

May 01, 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
Mr. Rick Triest, Building & Grounds Director
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Mr. Jon Lafollette, Ms. Ruth Lafollette, Ms. Michele Achenbach, Ms. Shelby Achenbach, Ms. Jody Achenbach, Ms. Susan Bowers, Ms. Doris Evans, Ms. Jesse Miller, Mr. Jacob Hare, Mr. Ken Hare, Mr. Nick Gatoura, Mr. Nicholas Gatoura, Ms. Shawnee Gatoura, Ms. Charis Gatoura, Mr. Lukas Koser, Mr. Glenn Dunkelberger, Mr. Ben Kulp, Ms. Bethann Kulp, Ms. Patricia Kulp, Ms. Joann Stockholm, Ms. Alexis Klopp, Ms. Trudi Bux, Ms. Amanda Rhoads, Ms. Jody Rhoads, Ms. Kirstin Luckenbill, Ms. Marissa Berry, Mr. Tyler Gransden, Mr. Devon Carefoot, Mr. McQuillin Murphy, Mr. Carver Murphy, Ms. Diane Berry, Mr. Charles Rissmiller, Mr. Dan Miller, Ms. Kelsey Boltz, Mr. Richard Koenig, Ms. Christina Koenig, Ms. Alexis Yenser, Ms. Michelle Yenser, and Mr. Liam Migdail –Smith, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month:

Senior High School – Mr. Donald Jones, JSHS Principal

February, 2012

Marissa Berry

Jesse Miller

March, 2012

Kelsey Boltz

Ben Kulp

State Poster Contest winners for Alcohol Awareness

Timothy Groff

Special Recognition

Kayla Paulson

Special Recognition

Marissa Loeb

Reproduction Winner

Students of the Quarter at BCTC West Campus

Erik Breen – Automotive Collision Repair Technology

Nicholas Gatoura – Automotive Technology II

Jacob Firing – Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning/Refrigeration

Devon Carefoot – Information Technology-Programming

Katelyn Shirk – Photo Imaging Technology

Berks Junior County Chorus

Christina Koenig

Alexis Yenser

R. Lavon Weaver

Tyler Gransden

Jonathan LaFollette

Abraham Rivera

Berks Senior County Chorus

Hannah Jay

Abbie Mosteller

Amanda Rhoads

Bethany Wentling

Marissa Berry

Alexis Klopp- also in District 10 Chorus

Megan Jordan

Kirstin Luckenbill

Kiana Vega

Bethann Kulp

McQuillin Murphy- also in District 10 Chorus

Stephen Baker- also in District 10 Chorus

Joseph Olkusz

Benjamin Kulp

Jonathan Pierson- also in District 10 Chorus and Region 5 Chorus

Band

Nick English - Sr. County Band

Tyler Stricker - Jr. County Band

Junior High – Mr. Mike Leister, Junior High House Principal

7th Grade Students of the Month

February	Kendra Benzel	Patrick Linke
March	Shelby Achenbach	Charles Rissmiller
April	Kayla Paulson	Mario Trochez

8th Grade Students of the Month

February	Josh Kiebach	Erica Kegerreis
March	Dejanae Navedo	Damion Chilcote
April	Marissa Loeb	Jacob Hare

The above students were recognized and congratulated for their accomplishments. Dr. Albert personally congratulated them.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Junior High Lock-In – Glenn Dunkelberger

Mr. Dunkelberger presented information to the board regarding a Jr. High sponsored sleep-over.

B. 2012/2013 Florida Show Choir Trip – Trudi Bux

Mrs. Bux presented information to the board regarding a trip the show choir would like to take during the 2012/2013 school year.

C. Board Meeting Dates – Calendar

Dr. Albert and the board changed the board dates as follows: June will be changed from June 5, 2012 & June 19, 2012 to June 12, 2012 & June 19, 2012 due to graduation being on June 5, 2012. July board meetings will be changed to having one meeting on July 17, 2012. The board meetings in January will be changed from January 1, 2013 & January 15, 2013 to having the meetings on January 8, 2013 & January 15, 2013 due to January 1, 2013 being New Year's Day.

D. \$442.00 Contribution – Track Warm up Gear

Dr. Albert informed the board that we received an anonymous donation of \$442.00 to purchase track warm-up gear. It was the amount the team was short from their fundraisers to order the gear.

E. PSBA Letter

Dr. Albert referred the board to a letter that was in front of them from PSBA regarding Cyber/Charter Schools.

F. Budget – May 15, 2012

Dr. Albert reminded the board that they will be voting on the preliminary budget at the May 15, 2012 board meeting. He asked them to call either Tom or him if they have any questions.

G. Zock Fund - \$609.00 AP Exams

Dr. Albert informed the board that we received a \$609.00 from the Zock fund to pay for AP Exams for two students that otherwise could not afford them.

H. Curriculum Update – Barb Davis

Barb Davis gave the board an update on the curriculum and the curriculum cycle.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. School Security

Discussion was held regarding Metal detectors and the safety of our school. Dr. Albert shared a survey that was taken of Berks County Schools and stated he felt that our schools are safe.

Dr. Albert pointed out to the board that Christa Miller was in the Reading Eagle and that Mr. Jones and Mr. Fake were on the front page of the BCIU News Letter.

3. Finance

- A. Approve the contract between Tulpehocken Area School District and Kathleen Edelstein, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired for the 2012/2013 school year, at the continued rate of \$92.00 per hour, not to exceed 400 hours for the year.
- B. Approve the Business Manager as the Tulpehocken Area School District's Trustee for the Berks County School District Health Trust and the Superintendent as the Alternate Trustee for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.
- C. Appoint Evelyn Fox as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 for a stipend of \$500.
- D. Appoint Lisa Hassler as board secretary for a term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015 for a yearly stipend of \$900.
- E. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2012-2013 school year:
 - Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
 - Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
 - National Penn Bank
 - Wells Fargo
 - Metro Bank
 - PNC Bank
 - US Bank
- F. Adopt the preliminary budget for the 2012-2013 school year with projected expenditures of \$ and projected revenues of \$ including a real estate tax millage rate of , Act 511 per capita tax of \$5, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of \$5, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.
- G. Approve the bid for the high school generator.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 05/15/2012 board meeting. There will be a motion added for the Asst. Board Secretary. Tom presented the preliminary 2012/2013 budget to the board and informed the board that the bids for the high school generator are due back on May 10, 2012.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

- A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on June 19, 2012 to the following curriculum.

Junior High Music Grade 7
Junior High Music Grade 8

- B. Give second reading and final approval 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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The following motion was voted on as stated below.

- C. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve a Junior High Lock-in as presented to the board.

AYES: 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.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

8. Items for Board Action

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #201236, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.
- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning student #201381, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.

The above motions will be voted on at the May 15, 2012 board meeting.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

Steve Corcoran reported that there is an agreement between Microsoft and the B.C.I.U #13. It will save us money because it includes antivirus software.

Lisa Kiss reported that the Special Olympics were a huge success. We were in the paper regarding Read 180. Mr. Stepenaskie was nominated for the Anne Sullivan award.

Mr. Jones informed the board that they had a D.U.I Assembly that was very powerful.

Mr. Bottiglieri reported that the Discipline report will be e-mailed out to them. The month of May will be a very busy month.

Mr. Leister reported that the JH student auction was very successful with \$900.00 being earned for needy families. Tulpehocken will be the host for the S.A.T this Saturday.

Cindy Jenkins reported that they are gearing up for Kindergarten registration. They are also gearing up for the concerts.

Bonnie Benfer reported that the PTO earned \$17,000 with the Race for Education fundraiser.

Rick Triest reported that there was some vandalism at Penn-Bernville and it is being investigated.

Barb Davis reported that the Professional Ed Committee is working on next year; common core standards and technology.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

Discussion was held regarding a possible .4 mill increase and the board fielded questions and comments from the audience.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Executive Session followed regarding personnel.

Mrs. Lisa Hassler
Board Secretary