

December 01, 2015 – General Board Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of the Tulpehocken Area School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:12 p.m. in the District Office Board Room on Tuesday, December 01, 2015 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Andrew Netznik, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Ms. Diane Lotz, Junior/Senior High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Junior High House Principal
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Michael DeBakey, Director of Technology
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Ms. Lisa Hassler, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Mr. Kirk Zohn, Ms. Jennifer Zohn, Mr. Trevor Zohn, Mr. Hunter Zohn, Ms. Barbara Trainor, Ms. Amy Schlater, Ms. Sandra Manbeck, Mr. Richard Klopp, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Ms. Denice Dodge, Mr. Bradyn Erb, Ms. Stephanie Erb, Mr. Bryson Erb, Mr. Bob Erb, Ms. Madison Erb, Mr. Charles Johnson, Ms. Kelly Johnson, Mr. Trent Johnson, Ms. Sarah Johnson, Ms. Lindsay Johnson, Ms. Tammy Field, Mr. George Field, Mr. Mike DeAcosta, and Mr. Steven DeLucas, Reading Eagle.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

3.1 11/17/2015 Board Voting Session Minutes

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS – No Report

5.0 BOARD REPORTS – No Report

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. 2014/2015 Audit Meeting – Herbein & Company – December 14, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. District Office.
- B. 2014/2015 Audit Presentation – Herbein & Company – January 5, 2016

Dr. Schultz reported to the board that the audit meeting will be held on December 14, 2015 and the auditors will be at the January 5, 2016 board meeting to give the presentation to the board.

Dr. Schultz thanked Mr. Klopp for his years of service as board president.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- 9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Klopp, to appoint Mr. Anthony Rodig as a board member to fill the vacant seat until the next election.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.1 FINANCE

- 9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to authorize Administration to pay bills and salaries during the month of December 2015, to be ratified at the January 19, 2016 meeting.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Klopp, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve resolution # 2015-10 recommending that the Berks County School District Health Trust initiates changes to the health care plan to reduce costs to the member districts.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

A. Budget Resolution Discussion – Tom Kowalonek

Mr. Kowalonek explained the above resolutions to the board.

9.2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

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 Mr. Heck, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for childrearing for Heather Innes from December 11 through December 23, 2015.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig.

NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst
ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for childrearing for Roselyn Aldrich from January 4 through January 13, 2016 (or the end of the first semester).

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig.

NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Gwen Wenrich as a student assigned emotional support paraprofessional at Penn-Bernville Elementary effective the beginning of the third quarter.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the transfer of Lena Seltzer from part-time cafeteria worker to part-time student assigned learning support paraprofessional at Penn-Bernville Elementary effective December 4, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$11.00.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Beth Ann Jackowski as a nurse's assistant at a salary of \$24,162 pro-rated to the number of days worked effective upon completion of paperwork.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Christel Leibenguth as a substitute cafeteria worker for the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

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 substitutes for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Megan Risko Aide
- Jalanee Torres Aide (pending completion of paperwork)
- Renee Etchberger Aide, Cafeteria, Custodial, Secretary (pending completion of paperwork).

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

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 preferred substitutes for 45 days starting the beginning of the third quarter of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Angela Miller
- Sierra Fellows

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, and Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS: Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.8.9 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:

Luanne Reese	Heather Boltz	Erin Barker
Alicia Kieffer	Robert Boltz	Randy Criss
	Alicia Morales	Isaiah Bewley
	Kristy Stoudt	Noah Carles

AYES: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Scott W. Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Anthony Rodig, and Mr. Daniel Steinhauer.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.9 Technology

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rodig thanked the board for appointing him.

Mr. Manbeck welcomed the new board members.

Mr. Netznik reported that the student auction raised \$1,000.00 to help needy families. The Junior High can-drive is well underway.

Mrs. Kiss reported that child count is complete. There are 302 Special Ed. students. She will be attending school psychologist training on Monday. They are in the processing of getting things set up so the Autistic and Life Skills classrooms can utilize the makerspace classes.

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Field and Mr. Tom Moorhead had some finance questions. Mr. Kowalonek and the board answered his questions.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Executive Session was held after the board meeting.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary