

## **May 7, 2019 – 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 on Tuesday, April 02, 2019 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller (7:16 p.m.), Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

**ABSENT:**

### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager  
Ms. Jade Sedoti, Director of Pupil Services  
Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Principal  
Mr. Michael Leister, Assistant JSHS Principal  
Mr. Justin Welker, Assistant JSHS Principal  
Mrs. Stacy Linderman, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal  
Mr. Derek Stehr, Bethel Elementary Principal  
Mr. Heston Frey, Director of Operations  
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Supervisor of Technology  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

**And the following interested citizens and staff:** Ms. Haley Evans, Mr. George Longridge, BCIU, Mr. Carl Blessing, BCIU, Dr. Jill Hackman, BCIU, Mr. Dean Klopp, Mr. Devin Klopp, Mr. Doug Molhoek, Mr. Matthew Mayor, Ms. Lisa Hassler, The Getty Family, Ms. Christina Wehr, Ms. Kimberly Smith, Ms. Lindsay Dries, Ms. Vicky Fiskaldo, Ms. Naida Borrelli, Mr. Orion Maciejewski, Mr. Phillip Rodig, Ms. Alicea Rodig, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. April Forte, Mr. Jeff Jacovidis, and Mr. Keith Dmochowski, Reading Eagle

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

#### **Students of the Month:**

##### **January:**

Andrea Avila  
Devon Klopp

##### **February:**

Amber Elinsky  
Phillip Rodig

##### **March :**

Jeremy Philippe  
Hairuo Zhao

### **Berks Career & Technology Center - Students of the Quarter:**

Kelsey Dreibelbis – Cosmetology – West Campus  
Haley Evans – Cosmetology – West Campus

Alex Gettis – Building Construction Occupations – East Campus  
Orion Maciejewski – IT Programming – West Campus  
Hannah Vogel – Painting & Decorating – East Campus  
Catherine Zimmerman – Health Occupation 3 – West Campus

*The above students were recognized before the board for their accomplishment. The students and parents were thanked for all their hard work.*

*Mr. Douglas Molhoek, our Computer Science/Business Ed. teacher updated the board on the great things that are happening with FBLA.*

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Berks County Intermediate Unit – Dr. Jill Hackman

*Dr. Jill Hackman introduced Mr. George Longridge to the board, who is taking Mr. Carl Blessing's place upon his retirement. They also gave the board an overview of the services offered from the BCIU.*

B. Scholastic Achievement Banquet – May 15, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. (Teen Challenge)

*Mr. Netznik informed the board of the upcoming Scholastic Achievement Banquet. He informed them to contact me if needed to RSVP.*

C. SeaWitch Parade - Rehoboth Beach – Mr. Denis Quirk

*Mr. Quirk presented the SeaWitch parade field trip to the board. This will be voted on at the May 21, 2019 board meeting.*

D. Envirothon Field Trip Presentation – Mr. Denis Quirk

*Mr. Quirk presented the Envirothon field trip to the board. This motion was voted on as stated below.*

E. May 21, 2019 Board Voting Session – JSHS

*Mr. Netznik informed the board that the May 21, 2019 voting session will be held at the JSHS library, due to the Board of Elections using the boardroom for the elections.*

F. Potential Resolution – Cyber School

*Mr. Netznik discussed the cyber school resolutions SB34 & HB526. These are resolutions for cyber/charter schools. If a district has their own cyber/charter school, then they will not have to pay for other cyber/charter schools. This will be a motion on the 05/21/2019 board agenda.*

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

*Several people spoke in favor of Ms. Linderman, and asked the board to ask why she is resigning. Statements were made that she was not given proper support and mentorship.*

## **3. Buildings and Grounds**

- A. Approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F250 Truck with Utility Body from Tom Masano Ford, at a price of \$33,205, under Co-Stars contract #025-148.
- B. Approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Transit 10 passenger van from Tom Masano Ford, at a price of \$30,433, under Co-Stars contract #026-117.

*The above motions were discussed and will appear on the May 21, 2019 board voting agenda.*

*The following motion was voted on as stated below.*

- C. Approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Fusion S, from Tom Masano Ford at a price purchase of \$18,621, under Co-Stars contract #026-117
- 3C. A resolution was offered by Mr. Steinhauer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Fusion S, from Tom Masano Ford at a price purchase of \$18,621, under Co-Stars contract #026-117

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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.

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- D. Penn – Bernville Sidewalk Update – Mr. Netznik

*Mr. Netznik updated the board on the sidewalk at Penn – Bernville elementary. Crabtree, Rohrbaugh, & Associates were out to look at it and they will prepare a first draft with recommendations. There will be a B & G meeting scheduled in the future to discuss this.*

## **4. Finance**

- A. Approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2019-2020 school year:

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)  
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

BB&T  
Wells Fargo  
PNC Bank  
US Bank  
Tompkins VIST Bank

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the May 21, 2019 board voting agenda.*

- B. Appoint Anthony Rodig as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 for a stipend of \$500.

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the May 21, 2019 board voting agenda.*

*The following motion was voted on as stated below.*

- C. Adopt the preliminary budget for the 2019-2020 school year with projected expenditures of \$ 33,233,470 and projected revenues of \$33,233,470 including a real estate tax millage rate of 26.85, 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. **(This is the third year in a row with a tax decrease.)**
- 4C. A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to adopt the preliminary budget for the 2019-2020 school year with projected expenditures of \$ 33,233,470 and projected revenues of \$33,233,470 including a real estate tax millage rate of 26.85, 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.

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

NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

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- D. 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 2019-2020 school years.

*The above motion was discussed and will appear on the May 21, 2019 board voting agenda.*

## **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 approve the following Resignations:

- Stacy Linderman, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal, effective as of the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Donna Olesh, JSHS Cafeteria, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 5, 2019.
- Jane Hardick, JSHS Paraprofessional, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 6, 2019.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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.

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9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute staff/event staff for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year:

- Kaitlyn Thompson          Substitute Teacher
- Shirley Wrigley      Substitute Custodian, Secretary, Cafeteria, Aide

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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.

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9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2018-2019 School year:

- Melissa Rhyder
- John Dalton
- Kevin Marks
- Brooke Raifsnyder
- Roxanne Snyder
- Susan Beckwith

- Charles Harting

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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. Kaleidoscope Educational Solutions – Ms. Jade Sedoti

*Ms. Sedoti informed the board that we are need for someone to come in and provide speech services because of the amount of students needing services.*

*The following motion was voted on as stated below.*

B. Approve an agreement with Kaleidoscope Educational Solutions for speech and language services at a rate of \$72/hour due to an increase in the need for special education services.

6B. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve an agreement with Kaleidoscope Educational Solutions for speech and language services at a rate of \$72/hour due to an increase in the need for special education services.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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.

## 7. Policy

A. Rescind the formerly adopted policies 248 Unlawful Harassment and 348 Unlawful Harassment, which have been replaced by updated language in the revised 103 and 104 policies.

- B. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on June 18, 2019 to the following policy:

#000	Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
#001	Name & Classification
#002	Authority & Powers
#209.3	Food Allergy Management
#216	Student Records
#222	Tobacco Use
#249	Bullying & Cyber Bullying

*The above motions were discussed and will appear on the May 21, 2019 board voting agenda.*

## **8. Curriculum**

- A. Approve the following textbooks:

- Digital Bundle: Agriscience Fundamentals and Applications Updated, Precision Exams Edition, 6 year access Cengage Learning, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, 55 copies \$5,073.75
- Bundle: Agriscience Fundamentals and Applications Updated, Precision Exams Edition, 6 year access Cengage Learning, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, 10 copies \$1,102.50

*The above motions were discussed and will appear on the May 21, 2019 board voting agenda.*

## **9. Items for Board Action**

- A. Approve Mr. Oscar Manbeck as the BCIU Representative for Tulpehocken Area School District.

- 9A. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Mr. Oscar Manbeck as the BCIU Representative for Tulpehocken Area School District.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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.

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- B. Approve the Envirothon Competition Field Trip on May 21, 2019 – May 22, 2019 as presented.

9B. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Envirothon Competition Field Trip on May 21, 2019 – May 22, 2019 as presented.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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.

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**10. Technology**

**11. Transportation**

**12. Legislative**

**13. Administrative Reports**

- Mr. Michael Leister – JSBS Assistant Principal

*Mr. Leister reported that the Scholastic Achievement Banquet is on May 15, 2019. Tractor day is May 24, 2019; it is the 25th Anniversary of tractor day. Mr. Pat Slater was on Channel 69 News for receiving the Berks County Hero Award. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade field trip was successful.*

- Mr. Denis Quirk – JSBS Principal

*Mr. Quirk reported that the Pride of Tulpehocken Breakfast is this week. The Reading Phillies gave tickets to hand out. Six student athletes signed to play with a college.*

- Mr. Justin Welker – JSBS Assistant Principal

*Mr. Welker reported that the FFA Banquet is this Friday night. Students had the opportunity to put trout fingerlings in Blue Marsh. They were able to test water, etc.. The Art Show for the JSBS is on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.*

- Mr. Derek Stehr – Bethel Elementary Principal

*Mr. Stehr reported that they held parent/tea time. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade got to learn about the potato industry. They are preparing for the upcoming concerts.*

- Mrs. Stacy Linderman – Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal

*Ms. Linderman reported that Dance for Education was a huge success with approximately \$11,000 being earned. They are getting ready for the spring fling. They are also gearing up for the concerts.*

- Mr. Matthew Shirk – Supervisor of Technology

*Mr. Shirk reported that PSSA testing went very well. The technology team did a great job. It is concert season and they will be streamed on line.*

- Ms. Jade Sedoti – Director of Pupil Services

*Ms. Sedoti reported that this is a very busy time of year for special education. They are in the process of evaluating things, caseloads, etc... They have not received the audit report yet.*

- Mr. Heston Frey – Director of Operations

*Mr. Heston reported that some board members and administrators went on a Middletown School District building tour. It was very informative.*



**14. Old Business**

**15. New Business**

*The board thanked Ms. Linderman for her service.*

*The obligation of safe2say was discussed and what will happen with summer vacations, etc..*

**16. Public Comment**

**II. Adjournment**

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

*The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Executive Session was held from 8:20 p.m. to 8:54 p.m., and after the board meeting for personnel.*

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*Mrs. April L. Klopp*  
*Board Secretary*