

September 01, 2015 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Scott Klopp 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. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:05 p.m.), and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

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: Mr. Walter Brown, Ms. Traci Kramer, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Tammy Field, Ms. Renee Norman, Mr. Brian Bachman, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. LERTA Resolution

Dr. Schultz reported that the LERTA resolution will be placed on the 09/15/2015 board agenda for vote. Mr. Manbeck stated that he would like to see a motion that allows the board to vote on if they want to offer a LERTA or not before we vote on a resolution.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

4. Finance

A. Heating Oil Bid Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek reported that we have advertised and will be going out to bid for fuel. The bids will be opened on September 15, 2015.

5. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

6. Programs

7. Policy

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

913 Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals

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

916 Volunteers

The above policies were discussed and will appear on the 09/15/2015 board agenda.

8. Curriculum

A. Rehoboth, Delaware Marching Band Trip (Sea Witch Parade) – Barb Davis

B. Hiram G. Andrews Field Trip – Lisa Kiss

The above field trips were presented to the board and will appear on the 09/15/2015 board agenda.

9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

11. Transportation

A. Assemblies of Yahweh Contract – Tom Kowalonek

The above was discussed with the board and will appear on the 09/15/2015 board agenda.

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Leister reported that he always loves the start of the school year and this year was no exception. The open house is on September 10, 2015. They are working on the Hybrid computer roll out. They have started on walkthroughs.

Mrs. Lotz reported that it has been a great start to the school year. They have started walk-throughs. The Trojan program currently has seven full-time students. Trojans II has one student.

Mr. Netznik reported that it has been a great start to the school year. He is enjoying the staff. They are currently looking at candidates for two positions; 8th grade English and Band Director.

Mr. Brown reported that it has been a great start to the school year. They are getting prepared for testing and SWEBS training. They have 1:1 rollout this week.

Ms. Cipolla reported that it has been a great start to the school year. They are preparing for the 1:1 rollout. There will be a PTO meeting on 09/02/2015.

Mr. DeBakey reported that it has been a busy couple of weeks. They are working on the K-6 rollout.

Mrs. Kiss reported that it has been a great start to the school year. She thanked Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle for a wonderful article.

Mr. Triest reported that they have had a great start to the school year.

Ms. Davis reported they had a great in-service. She has been working with Samantha Bolles, STEM Coordinator.

14. Old Business

There was extensive discussion regarding LERTA.

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*