

April 10, 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, and Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck.

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

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. Grant Baver, Ms. Jill Baver, Ms. Morgan Oswald, Ms. April Jones, Mr. Josh Jones, Mr. Brydon Barker, Ms. Priya Jurasinski, Ms. Katie Shirk, Ms. Sheila Shirk, Mr. Jim Stricker, Mr. Tyler Stricker, Ms. Amy Noecker, and Mr Liam Migdail –Smith, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month:

Penn-Bernville Elementary – Mrs. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal

Mrs. Gernsheimer – Sefora Birisu
Mya Stitzel

Mrs. Hamrick - Priya Jurasinski
Ryan Thomas

Mrs. Noecker – Brydon Barker
Allyson Yoder

TVA Students of the Month – Mrs. Barbara Davis

Morgan Oswald

Science Fair Winners at Albright College:

Darian Gordon – 4th place in Botany
Tyler Stricker – Honorable Mention in Chemistry

Audrey Jonas – 3rd place in Medicine and Health
Alexis Yenser – 3rd place in Physics
Grant Bayer – 1st place in Physics and also the Reserve Champion of the Science Fair

BCTC Program:

Thomas Eberhart – Skills USA District Competition in the Protective Services Program: Fire Fighting

The above students were recognized for their accomplishments before the board and received certificates. Dr. Albert congratulated the students and parents for a job well done.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Katelyn Shirk – Presentation

Ms. Katelyn Shirk presented her photography and her published book of photography to the board.

B. June & July Board Meetings

Dr. Albert informed the board that the June 5, 2012 board meeting is on graduation day and proposed that we move the board meeting. The board decided to wait until the May 15, 2012 board meeting to approve changes since there might be more changes to make in July.

Dr. Albert informed the board that the school newspaper was available for them to take if they wanted one.

Dr. Albert informed the board that the BCIU Convention is on May 3, 2012 and to let Mimi know if they are going to attend.

Dr. Albert informed the board that he had a conversation with Faith Mathias about being able to use the space next door for wrestling practice.

Dr. Albert asked the board if they wanted to donate for a hole at the golf tourney. The board agreed.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Walking Path – Tom

Mr. Kowalonek updated the board on the walking path in Bernville and discussion was held.

3. Finance

A. Approve the 2012-2013 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.

The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 04/17/2012 board meeting.

B. 2012-2013 Budget Presentation – Tom

Mr. Kowalonek presented the preliminary budget to the board.

4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

A. Give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval May 15, 2012 to use the following textbooks:

	Name of Textbook	Publisher	Grade Level/Course	Copyright
1	<i>Treasures</i>	MacMillan/McGraw Hill	K	2011
2	<i>Treasures</i>	MacMillan/McGraw Hill	1st Grade	2011
3	<i>Treasures</i>	MacMillan/McGraw Hill	2nd Grade	2011
4	<i>Treasures</i>	MacMillan/McGraw Hill	3rd Grade	2011
5	<i>Treasures</i>	MacMillan/McGraw Hill	4th Grade	2011
6	<i>Treasures</i>	MacMillan/McGraw Hill	5th Grade	2011
7	<i>Literature</i>	Holt McDougall	6th Grade	2012
8	<i>Music! It's Role and Importance in Our Lives</i>	Glencoe McGraw Hill	Music Appreciation	2006
9	<i>Realidades 1</i>	Prentice Hall	Spanish I	2011
10	<i>Realidades 2</i>	Prentice Hall	Spanish II	2011
11	<i>Realidades 3</i>	Prentice Hall	Spanish III	2011
12	Leyendas del mundo hispano	Prentice Hall	Spanish IV	2010
13	Literature	Holt McDougall	7th Grade	2012
14	Literature	Holt McDougall	8th Grade	2012
15	Literature	Holt McDougall	9th Grade	2012
16	Literature	Holt McDougall	10th Grade	2012
17	American Literature	Holt McDougall	11th Grade	2012
18	British Literature	Holt McDougall	12th Grade	2012
19	Word It!	B.E Publishing	7th & 8th Grade	2011
20	Excel It!	B.E Publishing	7th & 8th Grade	2011

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8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Lisa Kiss reported that the JSBS gifted students held a lock-in for the 6th grade gifted students. The Special Ed. PASA assessment is complete. The last Wednesday in April is the Special Olympics.

Cindy Jenkins reported that the PSSA Reading & Math Assessment was completed before spring break. The PTO talent show will be held on April 20, 2012. The Reading Olympics will be held on April 26, 2012 at Twin Valley.

Barb Davis reported that the Title I application is complete. She was asked to be a member of the Keystone Exam Committee. She informed the board that when she attended the Superintendents meeting for Dr. Albert she was able to communicate and speak with intelligence because of how well Dr. Albert keeps us informed.

Mike Leister reported that three students will go to the state capital on April 25, 2012. They are gearing up for the PSSA Writing & Science Assessment. The junior high will have a lock-in on May 1, 2012. The junior high will hold an auction on April 27, 2012 starting at 2:00 p.m., the money raised will go to help needy families. They are working on the School Achievement Banquet.

Jason Bottiglieri reported that the discipline report is in front of them. The pride of Tulpy breakfast will be held on June 1, 2012. They are in the process of working on the schedule for the 2012/2013 school year.

Don Jones reported that he informed his staff that the EOY is coming fast. We are one of seven secondary schools that have gone through the heart safe program. The POPS concert was great and we had a good turnout. The high school will be hosting the poetry festival on May 4, 2012. We have been nominated by fifteen farmers to receive a grant. He encouraged other farmers to nominate us if they have not already.

Bonnie Benfer reported that the Reading & Math PSSA's are complete. The PTO book fair was very successful. The annual Easter egg hunt was a great success and the kids had a great time hunting for eggs. They are preparing for the PSSA Science & Writing assessment. The PTO is preparing for the Race for Education. Mr. Rob Stepenaskie has been nominated for the Annie Sullivan Award.

Steve Corcoran reported that we had some power outages over break at the JSBS and we lost some access points.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Executive Session followed regarding personnel.

Mrs. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary