

June 07, 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, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Marie DeFilipps, Ms. Marissa Loeb, Ms. Teena Loeb, Ms. Samantha Bolles, Mr. Jonathon LaFollette, Ms. Ruth LaFollette, Mr. Chris Kraemer, Ms. Cassie Kraemer, Ms. Aimee Ruffner, Ms. Mahala Ruffner, Ms. Priya Jurasinski, Ms. Maya Jurasinski, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, and Mr. Matthew Nanci, Reading Eagle.

Student Recognitions:

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

Students of the Month:

April

Cassandra Kraemer
Jonathan LaFollette

May

Marissa Loeb
Ian Mays

The above students were recognized for being students of the month for April & May at the high school. Dr. Schultz congratulated and thanked them for all their hard work.

Weaver Eye Care – Poster Contest Winners

1 st Place Winner	Evelyn Ellis
2 nd Place Winner	Mahala Ruffner
3 rd Place Winner	Jacob Straw

Dr. Weaver chose the art work of the above students to hang in his business. They were compensated for their work of art from Dr. Weaver.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. FBLA Presentation – FBLA Students

FBLA members Priya, Maya, and Hannah made a presentation to the board on the specifics of FBLA and how it has helped them.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

A. Penn-Bernville Playground

Mr. Triest and Dr. Schultz shared the specifics of needing a new playground at Penn-Bernville Elementary. There is some more research that needs to be done.

4. Finance

- A. Adopt the final budget for the 2016-2017 school year with projected expenditures of \$30,188,214 and projected revenues of \$29,738,383 including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.70, 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.

The above figures are subject to change prior to the 06/21/2016 board meeting.

- B. Request approval to adopt the 2016/2017 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.
- C. Approve the tax resolution to levy taxes for the 2016/2017 school year.
- D. Approve any necessary journal entries and budget transfers to the financial statements of the school district after June 30, 2016.
- E. Approve the commitment of funds for the following categories in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620:

Special Education
Benefits

The specific amounts for each category will be determined at a later date.

- F. Approve the contract between Tulpehocken Area School District and Jessica Tofany, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired for the 2016/2017 school year, at the rate of \$95.00 per hour, not to exceed 400 hours for the year.
- G. Approve the contract between Tulpehocken Area School District and Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. for OT & PT services from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019 as presented.

The above motions were discussed/reviewed and will appear on the 06/21/2016 board voting session agenda.

- H. Athletic Trainer Contract Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that it is time to renew the contract for the athletic trainer through Common Wealth. We are looking at other places to ensure we are getting the best price. A recommendation will be on a future agenda.

5. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

6. Programs

7. Policy

8. Curriculum

- A. Approve the agreement with Hamburg Area School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2016/2017 school year as presented.
- B. Approve the agreement with Schuylkill Valley School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2016/2017 school year as presented.

The above motions were discussed/reviewed and will appear on the 06/21/2016 board voting session agenda.

- C. STEM Update – Barb Davis & Samantha Bolles

Mrs. Davis and Ms. Bolles showed an iMovie about STEM to the board. They wanted to show the board what a successful year 2015/2016 was regarding STEM.

- D. Approve the 2016 PA FFA Activities Week Field Trip at Penn State from June 14, 2016 – June 16, 2016 as presented.**

The above motion was voted on as stated below.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2016 PA FFA Activities Week Field Trip at Penn State from June 14, 2016 – June 16, 2016 as presented.

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. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Leister reported that Tractor Day, The Scholastic Achievement Banquet, Ozzy's field trip, and the EOY awards ceremony were all a huge success.

Mrs. Lotz reported that they had a number of awards ceremonies. They completed testing for the year including the S.A.T's.

Mr. Netznik thanked everyone for their support as he completes his first year at Tulpehocken. The graduation went smooth and we have a lot of students going to college.

Mr. Brown reported that the Curriculum Task Force met and the EOY ceremony was a huge success.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that EOY ceremonies and 6th grade graduation was a huge success.

Mr. DeBakey reported that they successfully completed the laptop turn in. They were able to live stream graduation.

Mrs. Kiss reported that they completed safety care training, and they are working on ESY.

Mr. Triest reported that they were busy with graduation and are now getting started on summer projects.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

Mr. Field asked what the increase would be for Act 93 employees would be. Mr. Kowalonek answered his question.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary