December 03, 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, December 03, 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, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Donald Jones, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Asst. JSHS Principal/Athletic Director
Mr. Stephen Corcoran, Director of Technology
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary


TPMA Boosters

- Terri Burns

Bethel PTO

- Jennifer Gardula
- Bobbi Jo Peiffer
- Cheryl Straw
- Billie Jo Seward

Penn-Bernville PTO
The above representatives were recognized and thanked by Dr. Albert and the board of directors for all their hard work and dedication.

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 11/19/2013 Board Voting Session Minutes

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.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
A. Security/BCIU Conference

Dr. Albert informed the board that the administrators attended a “Keeping Kid’s Safe Conference” at the BCIU. They received a lot of good information.

B. Board Bio’s/Webpage

Dr. Albert informed the board that we are going to be launching our new website soon and we need their individual biography’s so they can be posted on the site.

C. Housing Updates

Dr. Albert gave the board an update on the Berks Planning Commission.

D. Apple Trip

Dr. Albert informed the board that some administrators have the opportunity go on a trip to see Apple headquarters in California all expenses paid.

Dr. Albert informed the board that he was involved in a meeting between the Berks County Superintendent’s and the Berks Career and Technology Center to work towards having the yearly calendar match. It looks like we will be identical with BCTC except for one day.

Dr. Albert welcomed Mr. Daniel Steinhauer to the board.

Dr. Albert informed the board that everyone has completed their PA Act 26 Child Abuse Training.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

A. Budget Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek gave the board an overview of the budget and timeline.

9.1.1 Approve the Per Capita Exonerations as attached.

The above motion was tabled until the January 7, 2014 board meeting.
9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.3.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the transportation contract between Hamburg Area School District and Tulpehocken Area School District as presented.

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.

9.4. POLICY

A. Expulsion Length of Time - Discussion

Dr. Albert informed the board that he wanted discussion with them regarding the amount of time students are expelled. There will be more discussion regarding this at the January 7, 2014 board meeting.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.5.1 Approve the 2015 Girls’ Florida Softball Trip as presented.

The above field trip was presented and will appear on the 01/21/2014 board agenda for approval.

9.8 PERSONNEL

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following parent volunteers:

- Elisha Merkel

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.
This motion was carried 9-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute support staff for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Abigail Kensinger Aide
- Jaime Laidlow Aide
- Shirley Lausch Aide, Cafeteria, Secretary
- Rhonda Rittle Aide, Cafeteria, Secretary
- Heather Wessner Aide, Nurse

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.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year pending paperwork:

- Cameron Lawrence

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 approve the extension of a medical unpaid leave of absence for Kimberly Girard from November 30, 2013 until approximately January 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, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: 
ABSENT: 
ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 9-0.

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9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Brenda Sullivan as a part-time student assigned paraprofessional at an hourly rate of $12.00 effective December 4, 2013.

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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9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Joan Dietz, JSHS ESL teacher effective approximately January 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, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: 
ABSENT: 
ABSTAINED: 

This motion was carried 9-0.

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9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation Gertrude Bux as 70% Musical Co-Producer and Music Department Coordinator effective November 25, 2013.

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 a 45 day extension of Jocelyn Stoltzfus as a long-term substitute music teacher at the Junior/Senior High School.

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 approve Jocelyn Stoltzfus as Musical Co-Producer (70%) for the 2013-2014 musical at a stipend of $895.

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, to approve Jessica Slish as Junior High Basketball Cheerleading coach for the 2013-2014 season at a stipend of $1159 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.
DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. Executive Session was held from 8:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. and also followed the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary