

September 02, 2014 – 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. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward J. Albert, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Donald Jones, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Junior/Senior High Assistant Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Elementary Supervisor
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Dustin Shirk, Ms. Millie Bross, Mr. Bradley Ingraham, Ms. Diane Lotz, Ms. Jennifer Brungard, Mr. Derek Kiene, Ms. Renee Norman, Ms. Jessica Moyer, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Mary Firestone, Mr. Mark Forry, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. Security

Dr. Albert reported that all admin have been present as school starts and greeting the students. He is very proud of them.

B. Hall of Fame Recognition – September 30, 2014

Dr. Albert personally invited the board members to attend the 2014 Hall of Fame Recognition Banquet that is being held on September 30, 2014.

C. Rehoboth, Delaware Marching Band Trip (Sea Witch Parade) – Dustin Shirk

Mr. Dustin Shirk presented the Rehoboth, Delaware Marching Band Field Trip to the board. It will appear on the 09/16/2014 voting session agenda.

D. Recognition of Employees

Dr. Albert recognized Millie Bross, Brad Ingraham, Diane Lotz, Jessica Moyer, Jenn Brungard, and Don Jones for going above and beyond. He read a letter that a parent wrote stating that they were so impressed with them and how they touched their child's life. They were each presented with a certificate.

Dr. Albert presented Lisa Kiss as our new in-house author. Lisa was congratulated and recognized before the board.

2. Buildings and Grounds

A. Sewer Plan Proposal – Dennis Baver

Mr. Baver gave a quick overview regarding the sewer plan proposal and fielded any questions. This will appear on the 09/16/2014 voting session agenda.

3. Finance

4. Personnel

A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motions were discussed and voted on as stated below:

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Morgan Firestine as a volunteer field hockey coach of the 2014-2015 season.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to rescind the motion approving Amber Reynolds as a preferred substitute.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Rachel Nelson as a preferred substitute starting with the first day of the 2014-2015 school year and ending on the last school day in December 2014.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Dawn Tilden as a mentor teacher for Amanda Minnich at a stipend of \$250 for the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-1.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Desirae McCloskey as a part-time crossing guard at Penn-Bernville Elementary at an hourly rate of \$10.00 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Trista Oxenreider as event staff for the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

- 9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Erin Reynolds as the junior high assistant field hockey coach for the 2014-2015 season at a stipend of \$1,335 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

5. Programs

6. Policy

7. Curriculum

A. Comprehensive Plan Presentation – Barb Davis

Mrs. Davis presented the Comprehensive Plan. It will appear on the 09/16/2014 voting session agenda.

B. IU 29 Title I Contract Presentation – Barb Davis

Mrs. Davis explained to the board that we will need to approve a contract with the IU 29 for Title I purposes. This will appear on the 09/16/2014 voting session agenda.

C. Hiram G. Andrews Field Trip –October 22, 2014 – October 24, 2014 – Lisa Kiss

Mrs. Kiss presented the above field trip to the board. This will appear on the 09/16/2014 voting session agenda

8. Items for Board Action

9. Technology – Barb/Jason

10. Transportation

11. Legislative

12. Administrative Reports

Mr. Rick Triest reported that it has been a smooth and great start to the school year.

Mr. Jason Bottiglieri reported that the discipline report is in front of them. They completed their first Podcast regarding the open house. It has been posted on the website.

Mr. Don Jones reported that it has been a good start to the school year. The JSHS will be holding their open house this Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m. We are helping out Teen Challenge with a shoe drive and it will be in the Reading Eagle.

Ms. Lisa Kiss reported that they are extremely busy. They have received 25 new students since August. We need to provide a new evaluation for any out of state students and provide new I.E.P's. The survey results are coming in she will share those results once they are compiled.

Ms. Barbara Davis reported that we had a great in-service for SLO's & Talent Ed.

Ms. Bonnie Benfer thanked the board for being able to work with Mark and Amanda. They changed the Kindergarten bus ride up a bit. They are holding para meetings.

Ms. Amanda Cipolla reported that it has been a busy, but great start to the school year. They will be holding their first PTO meetings this week. They will also be holding data meetings.

Mr. Mark Brown reported that it has been a great start to the school year. He has observed a lot of teachers. Bethel & Penn-Bernville will be holding joint grade level meetings.

Mr. Leister reported that it has been a great start to the school year. They will have their first dance on September 12, 2014. They already have a lot of kids signed up. He started meeting with each student.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

Mr. Manbeck informed the board that the house that BCTC built was auctioned off for \$290,000. He is very proud of the students.

15. Public Comment

Ms. Mary Firestone asked the board to reconsider how the busing works to St. Ignatius. The children are catching the bus early and arriving too early at school and are not being picked up early enough. She also asked if we verify residency of Cyber School students yearly. Dr. Albert assured her that we do our best to assure that we only pay for those that live in our district.

Mr. Forry asked the board to reconsider the busing situation on Little Mountain Road

Dr. Albert stated after listening to the above concerns that he would talk to Wendy, the transportation coordinator and investigate both of their concerns.

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Executive Session Followed.

Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary