

December 02, 2014 – General Board Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:09 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, December 02, 2014 with Mr. Scott Klopp, Board President presiding.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

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, Junior/Senior High Assistant Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Ms. Bonnie Benfer, Elementary Supervisor
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael DeBakey, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Roxanne McMurtry, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Arlan Werst, and Mr. Dave Voigt

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

3.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to accept the minutes of the following meetings:

3.1 11/18/2014 Board Voting Session Minutes

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS – No Report

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Security – No Report
- B. Employee Recognitions

Lisa Kiss
Melinda Davis
Karen Hertzog

Ed Albert
Dave Voigt

The above employees were recognized before the board for going that extra mile and were given a certificate of appreciation.

- C. iPad Activity – Rebecca Padasak

Ms. Padasak and her students Oakley, Devin, and Clint helped walk the board through a lesson on the iPad.

- D. District Calendar

Dr. Albert informed the board that the proposed 2015/2016 calendar dates will be presented to them in January.

- E. 2013/2014 Audit Presentation – Herbein & Company

Roxanne McMurtry presented the 2013/2014 Audit to the board. There were no findings and it was a successful audit.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

- A. Budget Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek discussed very early preliminary figures and different scenarios with the board. There will be more discussion in January.

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the 2013/2014 Audit from Herbein & Company as presented.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to authorize Administration to pay bills and salaries during the month of December 2014, to be ratified at the January meeting.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.5 CURRICULUM

A. Building Action Plans – Building Principals

The building principals presented their action plans to the board.

B. STEM Follow-Up

Dr. Albert informed the board that they are in the process of forming a committee.

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval on January 20, 2014 to the following curriculum:

- LS Computer Applications

- Taking Care of Business
- Art Grade K
- Art Grade 1
- Art Grade 2
- Art Grade 3
- Art Grade 4
- Algebra IA
- Algebra I (Grade 8)
- Keystone Algebra

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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 John Rivera-Moore as Assistant High School Baseball coach for the 2014-2015 season at a stipend of \$1,931 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to the extension of Samantha Bolles as a long-term substitute elementary math coach for 46 days through the end of the third quarter of the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the extension of Michael Turner as a long-term substitute 1:1 teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for 46 days through the end of the third quarter of the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the resignation of Kristin Zerbe as a long-term substitute 1:1 teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective December 9, 2014.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Moise Birisu as a part-time custodian/grounds maintenance at an hourly rate of \$10.00 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the transfer of Anne Balthaser from part-time library aide at the Junior/Senior

High School to full-time 10 month administrative assistant for guidance at the Junior/Senior High School effective December 22, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$13.00.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the transfer of Lisa Klopp from part-time cafeteria worker at Bethel Elementary to part-time emotional support paraprofessional at Penn-Bernville Elementary effective December 3, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

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:

ABSENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

This motion was carried 6-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an hourly increase of \$1.00 for the following cafeteria employees for assuming responsibilities of head cook with the understanding this increase will be removed from their pay if the responsibilities are eliminated or they resign from the position:

- Jodi Cass effective immediately.
- Kelly McComsey effective January 2015.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to Approve Amber Boyer as Head High School Field Hockey Coach for the 2015-16 season

at a stipend of \$3,167.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to Approve Jamie Fisher as a volunteer girls' basketball coach for the 2014-15 season pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Helen Clark on November 11, 2014.

AYES: 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. Dennis Baver, and Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.9 Technology

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Albert said a farewell to Bonnie Benfer, as this is her last board meeting.

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 9:12 p.m.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary