

December 05, 2017 – 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 05, 2017 with Mr. Oscar Manbeck, Board President presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Heck, Mrs. April Klopp, Mr. Oscar J. Manbeck, Mr. William T. Palmer, Mr. Anthony Rodig, Jr., Mrs. Kristan Rissmiller, Mr. Daniel Steinhauer, and Mr. Arlan Werst

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert K. Schultz, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Kowalonek, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kiss, Director of Special Education
Mr. Andrew Netznik, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Mr. Denis Quirk, Jr. High House Principal
Mr. Michael Leister, Asst. JSHS Principal
Mr. Mark Brown, Bethel Elementary Principal
Ms. Amanda Cipolla, Penn-Bernville Elementary Principal
Mr. Rick Triest, Director of Building & Grounds
Mr. Matt Shirk, Technology/AV Support Specialist
Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor
Mrs. Mimi Shade, Recording Secretary

And the following interested citizens and staff: Mr. Rick Reisch, Ms. Brandi Reisch, Ms. Averi Reisch, Ms. Sandy Manbeck, Ms. Lisa Hassler, Ms. Maddie Marous, Ms. Angie Marous, Mr. David Marous, Ms. Sheila Bednarczyk, Mr. Joe Bednarczyk, Ms. Jessica Gutierrez, Mr. Scott Klopp, Ms. Michelle Risser, Mr. Dustin Risser, Mr. Josh Risser, Ms. Darla Mays & Family, Mr. Tom Moorhead, Mr. Bradyn Erb, Mr. Bryson Erb, Ms. Stephanie Erb, and Mr. Robert Erb.

Junior High – Mr. Denis Quirk – Junior High House Principal

Junior High Students of the Month:

September:

7th Grade

Frankie Fantozzi
Tonya Mays

8th Grade

Monica Marez
Adam Mays

October:

7th Grade

Caleb Benson-Dursse
Taylor Evans

8th Grade

Kyla Ebersole
Bradyn Erb

November:

7th Grade

Averi Reisch

David Bednarczyk

8th Grade

Madeline Marous

Joshua Risser

The above students were recognized before the board for their accomplishment's. The students and families were thanked for all their hard work and dedication.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

3.1 11/21/2017 Board Voting Session Minutes

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

6.0 CITIZEN/STUDENT PARTICIPATION

7.0 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Schultz thanked the admin team and staff for being a great staff to work with.

8.0 NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.0 ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

9.0.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District hereby approves the discipline described in the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion concerning #2017-03, and to ratify the execution of same by Dr. Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools on December 1, 2017.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1 FINANCE

9.1.1 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Steinhauer, to Administration to pay bills and salaries during the month of December 2017, to be ratified at the January voting session.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the origination/implementation of the Benjamin Brandt Memorial Scholarship.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.1.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Rodig, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve the 2016/2017 Audit from Herbein & Company as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9.3 TRANSPORTATION

9.4. POLICY

A. Dress Code Discussion – Mr. Netznik

Mr. Netznik discussed the dress code policy with the board. This policy will appear on the January board agenda for vote.

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. Klopp, to approve Ross Bayer as Event Staff for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year effective December 6, 2017.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.2 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve Brittany Kauffman as a long-term substitute Grade 2 teacher at Penn Bernville Elementary from approximately January 18, 2018 thru approximately April 24, 2018 at Step 1B \$48,043 pro-rated to the number of days worked.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.3 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave for Suzanne Belles Cafeteria Cashier at Bethel Elementary from January 9, 2018 thru April 2, 2018.

9.8.4 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mrs. Klopp, to approve an unpaid leave for Kelly McComsey full-time Head Cook at Bethel Elementary beginning November 17, 2017 for approximately 8-12 weeks.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.5 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to extend the medical sabbatical for Glenna Piho thru approximately January 31, 2018.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.6 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to extend the childbearing/childrearing leave of absence for Roselyn Aldrich English Teacher at the Junior Senior High School thru the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

NAYS: Mr. Daniel Steinhauer

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 7-1.

9.8.7 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to extend the approval of Pamala Marsh as a long-term substitute English teacher at the Junior/Senior High School thru the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.8 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve Stacy A. Linderman as the Penn-Bernville Elementary principal at a salary of \$76,000 pro-rated to the number of days worked effective on a mutually agreed upon date pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.9 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve David Kopinski as JV Baseball Coach for the 2017-2018 season at a stipend of \$2,560.00, pending completion of paperwork.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.10 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following support staff substitute, pending completion of paperwork:

- Brandi Mays Cafeteria, Instructional Aide, Lunch/Recess Aide, Secretarial

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.11 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to approve the following volunteers for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Anthony Martin
Anthony Rodig
Douglas Kephart

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: Mr. Anthony Rodig

This motion was carried 7-0.

9.8.12 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to appoint Andrew Netznik as Interim Superintendent, effective January 5, 2018 at his current salary & benefits plus a stipend of \$7,500 for the time period of January 5, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.13 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to appoint Brian Booher as temporary Jr./Sr. High School Principal at a salary of \$73,000 pro-rated from December 11, 2017 through June 30, 2018 only, together with benefits as provided in the Tulpehocken Act 93 agreement, pending completion of all background checks. Said appointment & employment shall not extend past 06/30/2018.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.8.14 A resolution was offered by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Heck, to appoint accept the resignation of Robert Schultz, Superintendent of Schools, effective January 4, 2018.

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This motion was carried 8-0.

9.9 TECHNOLOGY

A. iPad Update – Matt Shirk

Mr. Shirk gave the board an update on the iPads.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

11.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12.0 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Executive Session was held between 8:08 p.m. & 8:33 p.m. as well after the board meeting for personnel reasons.

Mrs. April Klopp, Board Secretary