

May 20, 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 Board Room at Berks Career & Technology Center, West Campus on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 with Mr. Scott Klopp, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance 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., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Barbara Davis, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
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
Ms. Cynthia Jenkins, Bethel Elementary Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Leslie Polyak, Ms. Betty Martin, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Diane Lotz, Ms. Barbara Perez, Ms. Susan Burns, and Ms. Rebecca Geller.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- 3.1 04/22/2014 Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.2 05/06/2014 Board Work Session

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. Technology – Barb/Jason
 - o SparkHire

Mr. Bottiglieri and Mrs. Davis presented SparkHire to the board. This is a tool we are going to be using for future employment vacancies within the district.

Dr. Albert informed the board that we are receiving applications for the two elementary principal positions. He referred the board to their timeline and reminded them that the interviews will be held the evening of June 9, 2014 & June 10, 2014.

Dr. Albert recognized the Guidance Counselors and thanked them for all their hard work, dedication and how they care for the kids.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Heck, 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 #300918, and to ratify the execution of same by Edward J. Albert, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools on May 12, 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.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to appoint Evelyn Fox as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 for a stipend of \$500.

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 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2014-2015 school year:

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
National Penn Bank
Wells Fargo
Metro Bank
PNC Bank
US Bank

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.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the
Business Manager as the Tulpehocken Area School District's Trustee
for the Berks County School District Health Trust and the Superintendent as the
Alternate Trustee for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.

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.

9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the
agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and RAGE Soccer Club
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, and Mr. William
T. Palmer, Jr.,

NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Feasibility Study for the JSHS as presented at the May 6, 2014 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.

9.1.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Sewage Treatment Facility Replacement Study as presented at the May 6, 2014 Board Meeting.

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.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.4.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Heck, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval on June 17, 2014 the following polices.

312 Evaluation of Superintendent

313 Evaluation of Administrative Employees

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.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the PA FFA Activities Week Field Trip at Penn State University from June 10, 2014 through June 12, 2014 as presented at the May 06, 2014 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.

9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, Give first reading with intent to give second reading and final approval June 17, 2014 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</i>	3		Social	2014	Kylene

	<i>Communities and Neighbors</i>		McGraw Hill	Studies 3rd Grade		Sanders
16	<i>Social Studies</i>	5	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Social Studies 5th Grade	2012	Jess Hritzko

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.

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

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

- Timothy Hussmann

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 approve tenure for Ashley Pastor.

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 Ashley Rank as a scorekeeper for the 2013-2014 seasons.

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 Mr. Heck, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

- Christopher Palmer
- Janine Gaeta (pending completion of paperwork)
- Kelsey White (pending completion of paperwork)
- Crystal Zerbe (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.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve unpaid leave for Jacqueline Borkey as follows:

- 3 hours on April 25, 2014
- 3.75 hours on April 29, 2014

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

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-2.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Christina Kraemer as a substitute aide for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year 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.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Heather Stoy as an alternate education teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year at a salary of \$49,043, Step 2B.

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 Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Gertrude Bux effective June 30, 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.

Mr. Palmer publically thanked Trudi for all her hard work and the wonderful show choir and musicals that she produced.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the furlough of Stephen Corcoran as Technology Support Coordinator at the end of the business day on May 19, 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding opening up the board meetings with prayer. It was decided that we would start opening up our board meetings with prayer.

Mrs. Hassler asked about Common Core and Data Safety. There was discussion held.

Mrs. Hassler also asked about confidential information that she received in the mail that was not hers. She would like us to investigate what happened.

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. April L. Klopp, Board Secretary