

January 19, 2010 – General Board Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 with Mr. Ralph Moyer, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Earl L. Brown, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

Also present were: Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Cindy Ambrosiani, Mr. Joseph Carr, and Val Lacis, Reading Eagle.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

3.1-3.3 The following minutes were approved by voice vote.

- 3.1 12/07/2009 General Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.2 12/07/2009 Reorganization Meeting Minutes
- 3.3 01/05/2010 Board Work Session Minutes

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

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. Palmer, 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: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Rose Boone & Blaise Fernandez addressed the Board and offered each Board member two free tickets to this year's musical South Pacific. The musical will be on March 5, 2010 and March 6, 2010. Performances will start at 7:00 p.m. on both days.

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Albert updated the Board on the "Partners in Progress" campaign. Alumni letters will be sent out this week. Dr. Albert gave an overview of funds received thus far from the mailings.

Dr. Albert gave an overview of the TVA expenses and showed the Board the savings it has brought us.

Dr. Albert gave the Board an update on the "Race to the Top" funding. There are several schools opting out.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Huey read thank you notes from Barb Davis, Jennifer Hertwig, and Ms. Diane Ruff for the gifts the Board gave them.

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 Approve the listed appointments for the Board committees for 2010.

9.0.2 Approve the listed Board representatives for 2010.

The above motions were approved by voice vote 8-0.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.0.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff & Stoudt as the school Solicitor for 2010.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve permission to participate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of General Services Cooperative Purchasing Program.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve permission to participate on the Berks County Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Council for copy paper, classroom and art supplies, medical supplies, computer supplies, physical education supplies, custodial supplies, and trash pick-up, for the 2010-2011 school year.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the Settlement Agreement & Release between a parent and Tulpehocken Area School District effective 12/07/2009 as presented to the Board of Directors.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST ESTABLISHING THE BERKS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS HEALTH TRUST

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the resolution that states the Board of School Directors will not raise any school taxes above the stated index for the 2010/2011 school year.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the 2009 Per Capita exonerations as per the attached list.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.7 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the purchase of an upgraded Blodgett Convection Steamer from Singer Equipment Company under State Contract #4400002688 for a net amount of \$13,269.96 from the Capital Reserve Fund.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.8 Approve the change order for Pagoda Electric to provide interior conduits at Bethel Elementary in the amount of \$17,419.57.

The above motion was tabled.

9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4 POLICY

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Kiehl, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the recommendation to give second reading and final approval to the following planned courses as submitted:

- Computer Applications, Grade 7
- 8th Grade Health

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

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. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the following professional staff salary adjustments based on credit attainment according to the collective bargaining agreement:

- Suzanne Hamrick from 11M to 11M+15 effective December 7, 2009.
- Suzanne Hamrick from 11M+15 to 11M/2M effective January 17, 2010.
- Teresa Kiebach from 5B+24 to 5M effective August 22, 2009
- Michael Minnich from 5B+24 to 5M effective August 22, 2009.
- Michelle Schneck from 5B to 5B+24 effective December 21, 2009

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve tenure for the following professional employees:

- Hillary Malone
- Amanda Minnich
- Michelle Schneck

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the following individuals as preferred substitute teachers for 45 days starting January 25, 2010:

- Heather Balsbaugh
- Christopher Hamrick
- Richard Kramer

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Kurt Essick as a substitute custodian for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year pending completion of paperwork.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Kathy Lear as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Zachary Shirk as a musical volunteer for the pit band.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Dennis Baver as a volunteer bowling coach for his son, Ross, for the 2009-2010 school year.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Amanda Machonis from approximately February 12, 2010 through April 1, 2010 for health restoration.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve William Clements as a mentor teacher for Nicole Stoyer, JSHS Math teacher at a stipend of \$500.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Sara Pavuk as a long-term substitute English teacher at the Junior Senior High School effective January 20, 2010 through approximately April 6, 2010 at a salary of \$42,394, Step 1B, prorated to the number of days worked, pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Beverly Blatt

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS- No Items

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Executive Session followed.

Mr. Jason Huey, Board Secretary

Board of Directors Committee Appointments:

Buildings & Grounds

Jason Huey-Chairperson
Oscar Manbeck
William Palmer

Personnel

Scott Klopp-Chairperson
Evelyn Fox
William Palmer

Negotiations

Oscar Manbeck- Chairperson
Jason Huey
Scott Klopp

Curriculum

Beverly Blatt- Chairperson
Evelyn Fox
Mark Kiehl

Policy

Mark Kiehl- Chairperson
Lisa Hassler
Beverly Blatt

Extra Curricular

William Palmer- Chairperson
Scott Klopp
Oscar Manbeck

Finance

Evelyn Fox- Chairperson
William Palmer
Mark Kiehl

Appointed Board Representatives:

Pennsylvania	Lisa Hassler.....	Legislative Chairperson for the School Board Association for 2010
	Jason Huey.....	Pennsylvania School Board Association Representative for 2010
2010	Scott Klopp.....	Pennsylvania School Board Association Employee Relations Contact for
	Mark Kiehl.....	Berks County Earned Income Tax Representative for 2010
Alternate	Beverly Blatt.....	Berks County Earned Income Tax Representative for 2010
	Beverly Blatt.....	Superintendent's Advisory Council Board Representative
	William Palmer.....	Ag Advisory Board Representative
	Evelyn Fox.....	Professional Development Committee
	Evelyn Fox.....	B.C.I.U Representative
	Oscar Manbeck.....	BCTC Joint Operating Committee Representative
	Mark Kiehl.....	BCTC Joint Operating Committee Representative Alternate