

## **May 04, 2010 – Board Work Session Minutes**

President Mr. Ralph Moyer called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Mark Kiehl

### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager  
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum  
Mr. Donald Jones, Junior/Senior High School Principal  
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal  
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal  
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Asst. JSHS Principal/Athletic Director  
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology  
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Larry Blatt, Ms. Trudi Bux, Ms. Joanne Dillman, Ms. Cindy Ambrosiani, Ms. Nanette Pierson, Ms. Patti Bender, Ms. Irene Bender, Mr. Ryan Fisher, Mr. Josh Gibson, Mr. Ben Kulp, and Mr. Derrick Hix, Reading Eagle.

*Executive Session was held from 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.*

### **BCTC Students of the Quarter:**

#### **BCTC East**

Devin M. Lapp	Heavy Equipment Technology
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#### **BCTC West**

Jared Brown	Automotive Collision Repair Technology
Derek Zerbe	Communication Media Technology
Daniel Koch	Heating, Ventilation and Air Cond. /Refrigeration
Lindsey Rimbrel	Information Technology- Applications
Kyle James	Information Technology- Programming
Lucas Schaeffer	Protective Services
Renee Orban	Recreational and Power Equipment Technology

*The above students were recognized before the Board. None of the students were able to be in attendance. Mr. Jones will make sure the students receive their certificate and are personally congratulated. Mr. Manbeck made the comment that we should be very proud of the amount of students that are being recognized from BCTC.*

### **I. Discussion Items**

## **1. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. Ground Breaking Ceremony- May 5, 2010**

***Dr. Albert informed the Board that the athletic facility ground breaking ceremony will be held tomorrow May 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.***

### **B. Breakfast with Legislators- May 27, 2010**

***Dr. Albert informed the Board that there will be a legislator breakfast at the BCIU that they are encouraged to attend.***

### **C. In-Service- May 7, 2010**

***Dr. Albert reminded the Board that the "Celebrate our Successes" in-service will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010. The Board was invited to attend.***

### **D. Field Trips- Cost**

***Dr. Albert asked the Board to consider if students should pay money for field trips. It was decided to form a committee and look at the policy and see how it should be handled.***

***Dr. Albert informed the Board that the BCIU may be interested in using some of our lease space in the near future. The Board needs to decide if renovations are to be done by us or them.***

## **2. Buildings and Grounds**

### **A. Bethel Construction Update- William O'Neil**

***Mr. O'Neil gave an update on the progress of the Bethel Elementary project.***

## **3. Finance**

### **A. Adopt the preliminary budget for the 2010-2011 school year with projected expenditures of \$27,042,111 and projected revenues of \$26,584,630 including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.45, 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.**

***Mr. Kowalonek presented the preliminary budget to the Board. The above motion was approved as stated below.***

A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to adopt the preliminary budget for the 2010-2011 school year with projected expenditures of \$27,042,111 and projected revenues of \$26,584,630 including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.45, 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.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Mark Kiehl

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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- B. Appoint Evelyn Fox as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 for a stipend of \$500.
  - C. Appoint Jason Huey as board secretary for a term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013 for a yearly stipend of \$900.
  - D. Approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement with the B.C.I.U as presented.
  - E. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2010-2011 school year:
    - Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
    - Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
    - National Penn Bank
    - Wachovia Bank
    - Metro Bank
    - Sovereign Bank
    - PNC Bank
    - First National Bank Fredericksburg
    - US Bank

*The Board reviewed the above motion that will appear on the 05/18/2010 voting session agenda.*

#### **4. Personnel**

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

#### **5. Programs**

#### **6. Policy**

#### **7. Curriculum**

- A. Show Choir Trip 2010/2011- Trudi Bux

*Mrs. Bux, Irene Bender, Ryan Fisher, and Ben Kulp presented the tentative itinerary for the 2010/2011 show choir trip to Gatlinburg Tennessee.*

- B. Task Force Update- Barb Davis

*Mrs. Davis gave a curriculum task force update to the Board.*

**8. Items for Board Action**

**9. Technology**

**10. Transportation**

**11. Administrative Reports**

*Mr. Triest gave an update on the tennis courts and baseball field. The tennis court is part leveled.*

*Mr. Bottiglieri informed the Board of the athletic facility ground breaking. There were a lot of arrangements to accommodate the playoffs. May is a very busy month.*

*Mr. Jones stated that the PSSA's are finished. 4-sight scores have been improving throughout the year. We are working on the plans for the EOY activities.*

*Mr. Corcoran informed the Board that six more smart boards will be going into Bethel. They are gearing up for summer. He met with the Apple representative and he was phenomenal.*

*Mrs. Jenkins invited the Board to the Band and Choral Concert. The Bethel Beach Bash is this week; it is taking the place of the Fall Harvest Festival due to construction. The Ag Mobile is at Bethel this week.*

*Mrs. Benfer thanked Mr. Moyer for hosting the Ag Adventure. SongFest was held at the Southern Leigh School District. Bethel had four participates and Penn-Bernville had seven. The PTA Spring Fling is this week.*

*Mrs. Davis informed the Board that she will be presenting to the visitors from Texas tomorrow.*

**12. Old Business**

**13. New Business**

**14. Public Comment**

**II. Adjournment**

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

*The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Executive Session Followed.*

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*Mr. Jason Huey  
Board Secretary*