February 19, 2013 – General Board Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 with Mr. Scott Klopp, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck (7:04 p.m.), Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck (7:03 p.m.), and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Katie Bedl, Ms. Susan Beck, Mr. Michael DeAcosta, Mr. Eric Wentling, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

3.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to accept the minutes of the following meetings:

3.1 01/15/2013 Board Voting Session Minutes
3.2 02/05/2013 Board Work Session Minutes

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
NAYS: ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to accept the following financial reports:

4.1 Treasurer’s Report
4.2 Investment Report
4.3 Tax Collection Report
4.4 Monthly Account Status
4.5 General Fund Bills Payable
4.6 Cafeteria Report
4.7 Cafeteria Fund Bills Payable
4.8 Capital Reserve Fund Bills Payable
4.9 Special Revenue Accounts Payable
4.10 Budgetary Transfers
4.11 Jr. High Activity Bills Payable
4.12 Sr. High Activity Bills Payable
4.13 Bond Fund Bills Payable

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Mr. DeAcosta encouraged the board to take security seriously and asked about our procedures. Dr. Albert addressed his questions/concerns.

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Albert reported that we are taking the safety of our schools seriously and from now on security will appear on the agenda so he can give them an update. He has only had three phone calls regarding security since he has come here.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck to approve the 2013/2014 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. (vote taken twice)

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox 
ABSTAINED: 
This motion was carried 8-0.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. 
NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox 
ABSTAINED: 
This motion was carried 8-0.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.4.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Hassler, seconded by Mr. Heck to give second reading and final approval to the following policy.

217 Graduation Requirements

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. 
NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox 
ABSTAINED: 
This motion was carried 8-0.

The board had discussion about Policy #121 Field Trips. The policy is in the process of being revised and will appear on future agenda’s for discussion and vote.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve the Spring 2014 Marching Band Field Trip to Chicago as presented at the 02/05/2013 board meeting.
AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck to approve the March 2013 combined Art/Gifted Field Trip to Philadelphia as presented at the 02/05/2013 board meeting.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Baver to approve the Gifted Council Lock-in as presented at the 02/05/2013 board meeting.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck to approve the revised Ag Agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Hamburg Area School District for the 2012/2013 school year.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck to approve the 2013/2014 School Calendar as presented at the 02/05/2013 board meeting.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, and Mr. Scott W. Klopp,
NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 6-2.

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the retirement resignation of Robin Rhoads, Junior High Social Studies teacher, effective April 8, 2013.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the retirement resignation of Jean Roberts, gifted teacher, effective April 18, 2013.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Karen Bettleyon from May 6, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

AYES:  Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:  
ABSENT:  Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following support staff substitutes for the remaining 2012-2013 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Brenda Sullivan  cafeteria, aide
- Jennifer Philumalee  cafeteria, aide
- Jennifer Gardula  cafeteria, aide
- Katrina Flynn  cafeteria, custodial, aide, secretary

9.8.5  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Erin Bird
- Alex Blain
- Amy Boyer
- Kelsea Fox
- Jenna Hermany
- Heath Lettich
- Kristyn Paisley
- Thomas Paulson
- Michael Turner

9.8.6  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year through the Berks County Intermediate Unit guest teacher program:
• Richard Burgon
• Marie Dobb

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Vanessa Correll as a preferred substitute from February 20 – April 2, 2013.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to rescind the motion to approve Megan McCormick as junior varsity softball coach for the 2012-2013 season at a stipend of $2,560 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Rebecca Webb as assistant high school track coach effective immediately.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

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9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following coaches for the 2012-2013 spring season pending completion of paperwork:

- Rebecca Crandall JV Softball $2,560
- Jordon Loeb Assistant High School Track $2,560

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:  
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2012-2013 seasons:

- Samuel Zawaski Baseball
- Rebecca Webb Track

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:  
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following change in extra-curricular advisors for the 2012-2013 school year:

- Junior High Envirothon Co-Advisors from beginning of school year through January 22, 2013.
Pam Shealer            $190.61
Connie Tworkoski      $190.61

- Junior High Envirothon Advisor from January 23, 2013 through the end of the school year.

Connie Tworkoski      $368.78

AYES:        Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:        

ABSENT:    Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.13  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Henry Bicher as part-time custodian effective February 15, 2013.

9.8.14  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Corey McGinity, part-time weekend custodian effective March 3, 2013.

AYES:        Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:        

ABSENT:    Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.15  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Jessica Jennings for an internship for the 2013-2014 school year as per the School Psychology Internship Agreement between Millersville University and the Tulpehocken Area School District at a stipend of $5,000 plus mileage between buildings.

AYES:        Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:        

ABSENT:    Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.16 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve
Amber Reed as a part-time student assigned paraprofessional at an
hourly rate of $11.00 effective upon completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs.
April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T.
Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Executive Session followed the board meeting.

Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Board Secretary