

November 03, 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 7:02 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, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

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. 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. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Jacob Hare, Ms. Cassidy Blakenbiller, Ms. Angela Thomas, Ms. Caedence Thomas, Ms. Kelly Groff, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Darryl Schafer, Ms. Rebecca Schafer, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Timothy Groff, Ms. Isabelle Stall, Ms. Tara Gorman, Mr. Terry Manmiller, Mr. Michael Wagner, Reading Eagle.

Teacher/Student Presentation – Tara Gorman, Terry Manmiller & Caedence Thomas

Storytelling – *Scribblemystory* – *iPad App*

The iPad app Scribblemystory was demonstrated by teachers Tara Gorman and Terry Manmiller, and student Caedence Thomas. The board was able to see a book that Caedence wrote using this app.

Junior/Senior High School – Mr. Andrew Netznik – JSHS Principal

September Students of the Month:

Annamarie Burns
Timothy Groff

BCTC National Technical Honor Society:

Shelby Achenbach
Cassidy Blankenbiller
Tate Bouffard
Jacob Hare
Andrew Risser
Stephen Stoltzfus

Berks County Outstanding Young Woman:

Isabelle Stull

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship:

Timothy Groff

The above students were recognized before the board.

PSBA Board Recognitions – Darryl Schafer, Mid East Region 8 Regional Director for PSBA

Mr. Darryl Schafer, Mid East Region 8 Regional Director for PSBA recognized the following board members for their years of service to the Tulpehocken School Board.

Mr. Oscar Manbeck - 32 years of service

Mr. Dennis Bayer – 8 years of service

Ms. Beverly Blatt – 8 years of service

Ms. Evelyn Fox – 16 years of service

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schultz congratulated the Boys' Cross Country Team for placing at Hershey and the Boys' Soccer Team for a 2-0 win.

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, 2015:

Special Education	\$200,000
Benefits	<u>\$1,050,000</u>
Total Committed Fund Balance	\$1,250,000

- B. Approve the transfer of \$125,000 to Capital Reserve effective June 30, 2015.
- C. Approve the Per Capita Exonerations as attached.

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 11/17/2015 voting session agenda.

- D. Charter/Cyber School Discussion/Budget Impasse.

The above motion was discussed and it was agreed that it will appear on the 11/17/2015 voting session agenda.

- E. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve resolution #2015-7 for an appraisal appeal as presented to the board.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

- F. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve resolution #2015-8 for an appraisal appeal as presented to the board.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

5. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

The below motions were voted on as stated below:

- 9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Timothy Shaak as a long-term substitute science teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective November 2, 2015 through approximately January 20, 2016 at a

salary of \$48,043, Step B1, prorated to the number of days worked.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Gwen Wenrich as a long-term substitute student assigned emotional support paraprofessional at Penn-Bernville Elementary from November 2, 2015 through the end of the second quarter at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

6. Programs

- A. Approve resolution #2015-6 authorizing Tulpehocken Area School District to enter into a Police Services Agreement with Tulpehocken Township.

The above motion was discussed and will appear on the 11/17/2015 voting session agenda.

7. Policy

- 9.4.1 Give second reading and final approval to the following policy:

222 Tobacco Use

- 9.4.2 Give second reading and final approval to the following policy:

705 Safety

The above motions were discussed and will appear on the 11/17/2015 voting session agenda.

8. Curriculum

A. Standardized Testing – Barb Davis

Ms. Davis reported to the board that the Federal Government is telling the Department of Education how many hours of testing can be done. More information will be coming regarding what this means; how many hours, etc... Hopefully it will be smarter testing with fewer tests.

9. Items for Board Action

10. Technology

11. Transportation

12. Legislative

13. Administrative Reports

Ms. Cipolla reported that the PTO Fall Fest was a great success, as was the Halloween Parade. They are holding data meetings.

Mr. Brown reported that they did RIF Distribution. Dollar General agreed to buy a book for every student. Reading Eagle reported this. Staff from the Dollar General Distribution center in Bethel recorded the morning announcement this past week. The Halloween Parade was a great success. They held a Crime Scene Service Assembly. The kids enjoyed it.

Mr. Netznik reported that they held the JSHS Mix it Up at Lunch. The staff and kids had a great time getting to know new people. They have started the program of studies and scheduling for the 2016/2017 school year. Teacher/Student Conferences will start the week of Thanksgiving. The NHS Induction will be held on 11/15/2015.

Ms. Lotz reported that Quarter 1 is over. Penn-State Berks did a STEM activity with the students. The College Board approached us and would like us to be involved in a research study. We will receive \$1,200.00 for being involved with this study.

Mr. DeBakey reported that he held a Technology Committee meeting. He is working with Print Management System so we can get a handle on our supply use and toner. He attended the Advisory Group meeting at the BCIU. He is working with Ken Noecker to secure a student tech team.

Ms. Kiss reported that we received a grant called Career Adventures Grant. It is a grant that will pay for four students to job shadow. They are working on the state report that is due on 12/01/2015.

Mr. Triest reported that the JSHS roof has been looked at and repaired.

Ms. Davis reported that they held a STEM activity at the JSHS. She did observations in the Envisions classrooms and asked the students what they thought. The overall response was that it is a new math program and it is more pressure.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Executive Session was held before the board meeting.

*Mrs. April L. Klopp
Board Secretary*