

November 17, 2015 – General Board Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 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, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Tom Morehead, Mr. Arlan Werst, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, and Mr. Anthony Orozco, Reading Eagle

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 10/20/2015 Board Voting Session Minutes
- 3.2 11/03/2015 Board Work Session Minutes

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.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1-4.13 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Palmer, 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 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.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Schultz thanked Mrs. Evelyn Fox, Mrs. Beverly Blatt, and Mr. Dennis Bayer for their service to the board.

Dr. Schultz reported that winter sports has started.

Dr. Schultz presented the 2015/2016 budget sheet showing the largest budget expense being Salaries, PSERS, and Medical.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 FINANCE

- 9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the commitment of the following fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 and Board Policy 620 effective June 30, 2015:

Special Education	\$200,000
Benefits	<u>\$1,050,000</u>
Total Committed Fund Balance	\$1,250,000

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

NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Heck

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the transfer of \$125,000 to Capital Reserve effective June 30, 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.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve the Per Capita Exonerations as attached.

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.

9.1.4 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve resolution #2015-9 approving the withholding of the state of Pennsylvania's portion of the Cyber/Charter school payments pending the resolution of the current budget impasse in the Commonwealth.

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.

9.1.5 A resolution was offered by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve resolution #2015-6 authorizing Tulpehocken Area School District to enter into a Police Services Agreement with Tulpehocken Township.

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 Mr. Bayer, to give second reading and final approval to the following policy:

222 Tobacco Use

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.

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

705 Safety

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.

9.5 CURRICULUM

9.6 LEGISLATIVE

9.7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR

9.8 PERSONNEL

9.8.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to Approve Jennifer Behney as a long-term substitute Language Arts teacher at the Junior/Senior High School at a salary of \$48,043, Step B1 pro-rated to the number of days worked, effective approximately November 23, 2015 through approximately March 30, 2016, 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.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following mentor teacher:

- Pam Shealer for the long-term substitute JSBS Science teacher (Timothy Shaak), \$500 pro-rated to the number of days worked.

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.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Stefanie Poslosky as a part-time ESL paraprofessional at Penn-Bernville Elementary at an hourly rate of \$9.25 effective upon 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.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Danielle Long as a substitute teacher through the Berks County Intermediate Unit's guest teacher program for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year 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.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve Carl Westley as a part-time courier at an hourly rate of \$10.00 effective upon 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.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the following substitute custodians for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year pending completion of paperwork:

- Russell Heckman
- Nicholas Chmielewski
- Daniel Doherty

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 Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to accept the resignation of Ashley Count as Head Junior High Softball Coach effective immediately.

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.

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

Linda Schueller
Trell Davis
Matthew Christ
Sara Bryant
Keri Moyer

Ryan Keeler
Tamara Devries
Ricardo Gil-Pulido
Marlene Haws
Oralyn Kleinfelter
Shelly Kraatz
Melanie Long
Beth Maurer
Tiffany Rissel
Timothy Rissel
Michele Dietrich
Daniel Parks
Rebecca Parks
Megan Pugh
Patricia Adams

Kim Stricker
Cheryl White
Michael DeAcosta
Donna Kramer
Jay Waldman

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.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Fox, to approve the Amendment of Act 93 to extend the agreement until June 30, 2017.

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.

9.9 TECHNOLOGY

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Palmer recommended that we create a list of immediate needs regarding the feasibility study.

Mr. Bayer encouraged the board to look into purchasing a new Drivers Ed car. He also recommended that we look into strengthening our curriculum in the areas of math and science. He would also like to see us offer more intense Career Counseling, maybe even at an earlier age. He also encouraged us to continue to do the right thing regarding our special education students.

Mr. Klopp encouraged us to use Instant Connect more to let people know of events. Mr. Steinhauer stated that we need a mechanism to get the parents involved.

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. Palmer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary