



Special Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

1 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 The Meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/Moment of Silence

1.03 Roll Call

Present: A. Block, V. Horth, P. Lakatos, J. McCoy, D. Meyers, R. Miller, D. Stellini

1.04 Approval of Agenda

Motion by R. Miller, **support** by P. Lakatos, to approve Agenda.

Roll Call:

Block – Yes

Horth - Yes

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy – Yes

Meyers – Yes

Miller – Yes

Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

4 CLOSED SESSION

4.01 Closed Session

Motion by D. Meyers, **support** by R. Miller, to go into Closed Session.

The Board of Education went into closed session for the following:

Material Exempt from disclosure by state or federal statute (such as attorney opinion)

Roll Call:

Block – Yes

Horth - Yes

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy – Yes

Meyers – Yes

Miller – Yes.

Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

The Board went into closed session at 4:39 PM

The Board resumed from closed session at 7:38 PM

5 POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

5.01 Possible Action Following Closed Session

None

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- E. Hall – Asked procedural questions, provided a phone number to receive answers asap
- D. Thomas – Commented on when he would be getting answers to an email, provided a phone number to receive answers asap
- C. Patts – Thanked everyone who was involved in putting out signs for the Seniors
- J. Thomas – Commented on an email sent requesting the audio of a previous meeting and commented in support of THS Principal, provided a phone number to receive answers
- M. Nedziek – Commented on a previous meeting where the lawyer spoke
- A. McNew – Commented on previous expenditures, Open Meetings Act and FOIA forms not available on the District Website
- R. Danaj – Asked that the Board reconsider their decision concerning THS Principal
- V. Mach – Commented on the Board members being elected officials
- J. Mount – Commented on THS Principal
- M. Monet – Commented on THS Principal
- T. Bartaway – Would like to know the plan for opening in the Fall
- C. Osborne – Commented on renewing THS Principal's contract, Senior Signs
- K. Talley – Commented on THS Principal
- S. Cannon – Commented on THS Principal
- C. Simons – Commented on THS Principal
- R. Kuczeski – Commented on THS Principal, Academies
- M. Hopkins – Would like answers to all of the questions asked previously
- M. G. – Would like to know when coaches would be paid
- T. Winnie – Commented on who the Board Members represent
- N. Banks – Commented on Board Members
- C. Sloan – Questioned the procedures on how a Superintendent can have allegations brought against him by an Interim Superintendent, provided an email address for answers
 - J. Berring – Asked for the plan for fall, would like the email address of the Interim Superintendent
- B. Barrett – Commented on THS Principal
- N. Ferguson – Commented on minutes being available
- J. Mount – Commented on what's best for the community, no response previously from speaking during Audience Participation
- E. Hall – Commented on the wait for responses to questions

Motion by P. Lakatos, **support** by J. McCoy, to close Audience Participation.

Roll Call:

Block – Yes

Horth - Yes

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy – Yes

Meyers – Yes

Miller – Yes

Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

5 ACTION ITEMS

5.01 Consolidated Items: 3. Certified, 4. Non-Certified 5. Administrative

Motion by P. Lakatos, **support** by R. Miller, to approve Consolidated Items as presented.

Roll Call:

Block – Yes

Horth - Yes

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy – Yes

Meyers – Yes

Miller – Yes
Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

6 ADJOURNMENT

6.01 Closing Questions/Other

President Stellini presented:

Taylor School District Board Statement – May 18, 2020

"The Taylor School District is in the middle of an unprecedented time for school Districts in the State of Michigan. The Board of Education has had to make many difficult decisions about how to educate its 6,000 students during the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of its decision-making process, the Board has also had to consider personnel assignments that are best for the students of the District. In addition to the current uncertainty, there is uncertainty as to how education will be delivered for the 2020-2021 school year and what type of State & Federal Funding the District will have to educate students for the 202-2021 school year. As a result, the Board has been very deliberate and conscious to make decisions that will best serve students both this year, and in the future.

The Board understands that not everyone in the community will agree with the decisions the Board has made, or will make. The Board respects the opinions of all community members, and provides a public forum for community members to express those opinions, whether positive or negative about how the Board makes decisions. However, those opinions must be made in a respectful manner, and not personally attack Board members or employees of the District. It has come to the Board's attention that there are some community members who have made inappropriate, rude, and, inaccurate statements about Board Members and other members of the District administration. Further, some community members have made physical threats to Board Members and employees.

The Board demands that all such inaccurate statements that are made in public or on social media cease and desist immediately. The Board Members recognize that we are public figures. However, making statements that are inaccurate about our personal lives or family members is unacceptable. Board Members are prepared to take legal action against individuals who make libelous or slanderous statements about us.

Moreover, the Board demands that any threats made to Board Members or employees cease and desist immediately. The Board will report any and all such threats to the police department.

The Board will always treat members of the community with respect and decorum, and the Board expects the same from community members. Our purpose is to provide the best possible education for the students in the Taylor community, and that is the driving force behind the decisions we make. Please continue to provide us your feedback and opinions, but please do so in a manner that is respectful and does not defame us individually."

Motion by R. Miller, **support** by P. Lakatos, to accept Board Statement-May 18, 2020.

Roll Call:

Block – Yes
Horth - Yes
Lakatos - Yes
McCoy – Yes
Meyers – Yes
Miller – Yes
Stellini – Yes

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 - 0

Motion by D. Meyers, **support** by J. McCoy, to close Closing Questions/Other.

Roll Call:

Block – Yes
Horth - Yes
Lakatos - Yes
McCoy – Yes

Meyers – Yes
Miller – Yes
Stellini – Yes

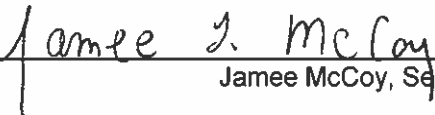
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 - 0

6.02 Adjournment

Motion by R. Miller, **support** by A. Block, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 - 0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Special Board Meeting for Monday, May 18, 2020 adjourned at 8:34 PM.



Jamee McCoy, Secretary