



Board of Education

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Monday, January 21, 2019

COW Cancelled, Special Board Meeting-Board Retreat Minutes

1 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 The Meeting was called to order at 6:06 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

Excused:

1.04 Approval of Agenda

- Modified from Friday Update, 3 items removed until next board meeting.
- Certified Personnel Report-Item removed. Discussion at next board meeting.

Motion by P. Lakatos, **support** by D. Meyers, for Approval of Agenda as written.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

1.05 Audience Participation

- K. Fields, 26 M President-Commented on the handout passed out to board members and cabinet concerning the need for security cameras on buses.

Motion by D. Meyers, **support** by R. Miller, to close Audience Participation.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

2 FULL BOARD ORIENTATION

2.01 Board Orientation Presentation by Cabinet, Directors and Q & A with Board

Part 1 Overview

Superintendent Williams (conference call) welcomed everyone to The Board Orientation. The orientation was primarily to introduce everyone and go over roles and responsibilities of positions and goals in an informal setting. Supt. Williams spoke on where the Taylor School District was 2 1/2 years ago up to the present highlighting a few key points:

- Erased a -\$4.56 million deficit in one year
- Passed a bond, generating \$5.9 million for IT, facilities and transportation needs
- Purchased 18 new gas busses
- All schools with research based aligned ELA and math curricula
- Schools are showing improving test scores
- District-wide facilities improvements are underway
- Reduced expulsions by factor of 3 and complied with requirements of new seven factors of rebuttable presumption, and implemented RCD, improved restorative conversations, trained all teachers, and are changing the mentality that some kids are to be discarded

- Merged two half full high schools, improving efficiency and effectiveness of staffing and programming
- Saved money while investing in staff with IT needs, compensation, facilities, and PD
- Implementing Career Pathway Academies.
- Partnered with Ford NGL
- Began to reverse students leaving the district, with fall 2018 student enrollment at 150 students above projected, which is \$1.2 million in additional revenue
- Increased the fund balance to over 4.50%
- Begun the process of creating the Freshmen Academy

Assistant Superintendent Cyr presented the School Improvement Overview. The presentation covered many new initiatives including i-Ready K-8 Assessment and Instructional, NWEA 9-12 Assessment, Young 5's pilot @ Blair Moody, University of Michigan High 5's Kindergarten Math Intervention @ Randall, New EL Model w/Wayne RESA, STEAM/Makerspace, and Summer Camp. Also covered was the Coaching Mode I (Sept. 2017 – Present), Curriculum, I-Rip, Wall to Wall Academies, Professional Development, Climate, Culture & Communication, Technology, and Grants.

Taylor High School Principal M Skopczynski shared a few items including improved safety measures with additional resources, the Taylor Teen Wellness Center, a new Culture and Climate Liaison, Wall to Wall Academies, new electives, Athletics and extra-curricular activities.

Taylor School District Directors spoke to the BOE about their roles and responsibilities, recent accomplishments and focus areas for the year.

- K. Courey, State & Federal, School Improvement Director
- J. Giraud, Director of Facilities & Operations
- M. Marshall, Director of Security
- J. Livingstone, Director of Special Education
- S. Woodworth, Manager of Transportation
- S. Maniaci, Director of Pupil Accounting/Student Services
- S. McCausland, Director of Food Services
- J. Agrusa, IT Director

Break at 8:44 pm Resume 9:16 pm

Remainder of the Board Orientation Presentation, Welcome to public service: MASB New Board Member Resources will conclude January 28th, 2019 at the Regular Board Meeting.

Part 2 Discussion Topics – Student Discipline Hearings:

Discussion on disciplinary hearings, formally called expulsion hearings. In 2015-2016, there were 125 hearings. The hearings are for students that are out of school for longer than ten days. Currently, hearings consist of administrators and director, parent and student with no board involvement. There is a 10-day (School Days) window for the hearing to take place. Administrators attend administrative meetings at least three times per month in addition to Student Discipline Hearings. Board members considered different options. Surrounding districts have board involvement. If Student Discipline Hearings were moved to BOE meetings with Board Members involvement, there would be approximately 1-2 per meeting and these would be placed on the Agenda as closed session items.

Board agrees to conduct Student Discipline Hearings (for students with more than 10 days out of school) during a Board meeting. On those nights, the Agenda will be shorter in length to accommodate the extra time needed. Superintendent will do further research on this topic and get back with the board for implementation.

Board Committee assignments – Discussion on the 2019 Board Committees and the board members assigned to them. Board agreed to combine Community Engagement to fall under Board Operations.

NEOLA representative will speak to the BOE about next steps and proofreading policy by the committees.

Motion by D. Meyers, **support** by P. Lakatos, to close Full Board Orientation.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6 – 0

Ron Miller left at 10:05 pm

3 ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Title I Amended Budget Resolution

Motion by P. Lakatos, **support** by D. Meyers, to approve Title I Amended Budget Resolution as presented last Monday.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6 – 0

3.02 Consolidated Items: 3. Approval of Requisitions, 4. Approval of Requisitions on Hold, 5. Personnel Reports.

Motion by D. Meyers, **support** by P. Lakatos, to approve Consolidated Items as revised.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6 – 0

4 ADJOURNMENT

4.01 Follow up Closing Questions or Comments

P. DeLaTorre gave a summary of vacancies within the district and gave an explanation of why the Advanced Authorization is requested on the Agenda.

Motion by P. Lakatos, **support** by D. Meyers, to accept P. DeLaTorre's presentation on vacancies and Advanced Authorization.

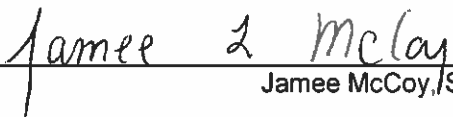
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6 – 0

4.02 Adjournment

Motion by D. Meyers, **support** by P. Lakatos, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6- 0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Special Board Meeting for Monday, January 21, 2019 adjourned at 10:12 PM.



Jamee McCoy, Secretary