

May 19, 2020 – 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. via Zoom on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 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 (via phone), Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig.

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mrs. Kristin Holst, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Justin Welker, JSHS Principal
Mr. Heston Frey, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Matthew Shirk, Supervisor of Technology
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Board Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Doug Molhoek, Mr. Kevin Avery, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Pamela Hoffert, Ms. Sherry Wesner, Mr. Brent Johnson, Ms. Leah Blatt, Mr. Paul Zerbe, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Jeff Jacovidis, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Michael Minnich, Ms. Nicole Randall, and Ms. Tammy Field.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

No Items

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1- 4.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, 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. 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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. End of the 2019-2020 School Year Update

Mr. Netznik reported that May 28, 2020 will be the last academic day

B. 2020-2021 School Year Update

Mr. Netznik updated the board regarding the 2020/2021 school year. The admin team is meeting and discussing how the 2020/2021 school year will look. They are waiting on PDE to give out direction/requirements. More is to come.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

A. Budget Update – Mr. Kowalonek, Business Manager

There was discussion regarding the 2020/2021 budget.

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following institutions as depositories for the 2020-2021 school year:

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
BB&T
Wells Fargo

PNC Bank
US Bank
Tompkins VIST Bank

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Heck, to appoint Anthony Rodig as board treasurer for a term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 for a stipend of \$500.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED: Mr. Anthony Rodig

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Superintendent as the Tulpehocken Area School District's Trustee for the Berks County School District Health Trust and the Business Manager as the Alternate Trustee for the 2020-2021 school years.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the ratification of the fuel oil lock-in rate at \$1.2500 for the 2021-2022 school year to Tally Petroleum Enterprises Inc.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-0.

9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.2.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Batz, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the repair of a chiller compressor for Penn-Bernville Elementary at a cost of \$44,380 with Elliot Lewis completing the work as per Co-Stars contracts.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig
NAYS: Mr. Matthew Lytle
ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 7-1.

A. Penn-Bernville Roof Discussion

There was discussion held regarding the Penn-Bernville roof. This will be an item at a future board meeting.

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.4.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Heck, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to give second reading and final approval to the following policies:

#006.1	Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Devices
#626	Federal Fiscal Compliance

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Matthew Lytle, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig
NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer Jr.
ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 7-1.

9.5. CURRICULUM

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

9.8.1A A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Trevor Brown as a Physical Education & Health Teacher at the Junior-Senior High School effective with the start of the 2020-2021 school year, Step 2M at a salary of \$53,863, pending the completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig

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

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 5-3.

9.8.1B A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Hanna Kraft as a Learning Support Teacher at the Junior-Senior High School effective with the start of the 2020-2021 school year, Step 2B at a salary of \$50,863, pending the completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.1C A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Kristen Overly as an Art Teacher at the Junior-Senior High School effective with the start of the 2020-2021 school year, Step 1B at a salary of \$50,243, pending the completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.1D A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Mario Trochez as a part-time summer technology student worker at an hourly rate of \$10.50, effective June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 not to exceed 29.5 hours per week

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the contract for Mr. Thomas Kowalonek as presented and changing his title from Business Manager to Chief Financial Officer

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.9 TECHNOLOGY

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jacovidis inquired about how they were going to handle not having a male and female Physical Education Teacher. They will utilize a female teacher or aide when needed.

Mrs. Hassler inquired about the Dyslexia Pilot program. Her questions were fielded and answered.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rissmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heck. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. Executive Session was held before and after the board meeting for personnel and legal matters.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary