April 22, 2014 – 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, April 22, 2014 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, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck (7:03 p.m.), Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:21 p.m.), and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, JSHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mrs. Lisa M. Hassler, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Rebecca Geller, Mr. Ross J. Spera, Mr. Geoff Kennedy, Ms. Rachel Graby, Ms. Betty Martin, and Ms. Milissa Spera.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

3.1 03/18/2014 Board Voting Session Minutes
3.2 04/08/2014 Board Work Session

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, 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. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.  

NAYS:  

ABSENT: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.  

ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 7-0.  

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5.0 BOARD REPORTS  

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION  

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  

A. Security – No Report  

B. Technology Presentation  
    ○ Google Earth – Chris Stoy  

Mr. Stoy presented Google Earth to the board and emphasized how it is a great tool to use in the classroom.  

Mrs. Davis presented interactive books to the board and showed them how it can be used in the classroom as well.  

Dr. Albert informed the board that our very own Alivia Klopp was one of the students that won the Governors Alcohol Awareness Campaign. He handed out a bookmark with her drawing on it.  

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS
9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the Special Education Comprehensive Plan as presented at the April 8, 2014 Board meeting

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:  

ABSENT:  Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, 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 #202181, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on March 31, 2014.

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:  

ABSENT:  Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:  

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.0.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, 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 #202257, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on March 31, 2014.

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:  

ABSENT:  Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:  


This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the contract between Tulpehocken Area School District and Kathleen Edelstein, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired for the 2014/2015 school year, at the rate of $95.00 per hour, not to exceed 400 hours for the year.

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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the ePlus Group Lease Proposal as presented at the April 8, 2014 Board Meeting.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp,

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-2.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2014/2015 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget 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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.
9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2014 Bond Resolution and Bond Purchase Agreement 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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Wendy Fisher to attend the Transfinder Annual Client Summit on May 7, 8, and 9th, 2014.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

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

314 Physical Examination
316 Non-tenured Employees

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.
9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2014/2015 School Calendar as presented at the April 8, 2014 Board meeting.

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.

9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2013/2014 Summer School Proposal as presented at the April 8, 2014 Board meeting.

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.

9.5.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the attached list of the Agriculture Advisory Council as presented at the April 8, 2014 Board meeting.

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.

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 approve an unpaid leave of absence for Denyle Eisenhauer, special education paraprofessional, from May 20-23, 2014.

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.

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9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Danielle Zimmerman as a preferred substitute from March 24, 2014 through the last student day of the 2013-2014 school year.

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.

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9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the extension of Heather Stoy as a long-term substitute teacher until the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

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.
9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Nancy Gilson effective two days after the last contractual day for teachers of the 2013-2014 school year.

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.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Cindy Ambrosiani effective the last contractual day for teachers of the 2013-2014 school year.

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.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following individuals as a volunteer track coaches for the 2013-2014 season.

- Dylan Brugger
- Scott Klopp

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.
9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Justin Smith as a substitute custodian for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year pending completion of paperwork.

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.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Tigh Savercool as Head Boys’ Basketball coach for the 2014-2015 season at a stipend of $3,167 pending completion of paperwork.

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.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Amanda Machonis, JSHS English teacher, effective the last contracted day of the 2013-2014 school year.

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.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Nancy Guida, Administrative Assistant for Athletics effective June 20, 2014.
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.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2014.

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.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the resignation of Raquel Kelley as a long-term substitute ESL teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective April 30, 2014.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. April L. Klopp, Board Secretary