

May 1, 2018 – 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. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst
ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mrs. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal
Mr. Denis Quirk, Interim JSHS Principal
Mrs. Stacy Linderman, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Matt Shirk, Technology/AV Support Specialist
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Scott Klopp, Ms. Jessica Hritzko, Ms. Jen Engelbert, Ms. Tamara Ritter, Ms. Kyline Sanders, Mr. J.D. Ricapito, Ms. Nicole Clabaugh, Mr. Mike DeAcosta, Ms. Theresa DeAcosta, Mr. Tyler DeAcosta, Mr. Tim DeAcosta, Ms. Heather Stoy, Mr. Taylor George, Mr. Matthew Welder, Ms. Sierra Clouser, Ms. Jess George, Mr. Harold George, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Erika Kindoll, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Ashley Pastor, and Mr. Leif Greiss, Reading Eagle.

Student Recognitions:

Students of the Month – High School – Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Interim Principal

Students of the Month:

December:

Jennifer Bazan
Jacob Carles

January:

Michaela Blankenbiller
Coty Emerich

February:

Parker Harris
Alivia Klopp

Berks Career & Technology Center - Students of the Quarter:

Harrison Bachman – Welding Technology – West Campus
Jennifer Bazan – Cosmetology – West Campus
Jaelyn Buck – Health Occupations II – West Campus

Tyler DeAcosta – Engineering Technologies – West Campus
Coty Emerich – Medical Health Professions – West Campus
Taylor George – Cosmetology – West Campus
Jarrod Kissinger – Auto Collision Repair Technology – West Campus
Abigail Vogel – Painting & Decorating – West Campus
Allison Yoder – Health Occupations III – West Campus

The above students were recognized before the board for being student of the month & Student of the quarter from BCTC. The board congratulated them and they received a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Quirk will make sure that the students that could not attend received their certificate.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Language Arts Program Presentation – Amanda Cipolla

Amanda Cipolla, Jessica Hritzko, Nicole Clabaugh, and Sierra Clouser presented the English Language Arts program to the board. This will appear on the 05/15/2018 board agenda.

B. STEM & PLTW Update – Amanda Cipolla

Amanda Cipolla, Jenn Engelbert, Tamara Ritter, Kylee Sanders, J.D. Ricapito, Heather Stoy, Erika Kindoll, and Ashley Pastor updated the board on the STEM and PLTW programs.

C. Policy Cycle Discussion – Andrew Netznik

Mr. Netznik informed the board that we are going to start a policy update cycle and get some out of date policies updated.

D. Technology Purchase Discussions – Andrew Netznik

- 2017-2018 iPad Purchase
- 2018-2019 Storage Area Network & Backup Purchase
- 2018-2019 Student Laptops – 5th and 9th Grade Purchase
- 2018-2019 Staff Laptops
- 2018-2019 HS Video Productions Lab

The board discussed the above purchases. Questions were fielded.

Mr. Netznik informed the board that FBLA won 5th place at States and have earned the chance to compete at the national level.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

4. Finance

A. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2018-2019 school year:

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
BB&T
Wells Fargo
PNC Bank
US Bank

B. Appoint Anthony Rodig as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 for a stipend of \$500.

C. Appoint April Klopp as board secretary for a term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021 for a yearly stipend of \$900.

D. Adopt the preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 school year with projected expenditures of \$ _____ and projected revenues of \$ _____ including a real estate tax millage rate of _____, Act 511 per capita tax of \$5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of \$5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.

E. 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 2018-2019 school years.

The above motions were discussed and will be voted on at the 05/15/2018 board meeting.

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below were voted as stated below:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the appointment of Denis P. Quirk as Junior-Senior High School Principal effective July 1, 2018 at a salary of \$96,000.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve a salary adjustment for Amanda E. Cipolla effective July 1, 2018 to \$100,000.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Dominique Alspaugh as Head High School Soccer Cheerleading Coach for the 2018-2019 season at a stipend of \$1,666.00.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Rhoda Wentling effective the last contracted day of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Debbie Moyer effective May 24, 2018.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Sandra Boyer effective the last contracted day of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2017-2018 School year:

David Kraemer
Bernard Gardula
Amy Wesner

Naida Borreli
Felix Tartaglia

Adam Borz
Todd Gibson

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

6. Programs

7. Policy

8. Curriculum

- A. Approve the Comprehensive School Counseling Plan (Chapter 339) as presented at the April 17, 2018 Board Meeting.

B. Approve the following textbooks:

Class	Vendor	Title of Book
Learning Support Keystone Algebra 1	CPM Educational Program	Core Connections Algebra
Web Page Design/Multimedia	Against the Clock	Web Design Portfolio CC 2018
Advanced Web Page Design	Against the Clock	Adobe Dreamweaver CC 2018
Sports and Entertainment Marketing	Cengage Learning 4 th Edition	Sports and Entertainment Marketing
English Language Arts Grades K – 5	Amplify 2017	CKLA 2 nd Edition Complete Classroom Kits

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9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

- Mr. Michael Leister – JSHS Assistant Principal

Mr. Leister reported that the 10th grade field trip to Washington D.C. was a huge success and the kids were great. They are getting prepared for Keystone testing, and Andrea Le will be our Scholastic Achievement Banquet guest speaker.

- Mr. Denis Quirk – Interim JSHS Principal

Mr. Quirk reported that 6th grade orientation was a success. The Shannon Smiles fundraiser to collect pet items was also a great success. We had a student at the JSHS that designed a hydroponics system. He did a great job.

- Mr. Mark Brown – Bethel Elementary Principal

Mr. Brown reported that May is a busy month. They had Breakfast Buddies on 04/27/2018 for the Kindergarten through 3rd grade with 80 people in attendance. They will hold Breakfast Buddies for the 4th through 6th grade on 05/04/2018. Spring Clubs have started. Mor-dale Farms field trip was a huge success. The Beach Bash is this Friday. They will be holding a volunteer social on May 14th.

- Mrs. Stacy Linderman – Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal

Mrs. Linderman reported that Dace for Education was a huge success and they raised over \$10,000. Dental Arts of Bernville donated field day t-shirts. They had STEM night on 04/30/2018 with 50 people in attendance. There will be a fundraiser on May 9, 2018 at Plum Creek and Blue March Canteen. They are working on planting a pizza garden.

- Mr. Matthew Shirk – Technology/AV Support Specialist

Mr. Shirk reported that he got married, the student helpers were very helpful while he was gone on his honeymoon. They are working on the heating server.

- Mrs. Lisa Kiss – Special Education Director

Mrs. Kiss reported that we have 14 students participating in the summer work program. The Berks County Special Olympics were held on May 20, 2018, and The Hamburg Olympics were held on May 2, 2018.

- Mr. Rick Triest – Director of Building & Grounds

They are working with a student who wants to install a Gaga Ball Pit at Penn-Bernville as part of their senior project. Working on maintenance and Graduation prep.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*