March 20, 2012 – 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, March 20, 2012 with Mr. Scott Klopp, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp (via phone 7:00 p.m.- 8:55 p.m.), Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT:

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: Mr. Jeff Williams, Mr. Thomas C. McKeon, Ms. Kelly Johnson, Ms. Treasure Lape, Mr. Walter Focht, Mr. Paul Kilar, Ms. Elaine Fernandez, Ms. Heather Balsbaugh, Ms. Jacky Haldeman, Ms. Renee Harman, Mr. Michael Adams, and Mr. Stephen DeLucas, Reading Eagle.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

3.1-3.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to accept the minutes of the following meetings:

3.1 02/21/2012 General Board Voting Session Minutes
3.2 03/06/2012 Board Work Session Minutes
3.3 03/06/2012 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
3.4 02/07/2012 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
3.5 02/28/2012 LERTA Board Meeting Minutes

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.
4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Palmer, 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. Evelyn F. Fox, 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:
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. April Board Meetings
   ○ April 10, 2012 & April 17, 2012

Dr. Albert asked the board to move the April board meetings from April 3, 2012 and April 17, 2012 to April 10, 2012 and April 17, 2012 due to the April 3, 2012 board meeting being during spring break. The board approved this change as stated below:

A. A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mrs. Hassler, to approve changing the April board meeting dates from April 3, 2012 and April 17, 2012 to April 10, 2012 and April 17, 2012
AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

Dr. Albert informed the board that there will not be a board weekly report for two weeks.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve 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 #300728, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.

9.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve 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 #201841, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.

9.0.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve 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 #202631, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.

9.0.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve 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 #201601, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on February 29, 2012.
9.0.5  A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve 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 #200680, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on March 20, 2012.

9.0.6  A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve 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 #200841, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on March 20, 2012.

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

NAYS:  
ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp  
ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1  A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve donating the stipend for the Board Treasurer of $500 and the Board Secretary of $900 to be donated as the Board of Director’s Scholarship Award.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, 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:  
ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.1.2  A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Baver, to approve a five year or ten year LERTA as stated below.

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

This motion was carried to offer a 10 year LERTA 5-4.

There was detailed discussion held regarding LERTA. Mr. Boland reviewed the basics of a LERTA agreement. Mr. Focht spoke to the board about other options instead of authorizing a LERTA agreement.

9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.2.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the Blue Rocks Baseball Organization the use of the outdoor baseball fields from June to August.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.2.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the RAGE Soccer Club proposal to use the athletic facility as presented.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, 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:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.2.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the solicitation of bids for the stage rigging system at the JSHS.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, 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:

ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 9-0.

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4 POLICY

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Baver, to approve the revised 2012/2013 school calendar as presented.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck.

NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

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 retirement resignation of Timothy McDonough as full-time night shift custodian at the Junior/Senior High School effective April 19, 2012.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Marlene Adams as the elementary nurse’s assistant effective June 6, 2012.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.
9.8.3  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following individuals as preferred substitute teachers for 45 days starting March 23, 2012:

- Heath Grogg
- Tracey Stauffer
- Heather Stoy

9.8.4  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Jason Burt
- Carrie Derr
- Hilary Heffner
- Kathryn Weiss

9.8.5  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year through Berks County Intermediate Unit’s Guest Teacher Program:

- Angela Davis
- Linda Pontician
- Toni Roland

9.8.6  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following individuals as substitute support staff for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Donna Bucks  custodial
- Karen Rudy  cafeteria, secretarial

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

NAYS:  

ABSENT:  Mrs. April Klopp

ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7  A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2011-2012 seasons:

- Rick Kramer  girls’ soccer
• Steve Himmelberger  girls’ soccer
• Matthew Shirk  girls’ soccer
• Crystal Zerbe  girls’ soccer
• Regina Stump  girls’ soccer
• Donald Luckenbill  softball
• Dean Klopp  track
• Christopher Pierson  track
• Lucas Hollenbach  baseball

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following coaches for the 2011-2012 spring season pending completion of paperwork:

• James Hebbert  Assistant High School Track  $2560
• Rebecca Webb  Assistant High School Track  $2560
• Daniel Plato  Co Coach Junior High Track $1467.50
• Joel Jackson  Co Coach Junior High Track $1467.50

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

NAYS: 
ABSENT:  Mrs. April Klopp
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the resignation of Alyssa DeFazio as Assistant Junior High Track Coach effective immediately.

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

NAYS: 
ABSENT:  Mrs. April Klopp
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following unpaid leaves of absence:

• Joseph Strain  March 1 and 2, 2012
• Jessica Will March 7, 2012 (PM)
• Shanon Sittler March 7 and 8, 2012

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the resignation of Lorraine Wachstetter as part-time cafeteria worker at Penn-Bernville Elementary effective March 16, 2012.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the resignation of Sara Hassan as a professional employee of the school district effective June 6, 2012 in accordance with the attached agreement, and authorize the appropriate officers of the Board to execute same.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. April Klopp
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 Mrs. Hassler.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Executive Session was held from 8:50 p.m. – 9:13 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Board Secretary