February 21, 2017 – 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 21, 2017 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Jr., Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Mrs. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. George Field, Ms. Tammy Field, Ms. Amy Noecker, Ms. Andrea Book, Ms. Suzanne Hamrick, and Ms. Michelle Lynch, Reading Eagle.

Students of the Month – Penn-Bernville Elementary – Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Principal

Students of the Month:

Mrs. Hamrick – Rebecca Herrmann
Mason Lillis

Mrs. Noecker – Rachel Cox
Peter Jackson

The above students were recognized before the board as students of the month. Dr. Schultz congratulated them.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

3.1 02/07/2017 Work Session Meeting Minutes
3.2 01/24/2017 Board Voting Session Minutes
AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, seconded by Mr. Heck, 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. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Feasibility Study Presentation

Mr. Phil Leinbach and Mr. Peter Meckley presented the Feasibility Study to the board.
9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the 2017/2018 School Calendar as presented.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst
NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.
ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 7-1.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Fredericksburg Community Health Center to sign off on PCA’s for Access billing at $30.00 per IEP retroactive to January 26, 2017.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst
NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer
ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2017/2018 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. (Vote to be taken twice)

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 7-1.
This motion was carried 6-2.

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### 9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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### 9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.3.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Transfinder Bus Route Optimization proposal as presented.

**AYES:** Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Arlan Werst

**NAYS:** Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

**ABSENT:** Mr. Scott W. Klopp

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 6-2.

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9.3.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Transportation Plan and Memorandum of Understanding between TASD and Berks County Children and Youth as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to ensure the educational stability of foster care youth

**AYES:** Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Mr. Scott W. Klopp

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 8-0.

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### 9.4. POLICY

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

#815 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources/Facilities and Internet by Staff, Students, and Community Members

**AYES:** Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Mr. Scott W. Klopp

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 8-0.
9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Penn-State Berks Homework Hotline program as presented

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April 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: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 7-1.

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 resignation for the purpose of retirement of Kenneth Noecker effective the last contracted day of the 2016-2017 school year.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst
NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to Accept the resignation of Desirae McCloskey as part-time crossing guard and lunch/recess aide at Penn-Bernville effective February 21, 2017.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst
NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp
ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 8-0.
9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following professional staff salary adjustments based on credit attainment according to the collective bargaining agreement:

- Kathy Lear from 6B+24 to 6M effective August 27, 2016
- Rebecca Travaglini from 3B+24 to 3M effective September 4, 2016

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauser, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Jocelyn Beck for an internship for the 2017-2018 school year as per the School Psychology Internship Agreement between Marywood College and the Tulpehocken Area School District at a stipend of $6,000 plus mileage between buildings.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauser, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Roxanne Snyder as a long-term substitute science teacher at the Junior/Senior High School from approximately March 13, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year at a salary of $48,043, Step 1B.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauser, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.
9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Leah Harpel from May 3 (1/2 day) through May 5, 2017.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following teacher substitute through the Berks County Intermediate Unit’s guest teacher program for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Melissa Huhn
- Daniel Metzger
- Kathleen Stock

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following support staff substitute for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Sherry James       Aide, Cafeteria

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute nurse for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Kathleen Meadows

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year pending completion of paperwork:
• Melissa Modugno

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following coaches for the 2016-17 spring season:

• Assistant High School Boys’ Tennis Bradley Ingraham $1,710
• Assistant Junior High Track Bradley Folk $1,335

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:

Lisa Hassler
Andrea Hardick
Lori Godown
Christopher Pierson

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.9 TECHNOLOGY
DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Hassler addressed the board regarding writing and how kids today do not know how to write or read cursive handwriting.

Judge Book addressed the board and informed them that she is up for re-election and stated that she would appreciate their support.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary