

January 20, 2015 – 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, January 20, 2015 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 (via Skype), 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
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, JSHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Ms. Diane Lotz, JSHS Dean of Students
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Mike DeBakey, Director of Technology
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Conner Davis, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. John Kintzer, Mr. Ray Daub, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Tom Moorhead, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

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 12/02/2014 Reorganization Meeting Minutes
- 3.2 12/02/2014 Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.3 12/22/2014 Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.4 01/06/2015 Board Work 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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Security – **No Report**
- B. Recognition of Employees – **None**
- C. 2015/2016 School Calendar

Dr. Albert asked the board to consider the start date for the 2015/2016 school year. The 2015/2016 calendar will be coming up for approval.

D. Principal Search Update

Dr. Albert informed the board that we have received 14 applications for the principal search.

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 listed appointments for the Board committees for 2015.

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.

9.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the listed Board representatives for 2015.

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.

9.0.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2015 at the stated rate.

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.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2015/2016 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.

9.1.2 Budget Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek discussed the budget, taxes, and rates with the board.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Gifted Art Field Trip as presented at the January 6, 2015 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.

Mr. DeBakey updated the board on technology and how the implementation of iPads in the classrooms is coming along. He also informed the board that they are in the process of investigating the next possible phase.

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

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

- Rebecca Geisinger
- Heather Giambalvo
- Ray Derr
- Jessica Hartranft
- Heather Hess

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.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Jason Bottiglieri as JSHS Assistant Principal/Director of Pupil Services effective March 6, 2015.

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

- Lori Gavalla from 12M to 12M+15 effective October 28, 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.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Heck, to approve Stephanie Lynch as a long-term substitute guidance counselor at the Junior/Senior High School effective January 20, 2015 at a salary of \$51,263, Step 1M, prorated to the number of days worked.

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 approve Diane Lotz as a mentor for Stephanie Lynch, long-term substitute guidance counselor as a stipend of \$500 prorated to the number of days worked.

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 Mrs. Fox, to approve the following substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Milagros Burkholder
- Bianca Chesney
- Helen Clark

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 accept the resignation of Kristin Stoltzfus as Assistant High School Track Coach effective immediately.

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 the following coaches for the 2015 spring season:

- Co-JV Head Softball Brittany Shaud \$1,280
- Co-JV Head Softball Karen Hertzog \$1,280

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 James Ashburn as a full-time student assigned paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School at an hourly rate of \$12.00 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.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to Approve the following preferred substitutes for four (4) days per week starting January 5, 2015 through the end of the third quarter:

- Ryan Bucks (Junior/Senior High School)
- Diedre Peiffer(Bethel/PB)
- Rachel Nelson(Bethel/PB)

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 approve the following support staff substitutes for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Kayle Huey Aide, Custodian
- Jim Weinhold Cafeteria, Custodian

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 Mr. Heck, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Leigh Bragg from approximately February 9 – March 5, 2015.

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.

9.8.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Sharon Kauffman as a part-time cafeteria worker at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.25 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.

9.8.14 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the position change for Mary Snyder from 10 month to 12 month transportation coordinator/administrative assistant to the athletic director.

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.

9.8.15 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Barry Heckard as Acting/Temporary Assistant High School Principal at \$300.00 per day with a tentative start date of March 9, 2015.

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.

9.9 Technology

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Richard Klopp wanted know why the per student ratio was high. There was discussion held. Mr. Klopp also had questions regarding the Township meeting and there was discussion held.

Mrs. Lisa Hassler asked questions and there was discussion held.

Mr. Arlan Werst stated that it seems that our student count is dropping but our expenses are increasing. Discussion was held.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Executive Session was held before and followed the board meeting.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary