June 18, 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, June 18, 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. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:05 p.m.)
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

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. Daniel Steinhauer, Ms. Christa Miller, Mr. Ethan Spatz, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

3.1 05/21/2013 Board Voting Session Minutes
3.2 06/04/2013 Board Work Session Minutes

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 7-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Security

Dr. Albert reported that the mock intruder drill went well.

B. Reminder – Next Board Meeting – 07/16/2013

Dr. Albert reminded the board that the next board meeting will be held on 07/16/2013.

Dr. Albert reported that it looks like we have four students returning from Cyber/Charter school and we will be saving around $40,000 if this happens.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Hassler read a thank you note from Ms. Cindy Seiger thanking them for the quartz clock that was given to her as a retirement gift.

Mrs. Hassler read a thank you note from Christa Felty for receiving the Tulpehocken Board of Directors award.
9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 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 #201325, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on May 24, 2013.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to adopt the final budget for the 2013-2014 school year with projected expenditures of $27,991,600 and projected revenues of $27,641,600 including a real estate tax millage rate of 27.70, Act 511 per capita tax of $5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of $5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS: Mrs. Lisa Hassler, and Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED: This motion was carried 6-2.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to adopt the 2013/2014 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve the tax resolution to levy taxes for the 2013/2014 school year.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve any necessary journal entries and budget transfers to the financial statements of the school district after June 30, 2013.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve the commitment of funds for the following categories in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620:

Special Education
Benefits

The specific amounts for each category will be determined at a later date.

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

NAYS: Mrs. Lisa Hassler

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.
9.1.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve the 2008 Bond Finance refinance resolution as presented.

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

NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck
ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A. Next Door – Discussion

_There was discussion held regarding the space next door and how it can possibly be used as an Alt-Ed classroom. There were several options/ideas discussed. More research will be done._

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.3.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve the Penn-State Basketball Camp field trip as presented.

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

NAYS: 
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck
ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.4. POLICY

9.4.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Hassler, seconded by Mrs. Fox to give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on July 16, 2013 to the following policy.

- 121 Field Trips
- 711 Naming Rights
- 209 Health Examination/Screening
Purchases Budgeted

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

Policy #210 Bidding was tabled until requested changes have been made.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve the Rehoboth Beach Marching Band Trip on 10/26/2013 as presented to the board at the June 4, 2013 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve the agreement with Hamburg Area School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2013/2014 school year as presented.

9.5.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Klopp to approve the agreement with Schuylkill Valley School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2013/2014 school year as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.
9.5.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Bonnie Benfer, Cindy Jenkins, and Barb Davis to attend the SDE National Conference on Differentiated Instruction July 15 – 19, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Conference fees are waived.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox to approve Dr. Ed Albert to attend the Extra Ordinary Educators conference July 20 – 25, 2013 in Chicago Illinois. Conference fee and airline travel are waived.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following health care personnel for the 2013-2014 school year at the stated stipend.

- School Dentist Scott Roseberry, DDS $ 4.00 per exam
- Dental Assistant Ms. Kristy Light $ 2.00 per exam

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following professional staff salary adjustments based on credit attainment according to the collective bargaining agreement:

- Brent Johnson from 7M+15 to 7M+30 effective September 6, 2012.
- Brent Johnson from 7M+30 to 7M/2M effective December 31, 2012.
- Michael Mulholland from 4M+15 to 4M+30 effective 2/07/13.
- Kylene Sanders from 6B+24 to 6M effective January 13, 2013
- Michelle Schneck from 8B+24 to 8M effective December 16, 2012.
- Danette Seidel from 6M+30 to 6M/2M effective May 19, 2013.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Victoria Schifalacqua as an emotional support teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year at a salary of $47,718, Step 2B.

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

NAYS: 

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Ashleigh Mowrer as an elementary emotional support teacher effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year at a salary of $46,718, Step 1B pending completion of paperwork.
AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Leslie Weik as a part-time behavioral support paraprofessional effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year at an hourly rate of $12.00 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve an hourly rate of $18.50 for Matthew Shirk for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Mildred Bross as Graduation Project Coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of $2,369.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck
9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Amanda Rhoads as a substitute custodian for the 2013-2014 school year pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve all the administration salary increases based on the Act 93 Agreement and the written contracts of the Business Manager and the Superintendent as presented to the board.

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

NAYS: Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 5-3.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve a 3% increase for support staff of the Tulpehocken Area School District.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS: Mrs. Lisa Hassler, and Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck,

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-2.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**
10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hassler.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Executive Session followed the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Board Secretary