

April 07, 2020 – Special Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Oscar Manbeck called this Special Voting Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck (via phone), Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle (7:04 p.m.), Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr. (7:56 p.m.), Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller (7:59 p.m.), Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mrs. Kristin Holst, Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Rebecca Marmas, Assistant Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Justin Welker, JSHS Principal
Mr. Christopher Hamrick, Assistant JSHS Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal
Ms. Jena Damiani, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Andrew Guers, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Heston Frey, Director of Operations
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Supervisor of Technology
Ms. Jillian Bergman, Food Service Director
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Board Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Brian Luckenbill, Mr. Doug Molhoek, Ms. Holly Baer, Mr. Jeff Jacovidis, and Mr. Kevin Avery

Call to Order President

Pledge of Allegiance.....President

Prayer.....Board Member

Roll CallRecording Secretary

I. Discussion Items

Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Netznik updated the board on the newest findings and laws regarding COVID-19 and what the school district is required to do and what the school district is doing in addition to what is required.

Mr. Netznik reported that device pick-up was successful with 19 families taking advantage of the option of getting a hotspot from the district.

Mr. Netznik reported that we have applied for and hope to receive a state grant to help with the incurred costs from COVID-19.

Mr. Netznik reported that there was a survey sent out to the teacher's regarding if they are using Google Meet or Zoom. 90% of them are planning to use one of the options to connect with their students.

Mr. Netznik reported that TASD received a grant to provide meals for all the students in the district.

Mr. Netznik reported that they have been holding Zoom Leadership meetings and discussing the different grading options for the remainder of the year. They are looking at a pass/fail option. This will be an item up for vote during tonight's meeting.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

A. Penn-Bernville Elementary Chiller Project

They will collect more information and go out to bid on the above project

B. JSHS Project Discussion

It was decided to put the JSHS project on hold until the financial ramifications of COVID-19 are known.

4. Finance

5. Personnel - Personnel items are discussed in executive session

The following motions were voted on as stated below.

- 5.0.1 Accept the resignation of Kyle LePera, JSHS Art Teacher, effective with the last day of the 2019-2020 school year.

- 5.0.2 Accept the resignation of William Moyer for the purpose of retirement, JSHS Social Studies Teacher, effective with the last day of the 2019-2020 school year.
- 5.0.3 Accept the resignation of Cynthia Delehanty for the purpose of retirement, JSHS English Teacher, effective with the last day of the 2019-2020 school year.
- 5.0.4 Accept the resignation of Susan Batz for the purpose of retirement, JSHS cafeteria employee, effective with the last day of the 2019-2020 school year.
- 5.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Kyle LePera, JSHS Art Teacher, effective with the last day of the 2019-2020 school year.
- 5.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of William Moyer for the purpose of retirement, JSHS Social Studies Teacher, effective with the last day of the 2019-2020 school year.
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- 5.0.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Susan Batz for the purpose of retirement, JSHS cafeteria employee, effective with the last day of the 2019-2020 school year.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

8. Curriculum

9. Items for Board Action

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the recommendation to move to a pass/fail option for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year due to COVID-19.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

17. Adjournment

II. Adjournment

Mr. Steinhauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heck. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary