

## **October 3, 2017 – 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. Pledge of Allegiance and opening Prayer followed.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:01 p.m.), Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

**ABSENT:**

### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager  
Mrs. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education  
Mr. Andrew Netznik, JSHS Principal  
Mr. Denis Quirk, JSHS Asst. Principal  
Mr. Michael Leister, JH House Principal  
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal  
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal  
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds  
Mr. Matt Shirk, Technology/AV Support Specialist  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

**And the following interested citizens and staff:** Mr. Paul Gettis & Family, Ms. Fay Daub, Mr. Donald Daub, Ms. Denice Daub, Ms. Guilia Voletto, Ms. Joanne Levering, Ms. Cathy Merrell, Ms. Angela Lawrence, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Amy Schlater, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Amy Cornelius, Mr. Kerry Etchberger, Ms. Renee Etchberger, Ms. Jen Gardula, Mr. Bernie Gardula, Mr. David Davis, and Ms. Gina Davis

### **Students of the Month – Bethel Elementary – Mr. Mark Brown, Principal**

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

<b>Mrs. Dodge –</b>	Daniel Gettis Taylor Lawrence
<b>Ms. Schlater –</b>	Caleb Daub Meghan Gardula
<b>Miss. Voletto –</b>	Emma Etchberger Tyler Cornelius

*The above students were recognized as student of the month. The students and parents were both congratulated for all their hard work and effort.*

I. Discussion Items

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

### **A. Senior Trip – New York City**

***Joanne Levering presented the senior trip to New York City. The board voted on it as stated below.***

- A. A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the senior trip to New York City 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, and Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

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

## **3. Buildings and Grounds**

## **4. Finance**

- A. Approve the commitment of the following fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620 effective June 30, 2017:

Special Education  
Benefits  
Athletic Facility Improvements

***Final amounts will be presented at the 10/17/2017 board meeting. The above motion was discussed and will be voted on at the 10/17/2017 board meeting.***

## **5. Personnel**

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

***The below was voted on as stated:***

- 9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following preferred substitute for the remainder of the First Quarter of the 2017-2018 school year.

- Megan Sigado

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, 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 a medical sabbatical for Glenna Piho from October 5, 2017 through approximately November 30, 2017.

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, 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 Brittany Kauffman as a long-term substitute Grade 4 teacher at Bethel Elementary from approximately October 13 ,2017 through January 2, 2018 at Step 1B \$48,043 pro-rated to the number of days worked pending completion of paperwork.

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Bryan Mellen as Event Staff for the remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year.

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, and Mr. Daniel

Steinhauer, Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Diane Fiorentino as a Full Time Elementary Autistic Support 1:1 Paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary, effective October 4<sup>th</sup> at \$12.00 per hour.

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Mr. Arlan Werst.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

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**6. Programs**

**7. Policy**

**8. Curriculum**

**9. Items for Board Action**

**10. Technology**

**11. Transportation**

**12. Legislative**

**13. Administrative Reports**

*Mr. Leister reported that 9<sup>th</sup> grade students toured the Reading Eagle and Unique Pretzels, Homecoming is this week with the game and pig roast Friday evening and the dance Saturday evening.*

*Mr. Quirk reported that they are focusing on Expect, Believe & Achieve. The Tulpy Pride Initiative is working well. They have students nominating students.*

*Mr. Netznik reported that it is homecoming week. They had a combined pep rally. The fall play is in November. There will be a Veterans Day celebration on November 12, 2017 and they are*

*looking for veterans to recognize and thank. The United Way campaign was a great success and we had an increase in donations from last year.*

*Mr. Brown reported that he is using a tool box for a desk in the hall so he can be available for the teachers and the students. He has not had any discipline referrals since he started doing this. We had some high school students come and read to the kindergarten classroom. Race for Education is being held on Friday. Three students have met their "Power of Yet" goal. They have their poster hanging in the hallway. They have the Crazy 8's Math club starting in two weeks. He currently has 13 teachers interested in starting clubs. Grandparent night was a huge success with over 250 grand parents in attendance.*

*Mrs. Cipolla reported that she read to the kindergarten classroom. She is giving extra recognition to students that are following the rules. The Reading Royals came for a visit and the kids got to meet slapshot. The Royals provided each kid with a voucher to attend a game. They had a Juggling assembly and the kids really loved it.*

*Dr. Schultz thanked Mr. Netznik and Mrs. Cipolla for all their hard work on the United Way campaign.*

*Mr. Triest reported that the WWTP is almost finished. They are working the electrical and the outside.*

*Mrs. Kiss reported that she went to Penn-State Health St. Joe's to observe students doing their jobs. The HGA trip is coming up. There will be five students attending.*

*Mr. Shirk reported that they have been very busy. There were four student technology technician applications. They accepted them all. Streaming has been going well. They have a student working on it for their grad project. The Keystone Band concert went very well.*

**14. Old Business**

**15. New Business**

**16. Public Comment**

**II. Adjournment**

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

*The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.*

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*Mrs. April L. Klopp  
Board Secretary*