

February 16, 2021 – General Board Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the District Office Board Room and via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Rebecca Marmas, Assistant Pupil
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Director of Technology
Mr. Heston Frey, Director of Operations
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mr. Brian J. Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Board Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Chris Kraemer, Ms. Erin Chivalier, Ms. Holly Baer, Ms. Jocelyn Gross, J. Smith, K. Karl, Mr. Kelse Brown, Ms. Marcy Wink, Ms. Rachel Heim, Mrs. Jacobs, Ms. Rachael Moyer, Ms. Sherry Wessner, and Ms. Roxanne McMurtry, Herbein + Company

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

2.1 01/19/2021 Board Voting Session Meeting Minutes

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, 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 Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, 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. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, 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. 2020/2021 School Year Update

Mr. Netznik reported that we have had our share of snow and ice this winter. We have been busy adjusting and being flexible to accommodate.

B. Audit Presentation – Herbein + Company

Ms. McMurtry presented the 2019/2020 audit to the board. It was a positive audit with no findings.

C. Snow Make – Up Day

Mr. Netznik presented making March 8th an instructional day to make up for the snow day. This item will be voted on during the voting session.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Lytle, to approve the recommendation to use the law firm of Kozloff Stoudt as the school District Solicitor for 2021 school year.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the revised 2020-2021 School Year Calendar as presented with March 8, 2021 designated as a student day instead of a professional development Day.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1A A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the 2021/2022 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. (Vote to be taken twice)

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, and

NAYS: Mr. Matthew Lytle, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: Mr. Kyle Batz

This motion was carried 6-2.

9.1.1B A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the 2021/2022 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated Services Budget as presented to the board. (Vote to be taken twice)

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, and

NAYS: Mr. Matthew Lytle, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: Mr. Kyle Batz

This motion was carried 6-2.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the 2019-2020 Herbein + Company, Inc. audit as presented.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.5. CURRICULUM

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 Accept the following Resignation:

- Joel Jackson as a Part-time Emotional Support Paraprofessional at Bernville Elementary effective February 1, 2021.
- Lorraine Ziegler as a Part-time Autistic Support paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary effective January 27, 2021.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, 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 Mrs. Klopp, to the following employment:

Staff:

- Katelyn Bollinger as a Part-time Custodian at the District Office at an hourly rate of \$13.00 effective February 17, 2021 pending completion of employee paperwork.
- Cassidy Blankenbiller as a Part-time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$13.00 effective February 17, 2021.
- Approve the transfer of Amy Sauder from Part Time Instructional Paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary to Part time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$13.00 effective February 17, 2021.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Matthew Lytle

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to Rescind the resignation of Denyle Eisenhauer accepted at our January 5, 2021 Board Meeting as district custodian and reinstate her employment with the district.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, 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. Klopp, to approve supplemental contracts for the Spring Coach positions for the 2020-2021 sports season. In the event of an extended/mandatory school closure and/or the cancellation of an athletic season, stipends will be prorated to the number of days worked during the in-season time, unless documentation is provided to and approved by the superintendent justifying the continuation of the extra-curricular position during an extended/mandatory school closure.

- Hanna Woolf Junior High Head Track and Field Coach \$1,600
- Christopher Kelse Brown Asst. High School Baseball Coach \$1,931
- Michael Boltz HS Boys' Tennis Coach \$2,814

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig.

NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-1.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following Volunteers for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year:

- James Gresh
- Nicholas Sokolovich

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

The board asked to include what each person is volunteering for on future agenda's.

9.9 TECHNOLOGY

9.9.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Rissmiller, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the recommendation to award the Comcast Enterprise Services for district Wide Area Network services at a monthly cost of \$2,694.00 (pre-eRate funding) for a term of 60 months.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 9-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Palmer asked if we were working on a 5-day plan and wanted to know if we had extra – curricular on Wednesday's. His questions were discussed and answered.

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. Palmer. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Executive session followed for personnel.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary