

December 7, 2010 – Board Work Session Minutes

President Mr. Ralph Moyer called this Work Session of the Tulpehocken Area School District Board of Directors to order at 7:14 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Instruction & Curriculum
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Donald Jones, Jr/Sr High Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Jr/Sr High Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Ricky Triest, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Amy Noecker, Bill & Dana Roenish, Dustin & Michelle Risser, Liz & Jonathan Risser, Bob & Loretta Henry, Brian & Roselyn Aldrich, Becky Stroebele, Cherish Stroebele, Bob Printz, Erika Kindoll, Jeanne VanDyk, Nanette Pierson, Joseph Carr, Steve Gable, Gary Rubright, Ronald Spinelli, Dennis Bayer, Charlotte Landry, Terrance Moran, Karen Moran, Sean Moran, Gregg & Jennie Rubright, Jan Gernsheimer, David Bortz, Denise Paulson, Melissa Mathias, Shane Mathias, Orion Mathias, Abby Boltz, Marissa Berry, Jean Roberts, Betty Martin, Charles Pierson, Glenda Pierson, Betty Bauman, Jane Bubbenmoyer, Ron and Lillian Linke, and Brett Hambright, Reading Eagle

Students of the Month:

Penn-Bernville Elementary:

Suzanne Hamrick – Orion Mathias
Rebecca Pierson

Amy Noecker – Kayla Paulson
Andrew Risser

Janet Gernsheimer – Cherish Stroebele
Patrick Linke

The above students were recognized as students of the month from Penn-Bernville Elementary. Dr Albert congratulated the parents and students.

I. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Albert informed the Board that he held his 1st “2nd cup of coffee” and it was a wonderful meeting with one person that lasted over an hour and a half.

Dr. Albert stated that he is still holding Senior Citizen Luncheon's and he would be happy to buy any of them a lunch and meet with them. There has not been a huge response this year, but is encouraging the Senior Citizen's to take him up on his offer.

Dr. Albert shared with the Board that he had a successful Town Hall Meeting and he was very pleased that the administrative staff attended the meeting to show him support.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that they have this month's Terrapin in front of them and that he is very proud of the job that they are doing.

Dr. Albert informed the Board that he held a goal meeting with the administrative team that lasted over four hours.

Dr. Albert notified the Board that the administrative team has been meeting in regards to the 2011/2012 budget and they are making good progress working on a little to no tax increase.

A. Sean Moran Recognition – Don Jones

Sean Moran was recognized before the Board for placing 2nd in the Berks County Math Competition Exam.

B. Blue Ribbon Presentation – Bonnie Benfer

Mrs. Benfer recapped the Blue Ribbon observers visit at Penn-Bernville for the Board. There are eight categories that are assessed for the Blue Ribbon Award. Penn-Bernville Elementary achieved proficiency in five of the eight categories. This is a prestigious achievement which earned Penn-Bernville the Points of Light Award. They left us with an action plan to receive proficient in the remaining three categories. Dr. Albert expressed his appreciation to all the staff at Penn-Bernville for their dedication and hard work.

C. Instructional Technology – Steve Corcoran/Erika Kindoll

Mr. Corcoran gave the Board an overview of the vision of the Technology Department. Erika Kindoll talked about technology integration and gave an overview of her responsibilities.

D. PVAAS Results – Barb Davis

Ms. Davis gave a scatter plot presentation of the PVAAS results to the Board.

2. Buildings and Grounds

3. Finance

- A. Approve the Amended and Restated Joint Agreement and Bylaws of the Berks E.I.T Bureau and admit Reading School District as a new member of the Bureau.
- B. Approve the 2009/2010 Audit from Herbein & Company as presented.

The Board reviewed the above motions. The audit motion will not be voted on during the voting session. The Board requested to have Linda Himeback come and give an overview of the audit at the 01/04/2011 Board meeting.

4. Personnel

- A. Personnel items are discussed in executive session.

5. Programs

6. Policy

- A. Wrestling Presentation – David Bortz

Mr. Bortz, President of the Tulpehocken Wrestling Association requested that the Board review Policy #123.1 “Participation By Opposite Sex Members on School Athletic Teams”. Mr. Bortz is asking the Board to consider allowing females on the wrestling team. The Board has agreed to review this policy.

7. Curriculum

- A. Gifted Council Presentation – Betty Martin

Students Abby Boltz, Marissa Berry, and Kate Mays asked the Board to allow them to form a gifted council. They would earn funds for this club by opening a student store and various other fund raising activities.

8. 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 student #201236, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on December 02, 2010.

The Board reviewed the above motion that will appear on the 12/07/2010 voting session agenda.

9. Technology

10. Transportation

11. Administrative Reports

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

II. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Jason Huey
Board Secretary