



Board of Education

23033 Northline, Taylor, MI 48180 (734) 374-1200

Special Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

1 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 The Meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/Moment of Silence

1.03 Roll Call

Present: V. Horth, P. Lakatos, J. McCoy, D. Meyers, D. Stellini

Excused: A. Block

Absent: R. Miller

1.04 Approval of Amended Agenda

Motion by D. Meyers, **Support:** by V. Horth, to approve the Amended Agenda which will move Action Item #4.01 to Possible Action Following Closed Session and Action Item #4.02 to be removed because the application for the position accepted another position.

Roll Call:

Block – Exc.

Horth - Yes

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy – Yes

Meyers – Yes

Miller – Abs.

Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 5: Nays: 0

Carried: 5 – 0

1.05 Approval of Amended Minutes

- Special Bd. Meeting 11-12-20 (error on #6.1 – will be corrected and re-submitted-Ms. Block attended a conference – not Ms. Stellini and Mr. Mills)
- Ms. McCoy stepped out of the meeting @ 6:14 & returned @ 6:16.

Motion: by D. Meyers **Support:** by V. Horth to approve the amended Board Meeting minutes for the Special Bd. Meeting on 11-12-20.

Roll Call:

A. Block Exc.
V. Horth Yes
P. Lakatos Yes
J. McCoy (left the meeting at 6:14 pm and returned at 6:16 pm)
D. Meyers Yes
R. Miller Abs.
D. Stellini Yes

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried: 4-0

2 DISCUSSION

2.01 Taylor COVID 19 Return to School Plan-Continuity of Learning Plan

Superintendent Mills spoke about the Governor's Order effective Wed (11-18-20) at 12:01 am and ending 3 weeks later on Tues (12-8-20) at 11:59 pm. He gave the bullet points which included:

- In person instruction is suspended state-wide for most students in grades 9-12 and in person instruction is still permitted for PreK-8;
- Schools can continue to provide Special Ed and English Language Learners services for in-person student 9-12;
- All HS/MS sports are suspended over the next 3 weeks and includes all school sponsored in-person extracurricular activities;
- School Buildings can still remain open for students in all grades for the purpose of providing services for students in need including food distribution access to the internet connectivity, physical and mental health care services and child care;
- Tonight will be the last in-person Board Mtg. until further notice. This has been taken off the docket for all Boards and won't be able to meet in person until further notice.

Ms. Stellini stated that the Board needs to approve the Covid 19 TSD plan every month but they need to know if virtual learning is productive. Ms. Stellini and Supt. Mills discussed the data on attendance, grades and failing students, how these students were being contacted and receiving help to resolve their issues, whether additional academic assistance, technology issues or have the students left the district. Supt. Mills said that Principals, Counselors and Teachers were making contact as well as thru letters sent home.

Ms. Stellini asked that Supt. Mills gather the data and present it to the Board prior to voting on whether the Board will vote to continue with the current Covid 19 TSD plan or if changes need to be made.

Motion: by D. Meyers **Support:** by V. Horth to have Supt. Mills gather the data regarding student progress, failures and if virtual learning is productive and to present it to the Board.

Roll Call:

A. Block Exc.
V. Horth Yes
P. Lakatos Yes
J. McCoy Yes
D. Meyers Yes
R. Miller Abs.
D. Stellini Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0

2.02 Update on Audit – David Jones

David Jones stated that the Audit was in good shape and that the 1st Step (Single Audit) has been completed which is a requirement based on the fact that we receive more than \$750,000 in federal dollars. The current focus is on the revenue, Title I documentation and government documents supporting our federal revenue that we receive. So far all requests have been standard & usual requests nothing that would make him think that there is an issue or problem.

He also stated that they are receiving full support from contracted personnel from Plante Moran and we're still on track to meet the December 1st deadline.

Ms. Stellini asked if the audit would be done by the November 23rd meeting or will we need to call a special meeting on November 30th and that if so arrangements will need to be made. Typically a District Operations Committee Meeting is held at 4:00-4:30 pm prior to the Board Meeting when a full presentation is made for the Public and the Board.

Ms. Stellini asked why Plante Moran was still involved when they hired Mr. Jones and his company to complete the audit and could he provide the amount of hours the district will be billed and why this wasn't completed in a timely manner. Mr. Jones indicated that Ms. Howey was acting CFO when this began and that she had all of the information that they auditors needed and to meet the deadline they needed her involvement. Ms. Stellini stated that the additional use of Plante Moran and the additional cost to the district should have come before the Board for approval and this is the first she has heard of the additional cost. Ms. Stellini asked that Mr. Jones give a detailed report in his Friday Update due November 20, 2020.

Supt. Mills stated that during the transition period he was unaware of this issue, he complimented Mr. Jones on doing a wonderful job and stating that both Mr. Jones and himself are still new, they will continue to learn and get the job done.

Motion: by V. Horth Support: by D. Meyers to approve the Audit Update from Mr. Dave Jones and that he will give a detailed report included with his Friday Update.

Roll Call:

A. Block Exc.
V. Horth Yes
P. Lakatos Yes
J. McCoy Yes
D. Meyers Yes
R. Miller Abs.
D. Stellini Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0

2.03 Other

Ms. Stellini said that received an e-mail from Numerade.com a company that is offering a FREE THANKSGIVING BOOT CAMP for testing prep for the SAT, Chemistry, Physics and other sciences. She isn't familiar with the company but if it can help our children, she would like someone to check this out and get the information out to our families, teachers and administrators. Supt. Mills will take care of this.

Motion: by D. Meyers Support: by V. Horth to approve the Discussion Items.

Roll Call:

A. Block Exc.
V. Horth Yes
P. Lakatos Yes
J. McCoy Yes
D. Meyers Yes
R. Miller Abs.
D. Stellini Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0

3 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

3.01 Audience Participation

There were 12 participants in the Zoom meeting this evening. R. Danaj, A. Selsie, C. Osborne, M. Skopczynski, L. M. Hodgkinson, J. Ferguson-Balinger, P. Somerville, L. Overby, K. Bower, L. Wee, J. Caravic and G. Rowell

- They began with a nice tribute to Ms. Rebecca Worth, a teacher at Kinyon Elementary who passed away recently. Ms. Stellini offered condolences on behalf of the Board of Education.
- Concerns were expressed about the data shared regarding the progress and failure of students and the impact of virtual learning and the amount of screen time and lack of smaller group settings is having on students and staff.
- Requests for a modified schedule was brought up many times and they felt that it would not only help with the fatigue felt by students and staff but it would improve the education status of many.

Motion: by D. Meyers Support: by P. Lakatos to close Audience Participation.

Roll Call:

Block – Exc.

Horth - Yes

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy – Yes

Meyers – Yes

Miller – Abs.

Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Carried: 5 – 0

4 ACTION ITEMS

4.01 Taylor COVID 19 Return to School Plan-Continuity of Learning Plan – Moved to #6-Possible Action Following Closed Session

4.02 Request to Hire-Behavior Interventionist, Hoover MS - Removed from Agenda-Applicant has taken a position elsewhere.

4.03 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 Personnel Records.

Motion: by P. Lakatos Support: by D. Meyers to approve the Consolidated Items as stated. Ms. Stellini indicated that there was only Personnel Reports included in the Consolidated Items.

Roll Call:

A. Block Exc.

V. Horth Yes

P. Lakatos Yes

J. McCoy Yes

D. Meyers Yes

R. Miller Abs.

D. Stellini Yes

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Carried: 5-0

4.04 Advance Authorization to Hire/Recall/Layoff

Motion: by D. Meyers **Support:** by P. Lakatos to approve the Advanced Authorization to Hire/Recall/Layoff.

Roll Call:

A. Block Exc.
V. Horth Yes
P. Lakatos Yes
J. McCoy Yes
D. Meyers Yes
R. Miller Abs.
D. Stellini Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0

4.05 Other - NONE

5 CLOSED SESSION

5.01 Closed Session

Motion: by P. Lakatos, **Support:** by D. Meyers, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal Statute pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act and Negotiations.

Roll Call:

Block – Exc.
Horth - Yes
Lakatos – Yes
McCoy – Yes
Meyers – Yes
Miller – Abs.
Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried: 5 – 0

The Board went into closed session at 7:11 PM
The Board resumed from closed session at 11:33 PM

6 POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

6.01 Possible Action Following Closed Session

4.01 Taylor COVID 19 Return to School Plan-Continuity of Learning Plan

Motion: by P. Lakatos **Support:** by V. Horth to table 4.01 Taylor COVID 19 Return to School Plan-Continuity of Learning Plan.

Roll Call:

A. Block Exc.
V. Horth Yes
P. Lakatos Yes
J. McCoy Yes
D. Meyers Yes
R. Miller Abs.
D. Stellini Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0

6.02 Other - NONE

7 ADJOURNMENT

7.01 Closing Questions/Other

None

7.02 Adjournment

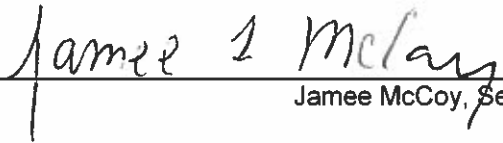
Motion: by D. Meyers **Support:** by V. Horth to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

Block – Exc.
Horth - Yes
Lakatos – Yes
McCoy – Yes
Meyers – Yes
Miller – Abs.
Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried: 5 – 0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Special Board Meeting for November 17, 2020 adjourned at 11:35 PM.



Jamee McCoy, Secretary