

## **March 15, 2011 – General Board Meeting Minutes**

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 with Mr. Ralph Moyer, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph E. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr. (7:25 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** Mr. Jason Huey

#### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

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: Mr. Robert Landry, Ms. April Klopp, Ms. Jeanne VanDyk, Mr. Ronald Spinelli, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, Ms. Carolyn Hartman, Ms. Treasure Lape, Mr. Larry Blatt, Ms. Louise Rubright, Mr. Gary Rubright, Mr. Steve Gable, Mr. Joseph Carr, Mr. Russ Hinnershitz, Mr. Jim Chett, Mr. Dennis Bayer, and Ms. Kate Wilcox, Reading Eagle.

### **3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

3.1-3.3        A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to accept the minutes of the following meetings:

- 3.1        02/15/2011 General Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.2        02/15/2011 General Board Work Session Minutes
- 3.3        03/01/2011 General Board Work Session Minutes

**AYES:**        Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Ralph P. Moyer.

**NAYS:**

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

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 7-0.

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### **4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

4.1-4.13       A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. 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: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Ralph P. Moyer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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## **5.0 BOARD REPORTS**

None

## **6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

*Mr. Spinelli asked the Board to explain the RAGE proposal. Ms. Vandyk asked the Board to explain what a paraprofessional is. Their questions were answered by the Board.*

## **7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A. April 19, 2011 Board Meeting – BCTC

*Dr. Albert reminded the public and board that the April 19, 2011 meeting of the board of directors will be held at the BCTC West Campus.*

*Dr. Albert stated that the musical is this week with senior citizen night on Wednesday and performances on Friday and Saturday evening.*

## **8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **9.1 FINANCE**

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the 2011/2012 Berks County Intermediate Unit Services Budget as presented to the board (vote to be taken twice).

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Ralph P. Moyer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Ralph P. Moyer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve donating the stipend for the Board Treasurer of \$500 and the Board Secretary of \$900 to be donated as the Board of Director's Scholarship Award.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Ralph P. Moyer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

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### **9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

9.2.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the RAGE Soccer Club proposal to use the athletic facility as presented.

*The above motion was tabled until the 04/05/2011 board meeting.*

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9.2.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to approve the HS Lighting Retrofit project as presented by AEM Architects at the 03/01/2011 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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### **9.3 TRANSPORTATION**

### **9.4 POLICY**

### **9.5 CURRICULUM**

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the Teacher Induction Program as presented at the 03/01/2011 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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### **9.6 LEGISLATIVE**

### **9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

### **9.8 PERSONNEL**

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Shanon Sittler Martin as a full-time Autistic Support Teacher effective the beginning of the 2011-12 school year at a salary of \$60,961, Step 8M pending completion of paperwork.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Stacy Snyder as a full-time student assigned paraprofessional effective the beginning

of the 2011-12 school year at an hourly rate of \$15.45 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year:

- Erin Lynn Hoffert (pending completion of paperwork)
- Brandon Melcher (pending completion of paperwork)

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following preferred substitute teachers:

- Diane Fiorentino (approximately 4/15/11-5/30/11)
- Erin Dougherty (3/30/11-6/07/11)
- Heath Grogg (approximately 3/30/11-4/14/11 and 5/31/11-6/07/11)
- Tracey Stauffer (3/30/11-6/07/11)

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year through Berks County Intermediate Unit's Guest Teacher Program:

- Nicole Peters
- Evan Sterner

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following volunteer coaches:

- Ashleigh Dunlap – Girls' Soccer
- Steve Himmelberger – Girls' Soccer
- Christopher Stoy – Baseball
- Jeffrey Strayer – Girls' Soccer
- Crystal Zerbe – Girls' Soccer

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Terri Bucks as event staff for the 2011 spring sports season pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Cynthia Behler, first grade teacher at Penn-Bernville Elementary, effective the last contractual teaching day of the 2010-2011 school year.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Lyndell Stranix, transition teacher at the Junior/Senior High School, effective the last contractual teaching day of the 2010-2011 school year.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Stephanie Parkinson, first grade teacher at Bethel Elementary, effective the last contractual teaching day of the 2010-2011 school year.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Kathleen Shirk, second grade teacher at Penn-Bernville Elementary, effective the last contractual teaching day of the 2010-2011 school year.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Louise Wolf, fourth grade teacher at Bethel Elementary, effective the last contractual teaching day of the 2010-2011 school year.

9.8.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Ronald Wagner, custodian at the Junior/Senior High School, effective June 10, 2011.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.14 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Brent Johnson as athletic director effective July 1, 2011 at a stipend of \$6,000 for the 2011-2012 school year.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT: Mr. Jason Huey

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

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*Dr. Albert publically thanked the retirement employees for their hard work and dedication.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

### **10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

## **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Assistant Board Secretary