

September 18, 2018 – 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 18, 2018 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, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Netznik, Superintendent
Mrs. Amanda Cipolla, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Ben Ruffner, Ms. Aimee Ruffner, Mr. Zach Ruffner, Mr. Douglas Kephart, Mr. Ethan Shartle, Mr. Joel Spencer, Mr. Adam Schaaf, Mr. Robert Sykes, Mr. Aaron Baransky, Mr. Mark Forry, Mr. Jeremiah Sprigg, Ms. Ashley Laity, Ms. Wendy Sprigg, Mr. John Sprigg, Ms. Elaine Fernandez, Mr. Brynn Schaffer, Mr. Glenn Henne, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. David Bortz, Ms. Corale Bortz, Mr. Luke Ruffner, Mr. Jeff Jacovidis, Mr. Tim Youse, Ms. Rosemarie Madeiros, and Ms. Barbara Kauffman

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

3.1 08/21/2018 Board Voting Session Meeting Minutes

3.2 09/04/2018 Board Work Session Meeting Minutes

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Werst, 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. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

The following citizens were in support of and spoke in support of the wrestling program. They asked the board to continue to support it and that it has been hard this year because they do not have a coach at the JSJS level. They stated they have the numbers at the elementary level. They asked for a chance to get the numbers up at the JSJS level. The board listened to everyone's concern and there was some interaction back and forth. Mr. Manbeck stated that they had an extra-curricular meeting about six months ago and discussed the wrestling program. It was decided to give the program two years to get their numbers up and strengthen the program. The board will take a look at it at that time. Mr. Manbeck stated that they would quickly and efficiently work to get the coaching position filled. In the interim they will look into an interim so the kids could start practicing.

Mr. Ben Ruffner, Ms. Aimee Ruffner, Mr. Zach Ruffner, Mr. Douglas Kephart, Mr. Ethan Shartle, Mr. Joel Spencer, Mr. Adam Schaaf, Mr. Robert Sykes, Mr. Aaron Baransky, Mr. Mark Forry, Mr. Brynn Schaffer, Mr. Glenn Henne, Mr. David Bortz, Ms. Corale Bortz, Mr. Luke Ruffner, and Mr. Tim Youse,

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Homebound Instruction – Student #202603

Mr. Netznik informed the board that we have a student out on homebound.

- B. PA Schools Work Representative

Mr. Netznik informed the board that PA Schools Work is a new coalition to advocate for adequate funding for our public schools. They are looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. He asked if anyone on the board was interested to let him know.

- C. Act 55 – School Director’s Training

Mr. Netznik informed the board that due to Act 55 that was recently passed school directors are now required to undergo mandatory training. So, as of the next election any re-elected and new school directors would need to undergo this training.

- D. Snow Plow

Mr. Netznik informed the board that it would cost \$2800 – \$3600 to get a new plow for the new truck. It would cost \$1900 to get the old plow welded and attached to the new truck. Mr. Netznik asked the board their thoughts. Mr. Steinhauer stated that he would like to come and take a look at it.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- 9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the Show Choir Field Trip to Williamsburg, Virginia as presented at the September 4, 2018 board meeting.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.1 FINANCE

9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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:

#105	Curriculum Development
#112.1	Job Placement Services
#116	Tutoring
#127	Assessments

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.5. CURRICULUM

A. Carnegie STEM – Amanda Cipolla

Mrs. Cipolla gave the board an update on Carnegie STEM. Last year we had a one of three participation rate. They are going to continue this program, but do it on our own.

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

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

- Erin Dietrich from 10M+15 to 10M+30 effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 School Year.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve a supplemental contract for the following extra-curricular position for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Barbara Moyer Assistant Director Fall Play \$1,136

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to accept the following Resignations:

- Donna Grodis Part time custodian effective September 14, 2018
- Rebecca Kline Part time Autistic Support Paraprofessional at Bethel Elementary effective September 15, 2018.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following employment:

A. Support Staff:

- Jeremy Tinnin as a part-time Lunch Recess Aide at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.00 effective September 19, 2018. Pending Completion of Paperwork.
- Brandi Mays as a part-time Lunch Recess Aide at Bethel Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.00 effective September 19, 2018.

B. Professional Staff:

- Approve Allyson Balmer as Agriculture Teacher at the Junior Senior High School at Step 1B \$48,543 at a date to be determined. Pending Completion of Paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Robert Stepenaskie as a mentor for Sophie Pearson, Learning Support Teacher at Penn Bernville Elementary at a stipend of \$500 pro-rated to the number of days worked.

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following substitute staff/event staff for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year:

Amanda	Gallagher	Substitute Teacher. Pending Completion of Paperwork
Sharon	Heck	Cafeteria
Sandra	Readinger	Cafeteria, Secretary. Pending Completion of Paperwork
Megan	Risko	Substitute Teacher

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2018-2019 School year:

Rhoda Wentling	Ashley Billman	Bryan Baxter
	Tracy Blimline	
	Staci Ahrensfield	

AYES: Mr. Kyle Batz, Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Anthony Rodig,

ABSTAINED:

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

Mrs. Hassler inquired about the statement Mr. Manbeck made about an extra-curricular meeting being held six months ago to discuss the wrestling program. She stated that she did not recall the discussion. The date and time of the meeting was provided for her of March 28, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. Executive session was held from 7:02 p.m. till 7:16 p.m. and after the board meeting for personnel.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary