

## **March 16, 2010 – 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. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 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. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Scott W. Klopp

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. Jan Phillips, and Ms. Peg Renninger

### **3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

3.1-3.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to accept the minutes of the following meetings:

- 3.1 02/16/2010 General Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.2 02/16/2010 Policy Committee Meeting
- 3.3 02/18/2010 Special Voting Session
- 3.4 03/02/2010 Board Work Session Minutes

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Mr. Scott W. Klopp

**ABSTAINED:**

This motion was carried 8-0.

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### **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. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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## **5.0 BOARD REPORTS**

None

## **6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

None

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

*Dr. Albert reported that we placed 7<sup>th</sup> place at the at the Science Olympiad. We had four students place 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 students place 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Albert stated that he wrote a personnel note to the participants.*

*Dr. Albert gave the Board example copies of the Reading, Math, and Science PSSA tests. He encouraged the Board to take the test so they would have an idea of what taking the PSSA would be like.*

*Dr. Albert informed the Board that the district art teachers have decorated our board room with students' art to recognize the fact that March is "Youth Art Month". The district will be hosting the second annual T\*E\*A on April 2, 2010.*

*Dr. Albert referred the Board to the donation breakdown sheet.*

## **8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Fox as the appointed B.C.I.U Representative for a three year term.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.0.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Huey, 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 #201053, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent of Schools on March 16, 2010.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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## **9.1 FINANCE**

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Palmer, 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. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. Ralph P. Moyer and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the 2010 Bond Resolution as presented to the Board.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve 7 year beverage provider agreement with Coca Cola Enterprises Inc. as presented to the Board.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the 2010-2011 Berks County Career and Technology Center Operating Budget as presented to the Board.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve a resolution urging legislative action on school employee pension reform.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.1.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, 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.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.1.7 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the Special Education Settlement & Release as presented to the Board.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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## **9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

9.2.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Huey, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve agreement with AEM Architects, Inc. for the Architectural/Engineering Study for the Main Entrance Drive Renovations at the Jr. /Sr. High School.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.2.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Huey, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve the agreement with AEM Architects, Inc. for the water tank removal at the Jr./Sr. High School.

AYES: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jason Huey, Mr. Mark Kiehl, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Ralph P. Moyer.

NAYS: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 6-2.

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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 formation of the Radio Club at the Junior/Senior High School as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

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. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Lisa Kiss as Director of Special Education at a salary of \$74,000 pro-rated to the number of days worked effective upon mutual agreement between employers, pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Charles Warfel as interim Director of Special Education effective immediately on an as needed basis at a daily rate of \$350.00, pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Huey, to rescind the motion to accept JoAnn Stockholm's resignation as Junior High Head Track coach.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Christopher Palmer as an Assistant High School Track coach for the 2010 spring season at a stipend of \$2437.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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

- Rick Kramer – Girls’ Soccer
- Tim Kahl – Girls’ Soccer
- Jeffrey Strayer – Girls’ Soccer
- Rich Koenig – Softball
- Mike Minnich – Softball
- Cody Keeney – Baseball

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve the following substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year:

- Tiara Gordon
- Christopher Palmer
- Emily Shearer (pending completion of paperwork)

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Huey, to the following individuals as preferred substitute teachers for 45 days starting April 7, 2010:

- Heather Balsbaugh
- Christopher Hamrick
- Alyssa Nye

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Huey, to approve Trinity Stoudt as a substitute nurse for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve Glenna Piho as a mentor for Lauren Oswald, School Nurse at a stipend of \$500.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve March 31 and April 1, 2010 as unpaid leave for Karen Stewart, full-time paraprofessional, for a commitment made prior to the revision of the 2009-2010 school calendar due to inclement weather.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Dianne Geschwindt, third grade teacher at Penn-Bernville Elementary, effective June 30, 2010.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Karen Snyder, first grade teacher at Penn-Bernville Elementary, effective the last contractual teaching day of the 2009-2010 school year.

9.8.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Emily Weaver, administrative assistant to the Assistant Principal at the JSHS, effective June 30, 2010.

9.8.14 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the retirement resignation of Barry Kellner, agricultural teacher at the Junior Senior High School, effective the last contractual teaching day of the 2009-2010 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Scott W. Klopp

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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*Dr. Albert congratulated the above retirees and stated that they have been a great asset to Tulpehocken.*

**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. Palmer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Executive Session followed.

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Mr. Jason Huey, Board Secretary