

October 06, 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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

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. Arlan Werst, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. Anthony Nodig, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

A. SRO

Dr. Schultz reported that we are in the process of working on an inter-municipality agreement to start securing SRO coverage. This should be before the board in November.

B. Athletic Update

Dr. Schulz gave an update to the board regarding the teams and their accomplishments.

C. Wellness Committee

Mr. Kowalonek reported that he attended the Berks Health Trust and they are encouraging us to establish a wellness committee. We are in the process of putting a committee together and updating the wellness policy. There is a possibility of getting grant money by doing this.

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

3. Buildings and Grounds

A. Feasibility Study – Rob Schultz

Dr. Schultz reported that he will be bringing back the feasibility study that AEM Architects did for us and wants to open up discussion again.

4. Finance

A. Charter School Payment – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek informed the board that other schools throughout Pennsylvania are holding back some payment from the cyber/charter schools. Some are holding back the full payment others are holding back what the state portion would be. This is going to vote at the 10/08/2015 board meeting.

5. Personnel

The below motions were voted on as stated below:

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Judy Daub as a lunch/recess aide at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.25 effective October 7, 2015.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Jennifer Gardula as a part-time math intervention paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$9.25 effective October 7, 2015.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

6. Programs

A. Approve the Special Education Agreement as presented in executive session #2015-05.

The above motion was voted on as stated below.

6A A resolution was offered by Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the Special Education Agreement as presented in executive session #2015-05.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

This motion was carried 6-0.

7. Policy

A. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on November 17, 2015 to the following policy:

222 Tobacco Use

B. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on November 17, 2015 to the following policy:

246 Student Wellness

C. Give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on November 17, 2015 to the following policy:

705 Safety

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 10/20/2015 voting session agenda.

8. Curriculum

A. 8th Grade Field Trip to Gettysburg National Park – Ashley Count

B. 10th Grade Field Trip to Washington D.C/Arlington National Cemetery – Nicole Carley

C. 12th Grade Field Trip to New York City – Leigh Bragg

The above field trips were presented to the board and discussed. They will appear on the 10/20/2015 voting session agenda.

9. Items for Board Action

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2015-02, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on September 21, 2015.**
- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2015-03, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on September 21, 2015.**
- C. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2015-04, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on September 21, 2015.**

The above motions were voted on as stated below.

9A, B, C A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve expulsion agreement # 2015-02, 2015-03, and 2015-04

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Mr. Rick Triest reported that they are busy prepping for homecoming

Mrs. Kiss reported that on October 13, 2015 we will have eight students out on a Coop. The students are busy working on STEM projects.

Mr. DeBakey reported that he is working closely with Matt in deploying the rest of the equipment. They are working closely with the print management company. They are in the process of working on data collection.

Mrs. Davis reported that our mobile dentist saw 32 students and took care of 133 cavities. 17 of the 32 students were seen for free.

Mrs. Cipolla reported that she is working closely with Samantha Bolles and they are busy working on their sensory room.

Mr. Brown reported that he attended some courses held by the BCIU. He is almost done with walkthroughs.

Mr. Netznik reported that some students were able to have a tour of Reading Health and UGI. It was a great experience. They are preparing for PSAT'S. He stated that he is proud of his staff and he is glad to be at the JSHS.

Mrs. Lotz reported that our student Isabelle Stull has won Berks County Outstanding Young Women. She will be at the November 3, 2015 meeting. They are busy with the homecoming activities this week.

Mr. Leister reported that held the student council held officer elections. He was very proud of the students. They are preparing for he Halloween dance, and the Hall of Fame Banquet.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Executive Session was held before the board meeting.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*