

## **February 17, 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, February 17, 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, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.(7:06 p.m.), and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

**ABSENT:**

#### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent  
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager  
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor  
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Ashley Gassert, Mr. Richard Klopp, Ms. Marjorie Hix, Mr. Tom Morehead, Dr. Steve Stepen, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Michael DeAcosta, Mr. Tim DeAcosta, Ms. Traci Kramer, Mr. Mike Starnan, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle.

### **3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

- 2.1 01/20/2015 Board Voting Session Minutes
- 2.2 02/03/2015 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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 8-0.

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### **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, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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## **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. 2014/2015 Alcohol Awareness Award

*Dr. Albert informed the board that we have students that placed in the 2014/2015 Alcohol Awareness contest.*

- D. April Board Meetings – April 14, 2015 & April 21, 2015

*Dr. Albert asked the board if they would consider changing the April board dates because of how spring break falls.*

E. March 6, 2015 In-Service

*Dr. Albert informed the board that we are keeping March 6, 2015 as an in-service since we have presenters already scheduled and it would be nearly impossible to reschedule.*

## **8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

#### **9.1 FINANCE**

A. LERTA Presentation – First Capital Engineering

*First Capital Engineering and Prologis presented a LERTA proposal for the Midway Park property. Discussion was held.*

B. Budget Discussion

*Discussion was held regarding the 2015/2016 budget.*

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9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2015/2016 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. **(Vote to be taken twice)**

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.

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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9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Schuylkill Valley

School District for a student placement in the Trojans II program.

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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9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the resolution to refinance the 2010 & 2010A General Obligation Bonds.

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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9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Herbein & Company for the years ending June 30, 2015, 2016, 2017.

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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9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to Award a three-year contract for 1Gbps WAN services to Verizon at a rate of \$1,600 per month per building pending solicitor review.

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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## **9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

### **9.3 TRANSPORTATION**

9.3.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the transportation agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Eshelman Transportation 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.

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## **9.4. POLICY**

### **9.5 CURRICULUM**

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the Field Trip to Gettysburg, PA as presented at the 02/03/2015 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.

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9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Boys' Basketball Trip to Villanova as presented at the 02/03/2015 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.

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9.5.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the 2015/2016 School Calendar 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.

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## **9.6 LEGISLATIVE**

### **9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

9.7.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the STAR Club (Jr. ROTC) Program as presented at the 02/03/2015 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.

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## **9.8 PERSONNEL**

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

- Nicole Brown

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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9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Lynne Higgins from March 4-6, 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.

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9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Carol Reed from March 16-20, 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.

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9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:

- Kaitlyn Becker
- Cameron Lawrence (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.

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9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve John Ravert as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year through the Berks County Intermediate Unit guest teacher program.

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

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

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9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following substitute support staff employees for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:

- Sally Emerich Cafeteria
- Jacob DeGenova Custodial (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.

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9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignations of the following coaches effective immediately:

- Chris Brennan High School Assistant Track
- Randy Lykens JH Assistant Track

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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9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Dustin Risser as Assistant High School Track coach for the 2014-2015 season at a stipend of \$2,560 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.

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9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Chris Brennan as a volunteer track coach and event staff for the 2014-2015 season.

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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9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Ross Baver as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2014-2015 season.

AYES: 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: Mr. Dennis Baver

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the change to the following extra-curricular position for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Leigh Bragg – Senior Class Co-Advisor at a stipend of \$312.07 for August 25 through December 19, 2014.
- Joanne Levering – Senior Class Co-Advisor at a stipend of \$274.75 for August 25 through December 19, 2014.
- Joanne Levering – Senior Class Advisor at a stipend of \$709.49 for December 22, 2014 through June 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.

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9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the termination of Jennifer Keefer, full-time special education paraprofessional effective February 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.

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9.8.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the retirement resignation of Joyce Keller, fifth grade teacher at Penn-Bernville Elementary effective the last contracted day of the 2014-2015 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.

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9.8.14 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the transfer of Dwayne Cox from part-time custodian to full-time custodian effective February 18, 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.

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**9.9 Technology**

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

**10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

*There were several questions from the community and their questions were answered by the board.*

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Executive Session followed the board meeting.

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Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary