

August 16, 2022 – General Board Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 with Mr. Kyle Batz, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, and Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller

ABSENT:

Mr. Matthew Lytle has resigned from the Tulpehocken Board of Directors. The opening will be advertised.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Mr. Denis Quirk, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Timothy Matlack, Director of Teaching & Learning
Ms. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Ms. Mimi A. Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Ms. Jennifer Kester, Ms. Judith Coots, Ms. Jennifer Kiene, and Ms. Paula Miller

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 07/19/2022 Board Voting Session Meeting Minutes
- 3.2 08/2/2022 Board Work Session Meeting Minutes

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1- 4.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, 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./Sr. High Activity Bills Payable
- 4.12 Arbiter Pay Payable

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION (PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Ms. Paula Miller addressed the board and asked them to explain motion 9.0.3 and how they could make this public. Do you know that docket number was provided? Asked them to look at paragraph 28 on confidentiality. Who released the form? Was it against the student? Does the school board know the impact of the information released, and how this can impact a student/family? Mr. Boland explained that it is public information and addressed her questions.

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Netznik reported that in-service went great, and they are looking forward to a great year.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Tulpehocken Bern Reformed UCC Servant Leader Scholarship as presented.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the National FFA Convention Field Trip from October 26, 2022 – October 29, 2022, as presented at the July 19, 2022 board meeting.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.0.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to resolve by the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District that Kozloff Stoudt, PC is hereby authorized to enter its appearance on behalf and in defense of the District in the lawsuit filed by Mark and Lisa Hassler, individually and on behalf of Matthew Hassler vs Tulpehocken Area School District, No. 22-10214 in the Berks County Court of Common Pleas; and further, that Dr. Andrew Netznik is authorized to execute any pleading verifications and all other necessary documents in the litigation on behalf on the Board as required.

AYES: Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: Mr. Kyle Batz

This motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Batz explained that he abstained from voting because Mr. Matthew Hassler does work for his company.

9.1 FINANCE

9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Dr. Netznik addressed the possibility of getting A/C units for the classrooms at the JSHS. They would need to purchase units for 36 rooms. The board gave the directive to look into it, test it out and look into the electrical in the rooms. If it cools the rooms down, the board gave the go-ahead to purchase them.

Ms. Lisa Hassler asked if we have considered a commercial attic fan being installed to release the hot air that is trapped.

A. District Office Bus Parking Lot Discussion – Mr. Kowalonek/Dr. Netznik

Dr. Netznik and Mr. Kowalonek addressed the board regarding the property to the right of the DO. Currently, the buses are at all 4 buildings. It is not ideal. The board gave permission to complete the property so the buses can park on it. We will work with Mr. Batz, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Hetrick to complete the job.

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.4.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Heck, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on September 20, 2022 to the following policies:

#109.1	Resource Materials - Library
#200	Enrollment of Students
#202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
#203.1	HIV Infection
#204	Attendance
#205	Postgraduate Students
#206	Assignment within District
#206.1	Classroom Assignment
#207	Confidential Communications of Students
#208	Withdrawal from School
#209	Health Examinations/Screenings
#209.1	Food Allergy Management
#209.2	Diabetes Management
#209.3	Head Lice
#210	Medications
#210.1	Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine /Epinephrine/Auto Injectors
#210.2	Emergency Care/First Aide
#212	Reporting Student Progress
#214	Class Rank
#215	Promotion & Retention
#216	Student Records

#217	Graduation
#218	Student Discipline
#218.1	Weapons
#218.2	Terroristic Threats
#218.3	Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault – New
#219	Student Complaint Process
#221	Dress & Grooming
#222	Tobacco & Vaping Products
#223	Use of Bicycles & Motor Vehicles
#224	Care of School Property
#226	Searches
#227	Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

9.4.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Heck, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the deletion of the following polices:

#210.2	First Aide
#211	Student Accident Insurance
#213	Assessment of Student Progress
#225	Relations with Law Enforcement

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5. CURRICULUM

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer seconded by Ms. Heck, to accept the following Resignations:

- Heather Innes as an Elementary Music Teacher at Bethel Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

- Sophie Queitzsch as a Learning Support Teacher at Penn Bernville Elementary, effective August 4, 2022.
- Heather Spencer as a Title I Paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary, effective July 18, 2022.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the employment of the following:

- William Hall as an Autistic Support Teacher at the JSHS at a salary of \$70,280, Step 10M, effective the beginning of the 2022/2023 School Year.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Heck, to rescind the following motions:

- Emily Blumetti as a Long-Term Substitute School Guidance Counselor at the JSHS at a salary of \$55,363, pro-rated to the number of days worked, effective from the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year through approximately November 6, 2022.
- Erica Bachman as Lead teacher for Pupil Services for the 2022-2023 School Year.
- Supplemental contract for Heather Innes for the extra-curricular position of Bethel Choral Program in the amount of \$502.00 for the 2022-2023 School Year.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Heck, to Adjust the supplemental contract for the extra-curricular position for the 2022-2023 School Year:

- Junior Class Advisor Allyson Balmer \$1,090.00

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following mentors:

- Christopher Stoy for JSBS Physics Teacher (Phillip Bassetti) - \$500
- Erika Miller for JSBS LTS Learning Support Teacher (Logen Hirn) - \$500 (prorated)
- Kylene Sanders for Elementary Stem Teacher (Leanne Seidel) - \$500
- Holly Baer for School Psychologist (Krystal Thompson) - \$375
- Susan Weidenheimer for JSBS LTS Chemistry Teacher (Joseph Kollar) - \$250

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS: Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr.,

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was denied 4-4.

The above motion was denied with a 4-4 vote and will be voted on again.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following Volunteers for the 2022-2023 School Year.

- Aaron Stupp Golf
- Michael Proitte JH Boys' Basketball

- Cassandra Light Field Trips, Classroom, & School Events

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Matthew Hetrick, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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 mentors:

- Christopher Stoy for JSBS Physics Teacher (Phillip Bassetti) - \$500
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AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Carl Kauffman, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller.

NAYS: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Harry Fox, and Mr. Matthew Hetrick

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 5-3.

The above motion was voted on for the second time and passed 5-3.

9.9 TECHNOLOGY

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Coots inquired about homeschooling and the amount of people homeschooling within our district. She was wondering why and if something is wrong. Mrs. Shade responded and explained that the district works very close with our homeschoolers, and there is nothing wrong we have some families that want to educate their children at home.

Mrs. Kester informed the board that the PTO is getting food for the teachers as a welcome back and to show appreciation.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rissmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heck. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Executive session for personnel followed the meeting.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary