spoke at the Federal Programs Conference.*

***Cindy Jenkins:*** They will be sending out a letter regarding classroom moves. The Ag Mobile will be at Bethel Elementary the first week of May. They are having a PSSA spirit week. Third through sixth grade have their own mascot.

***Bonnie Benfer:*** The choir performed at the Reading Royals game on March 20, 2010. The Haiti project collected \$250.00 over a four week period. Ralph Moyer was a guest reader during Read Across America Week. The kids met their goals so she had to kiss lumpy the frog and they got to have pajama day. They had a PSSA kickoff as well.

***Stephen Corcoran:*** Reported that the Technology department is finishing a lot of projects. They will have a very busy summer with the second round of teacher lap tops, installing smart boards, and upgrades to the e-mail sever and wireless network.

***Rick Triest:*** Reported that Bethel Elementary is going really well. We are gearing up for the spring sports season.

## **12. Old Business**

***Mr. Huey read the following Thank you notes:***

***Heather Weiss- Thanked Dr. Albert for assisting her in getting a scholarship for Shippensburg University.***

***Joan Steffen- Thanked Dr. Albert for having senior musical day.***

***John & Kate Walker- Thanked Dr. Albert for supporting the music program and stated how much they enjoyed the POPS concert.***

## **13. New Business**

***Mr. Kowalonek informed the Board that we are in the process of getting energy quotes. He asked the Board permission to lock in at a rate when he feels it is a good time and rate.***

***Dr. Albert thanked the Reading Eagle for their positive news coverage.***

***Mr. Manbeck thanked the administration for academics and the eligibility requirements.***

## **14. Public Comment**

### **II. Adjournment**

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

***The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Executive Session Followed.***

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***Mr. Jason Huey***  
***Board Secretary***