



Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: J. Thomas, A. Block, R. Danaj, A. McNew, D. Meyers, D. Thomas

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD NEWS

1. Graduate Banners

Griff Mills, Superintendent, thanked the City of Taylor. The city would like to donate banners, free of charge, to our graduating seniors. The banners will be put up around the city.

AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to accept the Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas

No: None

Absent: None

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

SCHEDULED REPORTS

1. Covid Update

Mary Ann Cyr, Asst. Superintendent for Covid and Communications, gave the following updates regarding Covid:

- 19 students and 63 staff members have recently tested positive.
- Of the covid cases/quarantines, none have been teachers.
- Only students or staff that have been in the building are on the dashboard but the district does keep a record of all cases.
- The district continues to connect with the Director of Health and Human Services for the Wayne County Health Department.
- The Superintendent also stays in contact with the surrounding district Superintendent with regards to what other districts are doing.
- Continue to get recommendations from the CDC.
- The district will continue to quarantine individuals for 14 days.
- There has been an uptick in numbers in our community and schools

2. **Back to School Update**

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that the reason the district shut down wasn't solely because of our numbers but the district doesn't have the staff to transport students and keep our students and staff safe.

Richard Klee, Taylor High School Principal, shared the following information regarding upcoming dates and events at Taylor High School.

- April 21st - academic awards will be distributed via drive through for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year.
- May 5th - Decision Day, Senior Career and College Decisions.
- May 20th - Senior Day (food trucks, games, music and drive in movie). This will be in lieu of a senior prom.
- May 26th - Senior Check Out (pay fines, return books/devices and distribute cap and gowns)
- June 2nd - Senior Farewell Parade. Mr. Klee thanked the city for putting this together.
- June 3rd - Graduation. This will be in groups through Taylor High School gym. There will also be a video of the full ceremony given to each senior.

Cynthia Nickel, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an update on testing dates and EBT cards.

- The district is in collaboration with Wayne RESA and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) looking at make up days for testing (PSAT, SAT & WorkKeys).
- Secondary principals are sending out schedules with rescheduled testing dates.
- Elementary (3-5) will be assessing students using the M-STEP test.
- Families have begun receiving their EBT cards.

3. **Bond Steering Committee Update**

Griff Mills, Superintendent, gave an update to the Board and the Community regarding a Bond Steering Committee that was put together in order for our district to move forward with a bond proposal. The committee consists of 24 people that represent the school and community.

Eduardo Blanc, Management Partner with TMP, shared a powerpoint with the following information.

- approximately 24 community members currently on the Bond Steering Committee.
- Committee contains parents, staff, Board and community members,
- Current Bond Steering Committee meetings are 4/8/21, 4/20/21, 5/5/21, 5/20/21, 5/24/21, 6/16/21, 6/28/21.
- The committee will be reviewing the past and current enrollment, age of buildings, school of choice, student loss, birth rates and bond history.

Jesse Nelson, Financial Advisor with Bakertilly, shared a powerpoint with the following information

- Reviewed the current bond millage rate
- Comparison of estimated Voted Bonds Alternatives.
- Comparison of Estimated Bond Millage Rates
- Comparison of 2020 Wayne County Bond Millage Rates

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **2nd Reading of Updated Bylaws and Policies**

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, gave 2nd reading of Updated Bylaws and Policies

- Bylaws 0141.1
- Vol. 34, No. 2 Update
- Title IX Regulations Special Update
- Vol. 35, No. 1 Update
- Vol. 35, No. 2 Update

2. **Review Board Member Applications**

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, thanked and gave a brief background of each candidate; John Edwards, Kyle Wright and Tom Zorn,

The following recommendations were made for the appointment of the new Board Member, The new board member term will be through December 2022. The Board voted as follows:

Ann Block - Kyle Wright
Dave Meyers - Kyle Wright
Rhonda Danaj - Tom Zorn
Daryl Thomas - Kyle Wright
Jodi Thomas - Tom Zorn
Amber McNew - Kyle Wright

ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of Board Member to Vacant Seat

A motion was made by A. Block and seconded by D. Meyers to approve to appoint Kyle Wright, to fill the vacant Board position, which is a partial term, ending December 2022. This vacancy has now been filled and Kyle Wright will take the seat at the next Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers**
No: **None**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

Kyle Wright thanked the Board for the opportunity and looks forward to working with the Board to move our district forward together.

The Board congratulated Mr. Wright and thanked all the applicants.

2. 2nd Reading and Adoption of Updated Bylaws and Policies

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the adoption of the following updated bylaw and policies:

- Bylaw 0141.1
- Vol. 34, No. 2 Update
- Title IX Regulations Special Update
- Vol. 35, No. 1 Update
- Vol. 35, No. 2 Update

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block**
No: **None**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

3. Request to Hire - Human Resources Administrative Assistant #3

A motion was made by D. Meyers seconded by A. Block to approve the Request to Hire Human Resources Administrative Assistant 3#, Marguerite Breeding.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew**
No: **None**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, congratulated Ms. Breeding on her new position.

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No Superintendent report.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes from the Policy Meeting of March 22, 2021
- 2. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 22, 2021
- 3. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Payment of Current Bills on Hold, Approval of Requisitions, Approval of Requisitions on Hold, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas**
No: **None**
Absent: **Horth**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (Wednesday, April 28, 2021)

- 1. Reconfirm Taylor School District Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan
- 2. Good News
- 3. Back to School Update
- 4. Covid Update
- 5. Superintendent Evaluation Training for all Board Members to be held on April 28, 2021 at 4:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

Caroline Patts had the following comments:

- Congratulated Kyle Wright on being newly appointed to the Taylor Board of Education.
- Stated that some of the buildings in the Bond Powerpoint were incorrect, Some of our buildings are older than stated in the powerpoint.

Kathy Fields had the following comments:

- Grateful that currently no teachers have been reported as having covid but wanted to point out that mostly 26M employees are in buildings. Roughly 390 26M employees are in buildings, transporting students, distributing food, etc.
- Thanked Michelle Hodkinson, Myers Elementary Principal, for the read a book program. Students met their goal and Ms Hodkinson was able to get a Leprechaun which brought much needed smiles and positivity to our students.
- March 2020 - February 2021 employees helped distribute over 881,648,000 meals

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, thanked Kathy Fields and her membership for all they do.

Angel Thomas had the following questions, concerns and/or comments:

- Thanked the principals at Taylor High School for helping seniors.
- Would like to know if there is a plan for honors.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Daryl Thomas, Board Treasure, would like to thank the district maintenance department for doing a great job keeping up with the grass, our fields look great. Mr. Thomas would also like to thank Mayor Sollars for helping to have a new drain put in.

Amber McNew, Board Secretary and Jodi Thomas, Board Vice President, thanked the City of Taylor for the banners for the seniors. They would also like to thank the seniors class advisors for being so positive, rethinking and drawing together.

The Board would like to congratulate the following employees and their new positions,
Corey Doyle - Interim West Middle School, Principal
Melissa Skopszynski - Interim West Middle School, Assistant Principal
Mary Evans-Lessner - Interim Hoover Middle School, Assistant Principal
Amy Gurney on her special delivery.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to go into closed session for negotiations and material exempt from disclosure by state or federal statute.

Went into Closed Session: 7:02 pm

Returned from Closed Session: 8:53 pm

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas
	No:	None
	Absent:	None
	Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0	

AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No action taken after closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj
	No:	None
	Absent:	None
	Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0	

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for April 14, 2021 adjourned at 8:54 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary