

September 15, 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, September 15, 2015 with Mr. Scott Klopp, Board Vice President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager (via phone)
Mr. Andrew Netznik, JSHS Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lori Brown, Mr. Walter Brown, Mr. Ira Fox, Mr. Myron Schrack, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Ronald Reber, Mr. Jared Hardy, Ms. Allison Hardy, Mr. Bruce Hardy, Ms. Bev Hardy, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. John Swenson, Ms. Virginia Baer, Mr. Gene Brown, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. Steve Buck, Mr. Wes Good, Mr. Daniel Hopkins, Ms. Amy Emerich, Mr. Todd Emerich, and Mr. Mike DeAcosta

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- 3.1 08/18/2015 Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.2 09/01/2015 Board Work Session Minutes

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

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. School Performance Profile (SPP)

It was reported that PDE made significant changes PSSA. There will not be SPP scores for Penn-Bernville or Bethel Elementary this year.

- B. Hall of Fame Banquet – October 8, 2015

Dr. Schultz reviewed the recipients of the Hall of Fame Banquet and encouraged the board members to come.

- C. Moody's Investors Service Rating Action

Mr. Boland explained to the board that because of the State budget impasse that the state of Pennsylvania Bond rating has decreased by 1%.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to accept the 2016/2017 heating oil contract to Superior Plus Energy Services, Inc. at a price of \$1.7456 per gallon delivered.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve to offer a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) to Vesper at Berks LP.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Scott W. Klopp,

NAYS: Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. William T. Palmer Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was denied 5-3.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.2.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Manbeck, to approve resolution 2015-01.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Chris Heck, 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: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.3.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Baver, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the transportation contract between Tulpehocken Area School District and Assemblies of Yahweh as presented at the 09/01/2015 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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 policy:

913 Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

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

916 Volunteers

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.5.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the Rehoboth, Delaware Marching Band Trip as presented at the September 1, 2015 board meeting.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.
NAYS: Mr. Dennis Bayer
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 7-1.

9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Hiram G. Andrews Field Trip as presented at the September 1, 2015 board meeting.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.
NAYS: Mr. Dennis Bayer
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 7-1.

9.5.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the High School Honor Choir at West Chester University Field Trip as presented.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.
NAYS: Mr. Dennis Bayer
ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 7-1.

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following professional staff salary adjustments based on credit attainment according to the collective bargaining agreement:

- Christa Miller from 12M to 12M+15 effective August 13, 2015.
- Rebecca Padasak from 2B to 2B+24 effective August 30, 2015.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Dustin Shirk as Instrumental Music Teacher/Band Director at the JSHS effective upon mutual agreement between employers.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Matthew Schrack as the Junior/Senior High School Instrumental Music Teacher at a salary of \$56,409, Step M5 and Band Director at a stipend of \$2,262, pending completion of paperwork and upon mutual agreement between employers.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Guilia Voletto as a long-term substitute Language Arts teacher at the Junior/Senior High School at a salary of \$48,043, Step 1B pro-rated to the number of days worked, effective upon completion of paperwork through approximately January 4, 2016.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox
ABSTAINED:
This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Becker as part-time custodian effective August 28, 2015.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Melissa Ludwig as part-time math intervention paraprofessional effective immediately.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following part-time custodians at an hourly rate of \$10.00 effective upon completion of paperwork:

- Cindy Bolognese
- Tina Moyer

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Cathy Arroyo Aide
- Shirley Flannery Nurse (pending completion of paperwork)
- Julia Ansel Teacher
- Dianna Arndt Teacher
- Lauren Grauer Teacher (pending completion of paperwork)
- Janet Gernsheimer Teacher

- JoAnn Stockholm Teacher

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute teachers through the Berks County Intermediate Unit's Guest Teacher Program for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Thomas Earhart
- Zachary McDonough

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Suzanne Belles as a part-time cafeteria worker at an hourly rate of \$9.25 effective October 5, 2015.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Bobbi Mellen as event staff for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year pending completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

Heather Claman

Thane LaFollette

Theresa DeAcosta

Kathryn Crampton
Megan Risko
William Straw
Christa Triest
Gina Daub
Holly Myers
Rebecca Zeller
Meredith Dalton
Jenny Marks
Christel Leibenguth
Brandi Mays
Leah Blatt
Heather Giambalvo

Renee Norman
Tracy Lutz
Karen Ellis
Carrol DeBellis
Megan Heath
Toni Greene
Christina Kopinski
Thomas Mirabella
Brandi Reisch
Rose Bernstein
Stacia Layser
Bennetry Herrmann
Kieu-Trinh Tran
Ellen Zele
Danielle Jacobs
Brian Jacobs
Andrea Worcheck
Amy Zadeh
Karen Snyder
Clare Mulvenna
Janet Gernsheimer
Danielle Long
Sandra Fogg
Taryn Stothart
Amy Metz
Dana Gil
Carrie Mellington
Cathleen Palm

Holly Torres
Bobbi Mellen
Cheryl Yoder
Kelly Groff
Diana Kintzer
Larry Groff
Dennis Bayer

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox

ABSTAINED: Mr. Dennis Bayer

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.9 TECHNOLOGY

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heck.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Executive Session followed the board meeting.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary