

June 17, 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, June 17, 2014 with Mr. Scott Klopp, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Donald Jones, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, Junior/Senior High Assistant Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Arlan Werst, and Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- 3.1 05/20/2014 Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.2 06/03/2014 Board Work Session

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Baver, 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. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Security – No Report

Dr. Albert reported that the Bernville Borough sent a letter and stated that they will no longer hire and be responsible for the crossing guard position. Dr. Albert stated that this is something that they will need to discuss.

Dr. Albert reported to the board that the State Police have a shortage of about 600 employees. They will no longer be able to cover extra-curricular activities and they may have to stop being our school resource officer. Dr. Albert stated that this is something we will need to address.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bayer, 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 #301360, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on May 27, 2014.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bayer, 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 #300172, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on May 27, 2014.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.0.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bayer, 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 #300239, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on May 27, 2014.

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

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 Mr. Baver, to adopt the final budget for the 2014-2015 school year with projected expenditures of \$28,483,700 and projected revenues of \$28,098,700 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, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to request approval to adopt the 2014/2015 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

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

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 2014/2015 school year.

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

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

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, 2014.

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

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

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:
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.4.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Steinhauer, seconded by Mr. Baver, to second reading and final approval the following polices.

- 312 Evaluation of Superintendent
- 313 Evaluation of Administrative Employees

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox, give second reading and final approval to use the following textbooks:

	Name of Textbook	Grade Level	Publisher	Grade Level/Course	Copyright	Teacher
1	<i>Pennsylvania Our Home</i>	4	Gibbs Smith, Publisher	Social Studies 4th Grade	2012	Luann Snyder
2	<i>Discovering World Geography: Western Hemisphere</i>	6	McGraw Hill	Social Studies 6th Grade	2014	Amy Noecker
3	<i>Sociology and You 2014</i>	10, 11, 12	McGraw Hill	Sociology	2014	Dave Voigt
4	<i>Discovering Our Past: A History of the US: Early Years</i>	8	McGraw Hill	8th Grade History	2014	Bill Moyer
5	<i>Making America</i>	11	Berkin Miller Cherny Gormly	AP US History	2015	Mike Minnich
6	<i>Economics Today and Tomorrow</i>	12	Glencoe McGraw Hill	Economics	2012	Dave Voigt
7	<i>Discovering Our Past: A History of the US: Modern Times</i>	9	McGraw Hill	US History II	2014	Mike Minnich
8	<i>American Government Institutions and Policies</i>	12	McGraw Hill	AP Government	2015	Mike Minnich
9	<i>United States History and Geography Modern Times</i>	10, 11, 12	McGraw Hill	Modern US History	2013	Dave Voigt
15	<i>The United States Communities and Neighbors</i>	3	McGraw Hill	Social Studies 3rd Grade	2014	Kylene Sanders
16	<i>Social Studies</i>	5	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Social Studies 5th Grade	2012	Jess Hritzko

9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the agreement with Hamburg Area School District for students to attend T ASD Agriculture Program for the 2014/2015 school year as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the agreement with Schuylkill Valley School District for students to attend T ASD Agriculture Program for the 2014/2015 school year as presented.

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

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 professional staff salary adjustments based on credit attainment according to the collective bargaining agreement:

- Heather Balsbaugh from 4B to 4B+24 effective January 2, 2014.
- Erin Dietrich from 5B+24 to 5M effective December 14, 2013.
- Stephanie Fox from 12MEq.+15 to 12MEq./2M effective May 17, 2014.
- Tara Gorman from 6B to 6B+24 effective March 17, 2014.
- Leah Harpel from 5M to 5M/2M effective May 17, 2014.
- G. Bradley Ingraham from 4B to 4B+24 effective April 22, 2014.
- Jessica Moyer from 6M to 6M/2M effective January 12, 2014.
- Tamara Ritter from 6B+24 to 6M effective January 12, 2014.

- Kylene Sanders from 7M to 7M/2M effective May 17, 2014.
- Jamie Shesniak from 12M to 12M/2M effective May 17, 2014.
- Luann Snyder from 12MEq.+15 to 12MEq./2M effective May 17, 2014.

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

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 Jessica Slish as Head Soccer Cheerleading coach for the 2014-2015 season at a stipend of \$1,666 and as Head Basketball/Competition Cheerleading coach for the 2014-2015 season at a stipend of \$2,814.

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

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 Alexander Baker as a custodial substitute for the 2014-2015 school year pending completion of paperwork.

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

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 an hourly rate of \$22.12 for Matthew Shirk for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

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 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, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

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 a 2% increase for support staff of the Tulpehocken Area School District.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-2.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Barbara Davis as Director of Technology on a month to month basis beginning July 1, 2014 and ending no later than November 30, 2014 at a monthly stipend of \$1,100.00.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Jason Bottiglieri as Assistant Director of Technology on a month to month basis beginning July 1, 2014 and ending no later than November 30, 2014 at a monthly stipend of \$900.00.

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

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 Korissa Seidel as a health and physical education teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year at a salary of \$48,043, Step 1B.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the termination of Jacqueline Borkey as a full-time special education paraprofessional effective June 10, 2014.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.11 This motion was tabled.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the resignation of Ashley Reimert as a part-time ESL paraprofessional effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve Mark Brown as the Bethel Elementary principal at a salary of \$75,000 effective July 1, 2014 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.14 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve Amanda Cipolla as the Penn-Bernville Elementary principal at a salary of \$75,000 effective July 1, 2014 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.15 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the newly developed Act 93 agreement for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.16 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to reject grievance #2 dated May 22, 2014 as filed by the TEA, as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding purchasing iPads for some grade levels.

Mr. Manbeck informed the board that the house that BCTC students built is on the parade of homes.

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. Palmer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Executive Session was held from 7:50 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. for personnel.

Mrs. April L. Klopp, Board Secretary