

May 03, 2016 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Oscar Manbeck called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:04 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Andrew Netznik, JSHS Principal
Ms. Diane Lotz, JSHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael DeBakey, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Hannah Vogel, The David Vogel Family, Ms. Jenna Philippe, Ms. Merleen Brown Philippe, Mr. Jeremy Philippe, Ms. Madeline Vega, Mr. Carlos Vega, Mr. K'Drian Vega, Mr. Lloyd Schneck, Ms. Holly Baer, Mr. Jordan Baer, Ms. Natalie Grumbine, Ms. Denise Grumbine, Ms. Ruth LaFollette, Mr. James LaFollette, Ms. Leslea Rodig, Mr. Thane LaFollette, Ms. Layla Leininger, Ms. Rebecca Heck, Ms. Sabrina Heck, Mr. Brandon Heck, Ms. Molly Yatchyshyn, Ms. Kelly Yatchyshyn, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Diane Kintzner, Mr. John Kintzner, Mr. Mike DeAcosta, Ms. Theresa DeAcosta, Ms. Tara Dubbs, Ms. Jessica Dubbs, Mr. Troy Eberly, Ms. Amy Eberly, Ms. Megan Eberly, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, Ms. Kristen Ziegler, Mr. Jeff Ziegler, Ms. Allyson Yoder, Mr. Bryan Yoder, Ms. Cheryl Yoder, Mr. Brent Johnson, Mr. Dean Klopp, Mr. Mason Klopp, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

Student Recognitions:

Students of the Month – Junior/Senior High School – Mr. Andrew Netznik, Principal

Students of the Month:

January

Jessica Dubbs
James LaFollette

February

Kristen Ziegler
Mason Klopp

March

Danielle Bressler
William Brungart

BCTC- West – Students of the Quarter- 2nd Quarter:

Derek Lorah
Timothy DeAcosta
Austin Kauffman

BCTC – West- Students of the Quarter- 3rd Quarter:

Nathan Berg
Tori Kramer
Allyson Yoder

Students of the Month – Junior/Senior High School – Mr. Michael Leister, JH House Principal

7th Grade Students of the Month:

February

Makayla Baransky
Octavio Orozco

March

Jordan Baer
Molly Yatchyshyn

April

Serena Leininger
Hannah Kraemer

May

Sabrina Heck
K'drian Vega

8th Grade Students of the Month:

February

Hannah Vogel
Stephan Cox

March

Natalie Grumbine
Josh Linke

April

Megan Eberly
Kaila Wojciechowsky

May

Jenna Philippe
John Kintzer

The above students were recognized before the board and were congratulated by Dr. Schultz.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schultz informed the board that he helped at the third grade Ag Adventure that was

held at Mor-dale farms. He also chaperoned the Envirothon competition at Memorial Lake. It was a great time.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

A. Fitness Room – Brent Johnson

Mr. Johnson presented the fitness room upgrade to the board. Discussion was held and questions were answered.

4. Finance

A. Approve the add-on agreement and service contract with Phillips Office Solutions for one copier at the Tulpehocken Area School District Administrative Offices, beginning September 2016 and ending October 2019 (37 months).

B. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2016-2017 school year:

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
National Penn Bank
Wells Fargo
PNC Bank
US Bank

C. 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 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

D. Appoint Scott Klopp as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 for a stipend of \$500.

E. Approve the resolution authorizing collection agency fees for Earned Income Taxes

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 05/17/2016 voting session agenda.

F. Budget Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek presented a preliminary budget to the board. The preliminary budget will be voted on at the 05/17/2016 board meeting.

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The following motions were voted on as stated below:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Diane Lotz effective June 30, 2016.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Glenn Dunkelberger effective June 4, 2016.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

6. Programs

A. Villanova Girls' Basketball Camp – Rob Schultz

Dr. Schultz presented the information regarding a Villanova Girls' Basketball Camp that will be held from July 8, 2016 through July 10, 2016. This will be a motion on the 05/17/2016 voting session agenda.

7. Policy

A. Give second reading and final approval to the following policy:

249 Bullying & Cyber Bullying

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 05/17/2016 voting session agenda.

8. Curriculum

A. Give second reading and final approval to use the following textbooks:

Class	Vendor	Title of Book
Kindergarten	McGraw Hill	Everyday Mathematics
Grades 1 thru 6	Pearson Education	enVision 2.0
Grades 1 thru 6 Common Core Math	Pearson Education	enVision 2.0 Common Core Math
Grade 11	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	United States Government
Grades 11-12	McGraw Hill	AP Economics
Grades 9 - 11	G-W Publisher	Foundations of Personal Finance
Grades 9 - 11	G-W Publisher	Contemporary Living
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	The Developing Child
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	Glencoe Culinary Essentials
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	Food, Nutrition, and Wellness
Grades 9 - 11	McGraw Hill	Glencoe Food for Today
Grades 9 - 11	Amazon	Housing and Interior Design
Grades 9 - 11	G-W Publisher	Interior Design

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 05/17/2016 voting session agenda.

9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

A. Technology Report

Mr. DeBakey and Dr. Schultz gave a report on technology to the board. They provided an overview of network, server, and computer infrastructure technology.

11. Transportation

A. Bus Contract

Dr. Schultz reported to the board that we have some decisions to make regarding if we want to go through the bidding process or continue on with the BCIU doing transportation for us. It was recommended that we should wait for the bidding process because of timing. There will be a motion on the 05/17/2016 board meeting.

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Triest reported that the mower is back and they are preparing for EOY activities and summer maintenance.

Mrs. Kiss reported that the support classes went to the Fightin Phils and had a great time.

Mr. Debakey reported that he did building walkthrough's and discussed the tech needs with the building principals.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that they are getting ready for choral and band concerts, kindergarten registration, and the 6th to 7th grade transition move-up day.

Mr. Brown reported that PSSA's are wrapping up, the Bethel come out and play night was a huge success. They earned \$2400 for the Four Diamonds Fund.

Mrs. Lotz reported that the Scholastic Achievement Banquet is being held on May 19, 2016, the Fine Arts Festival is being held on May 15, 2016, and the Junior High Concert is being held on May 16, 2016

Mr. Netznik reported that he attended the Hidden Pearl Horse Farm Tour. The students got a lot out of it.

Mr. Leister reported that they are wrapping up PSSA's, Tractor Day is being held on May 27, 2016, and the 8th grade Gettysburg Trip is fast approaching.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

Mr. Field had some budget questions. Mr. Kowalonek answered them. Mr. Field stated that technology is where the world is headed and we need to keep that in mind.

Mrs. Hassler had some questions regarding the fitness room as well as recommendations.

Mr. Klopp stated that he would like to visit the transgender bathroom topic before we do not have time to look at all aspects of it.

II. Adjournment

Mr. Rodig made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m. Executive Session was held before and after the board meeting.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary