

September 16, 2014 – 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 16, 2014 with Mr. Scott Klopp, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Dennis Baver, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck (via phone), Mrs. April Klopp Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Albert, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mr. Jason Bottiglieri, JSHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Christa Miller, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, 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 08/19/2014 Board Voting Session Minutes

3.2 09/02/2014 Board Work Session

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, 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, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

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. Security – No Report
- B. Recognition of Employees

The board recognized Ms. Debbie Moyer, Administrative Assistant at the JSHS for going above and beyond and making a difference. Dr. Albert read a letter that was written from a parent telling him what a difference Ms. Moyer makes. Ms. Moyer was given a certificate of recognition.

- C. October Board Dates – October 7, 2014 & October 14, 2014

Dr. Albert reminded the board that the October board dates will change from October 7, 2014 & October 21, 2014 to October 7, 2014 & October 14, 2014. This date change is so Dr. Albert can attend the PASA/PSBA Conference.

Dr. Albert had the board view the Tulpehocken Marching Band via video. He informed the board that they have had several recognitions this year. If they wanted to see them live they may do so at Wilson Area High School on October 18, 2014.

Dr. Albert had the board view a short portion of the open house video that was played during the JSJS open house and has been posted to the web.

Dr. Albert informed the board that we will be recognizing vets who did not receive their diploma because they served our country at the November 18, 2014 board meeting. They will receive an honorary diploma from Tulpehocken for their service.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- 9.2.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Sewer Plant proposal as presented at the 09/02/2014 board meeting.

AYES: Mrs. Beverly Blatt, Mrs. Evelyn F. Fox, Mr. Chris Heck, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mrs. April Klopp

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Dennis Bayer

This motion was carried 6-1.

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 2014/2015 Letter of Agreement between Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 as presented at the 09/02/2014 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.5.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Blatt, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the Comprehensive Plan as presented at the 09/02/2014 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.7.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the Rehoboth, Delaware Marching Band Trip (Sea Witch Parade) as presented at the 09/02/2014 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.7.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Manbeck, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Hiram G. Andrews Field Trip from October 22, 2014 – October 24, 2014 as presented at the 09/02/2014 board meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8 PERSONNEL

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

- Connie Tworkoski from 11B+24 to 11M effective May 17, 2014.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Victoria Schifalacqua on October 16 and 17, 2014.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Bradley Hummel
- Sara Jackson
- Megan Lamm

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Carol Jenkins as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year through Berks County Intermediate Unit's Guest Teacher Program.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following support staff substitutes for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school pending completion of paperwork:

- Annette Fitterling Cafeteria
- Jocelyne Leconte Aide, Cafeteria, Custodial

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Mike Berry as event staff for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the resignation of Erin Reynolds as Assistant Junior High Field Hockey Coach.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Warren Trautman as a volunteer golf coach for the 2014-2015 season.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Helen Hagerty Clark as a long-term substitute elementary music teacher at Penn-Bernville Elementary from approximately September 29, 2014 through approximately January 15, 2015 at a salary of \$51,263, Step 1M, pro-rated to the number of days work, pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Kamonkarn Noi Karnchanaboon as a part-time autistic support paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$12.00 pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

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

Mrs. Hassler inquired with the board about opting out of testing. There was discussion held.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Executive Session Followed.

Mrs. April L. Klopp, Board Secretary