

June 16, 2015 – 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. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 with Mr. William Palmer, Board Vice President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp (via Skype), Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Arlan Werst, Mr. Robert Schultz, and Mr. Val Lacis, Reading Eagle

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

3.1 05/19/2015 Board Voting Session Minutes

3.2 06/02/2015 Board Work Session Minutes

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, 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. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

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. SRO

Dr. Albert informed the board that we were notified from the State Police that they cannot be our SRO. This will have to be addressed.

Dr. Albert informed the board to meet and discuss what direction they want to head with offering a LERTA.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Klopp read thank you notes from Nathaniel Dye and Jan Gernsheimer

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

- 9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to adopt the final budget for the 2015-2016 school year with projected expenditures of \$29,325,400 and projected revenues of \$28,950,400 including a real estate tax

millage rate of 27.70, Act 511 per capita tax of \$5.00, School Code Section 679 per capita tax of \$5.00, ½% earned income tax, and ½% real estate transfer tax.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to Request approval to adopt the 2015/2016 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the tax resolution to levy taxes for the 2015/2016 school year.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve any necessary journal entries and budget transfers to the financial statements of the school district after June 30, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the commitment of funds for the following categories in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620: The specific amounts for each category will be determined at a later date.

Special Education
Benefits

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the agreement between Tulpehocken Area School District and Big Smiles Pennsylvania, P.C. as presented.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

9.4.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Steinhauer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to give first reading with the intent to give second reading and final approval on July 21, 2015 to the following policy:

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to approve the agreement with Hamburg Area School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2015/2016 school year as presented.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to approve the agreement with Schuylkill Valley School District for students to attend TASD Agriculture Program for the 2015/2016 school year as presented.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

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

- Jennifer Engelbert from 8M to 8M+15 effective May 14, 2015.
- Tara Gorman from 6B+24 to 6M effective January 11, 2015.
- Kathy Lear from 4B to 4B+24 effective January 9, 2015.
- Michael Mulholland 5M+30 to 5M+45 effective March 13, 2015.
- Lauren Oswald 5B to 5B+24 effective May 4, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the following part-time technology student workers for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Aaron Riegel at an hourly rate of \$8.42.
- Dalton Scharff at an hourly rate of \$8.16.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the change of status for Crystal Moyer from part-time life skills support paraprofessional to full-time student assigned autistic support paraprofessional effective the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Bayer, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the retirement resignation of Tracy Morais as part-time library aide effective June 1, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the termination of Judith Harig as a cafeteria aide at the Junior/Senior High School effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to accept the resignation of Rachael Martin as part-time German teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective June 9, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to accept the resignation of Meghan Grove as a third grade teacher at Penn-Bernville Elementary School effective August 10, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to Shirley Poon as a part-time special education/job coach paraprofessional effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year at an hourly rate of \$12.00 pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the support staff increases for the 2015-2016 school year as presented to the Board.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. Dennis Baver

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Manbeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Executive Session was held before and followed the board meeting.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary