



## Board of Education

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

Monday, November 27, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting

### 1 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/Moment of Silence

1.03 Roll Call

**Present:**

P. Lakatos, D. Meyers, T. Zorn, D. Stellini, B. Honeycutt  
B. Williams

**Excused:** J. McCoy, R. Miller

1.04 Approval of Agenda

- Amended 6.01 Consolidated Items with possible addition of Requisition 23548908

Motion by D. Stellini, support by T. Zorn, to approve the Agenda with possible amendment.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

1.05 Approval of Minutes

Motion by D. Meyers, support by T. Zorn, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes 11.13.17

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

### 2 CLOSED SESSION

2.01 Closed Session

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

Closed Session Minutes

Negotiations

Personnel

Attorney Opinion

Roll Call:

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy - Exc

Meyers - Yes

Miller - Exc

Stellini - Yes

Zorn - Yes

Honeycutt - Yes

The Board went into closed session at 6:06 PM

The Board resumed from closed session at 8:01 PM

### **3 POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

#### **3.01 Possible Action Following Closed Session**

None

### **4 REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **4.01 Superintendent's/Asst. Superintendent's Report**

##### **Superintendent's Report:**

- Pupil Accounting has certified 6299 students from the 2017 fall count day. Since October 4<sup>th</sup>, TSD has enrolled 66 students for a new enrollment number of 6364.
- Heating issues update: Working with another company on the programming systems regulating the individual building temperatures. The board will be updated when more information becomes available.
- Thank you to Cabinet and to each member of the bargaining groups, 26M and TFT, for the extensive time spent bargaining.
- HS Merger update: TSD has begun working with Varsity Brands to design the new logo options and to build a color pallet for our version of Black and Gold. We are also drafting the version of the Griffin mascot.
- Parents are reminded to make sure they have their most up to date phone numbers stored in MiStar. In the event that the district needs to cancel school due to unsafe roads or building problems, the district will be using the Edulink robo call to send the closure notice to parents and guardians. In addition to the call, the TSD also uses the district Facebook, Twitter, staff email loops, and the news alerts to help spread the word. A parent letter has been drafted to post on Facebook, Website, and sent out at the school level in parent folders.
- CGI Video Company update: Continuing to work with the video company to prepare a 90 second video to brand and market the district. The video, once completed, will be featured on the new city of Taylor website, and will showcase the Taylor School District to all who are looking to relocate to Taylor for the many new jobs and opportunities that are growing in our area. The video shoot is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Grant Award Notification: The TSD has received an award notification for the Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators grant in the amount of \$25,436.43. These grant funds are awarded on a per pupil basis for students to whom the assessment was administered to help the district cover the cost of computer adaptive tests, diagnostic tool, screening tool, or benchmark assessment that is on the MDE approved tools list. These funds will be used to help the district offset our costs for these assessment tools.

#### **4.02 Student/Staff Recognition**

- Staff recognition rescheduled for next board meeting.
- Superintendent Williams read the Peer to Peer Recognitions for the month of November. Two TSD employees recognized by their peers from Taylor Parks Elementary.

#### **4.03 Audience Participation**

None

#### **4.04 Communications/Ambassador Updates**

- P. Lakatos – Commented on State Rep. Erika Geiss and her acknowledgement of the TSD Career Technology Program.
- T. Zorn – Commented on enrollment picking up at Truman HS, and the combined HS Band marched in two parades over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

#### 4.05 Committee Report

- Curriculum Sub-committee commented on the enthusiasm throughout the district. They are committed to sharing the news to ten people each day within the district and throughout the community of the new things headed to the TSD.

Motion by D. Stellini, support by T. Zorn, to close Reports/Presentations.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

#### 5 DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### 5.01 Workers Comp Clinic Discussion

- CFO P. Morgan discussed the options for the workers comp. BOE will be provided with a contract asap.

##### 5.02 Policy 2000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Tabled for the next COW meeting.

Motion by D. Stellini, support by D. Meyers, to Table Policy 2000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and to close Discussion Items.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

#### 6 ACTION ITEMS

**6.01 Consolidated Items: 1. Payment of Current Bills, 2. Payment of Current Bills on Hold, 3. Approval of Requisitions, 4. Approval of Requisitions on Hold, 5. Personnel Reports.**

- Amended to include Requisition 23548908.

Motion by T. Zorn, support by P. Lakatos, as amended to include Requisition 23548908 Consolidated Items.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

##### 6.02 Request for Advanced Authorization to Hire/Recall

Motion by D. Stellini, support by T. Zorn, to approve Request for Advanced Authorization to Hire/Recall.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

##### 6.03 Field Trip Requests

- Out of State Field Trip Request – D Martin, West, Toledo, OH
- Field Trip Request – B Ansell, Truman, Chicago

Motion by T. Zorn, support by D. Meyers, to approve Field Trip Requests as listed.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

##### 6.04 Resolution Regarding Firearms in Public Schools.

Discussion on concealed and open carry firearms in public schools.

T. Zorn motion:

**WHEREAS**, as a result of numerous school shootings across the nation, including the tragedies at Columbine High School, Sandy Hook Elementary School, and subsequent school shootings involving staff and students, the issue of the presence of guns on school grounds, at school sponsored activities, or while students are en route to or from school, has become an increasing concern for Michigan public schools;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Gun Free School Zones Act prohibits possession of a firearm in a school zone, but exempts an individual licensed to carry a firearm under state law. 18 USC 922(q)(2).

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Weapon Free School Zone Act similarly prohibits possession of a firearm on school property, but exempts an individual licensed to carry a firearm under state law. MCL 750.237a.

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Concealed Pistol Licensing Act prohibits an individual with a concealed pistol license from carrying a concealed pistol on school property. MCL 28.425o.

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has not enacted legislation expressly prohibiting individuals who possess a valid Concealed Pistol License ("CPL") from openly carrying firearms in areas otherwise designated as "gun free school zones."

**WHEREAS**, a public school district is tasked under the Revised School Code to provide for the safety and welfare of its students and to educate students in a safe and nurturing environment.

**WHEREAS**, the MDE Emergency Plan Tool Kit specifies procedures that schools should follow when a weapon is present on school grounds such as lockdown, as the same may constitute an emergency.

**WHEREAS**, in *Michigan Gun Owners, Inc. v. Ann Arbor Public Schools*, 318 Mich App 338 (2016) and *Michigan Open Carry v. Clio Area School District*, 318 Mich App 356 (2016), the Michigan Court of Appeals found that school districts have the authority to promulgate policies that ban the possession of firearms on school property and at school-sponsored events.

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2017, the Michigan Senate passed Senate Bills 584-586 which prohibit open carry and permit concealed carry on school grounds, day care centers, sports arenas, large concert halls, taverns, places of worship, hospitals, college dorms or classrooms, and casinos for concealed pistol license holders with extended training.

**WHEREAS**, Governor Rick Snyder has asserted in the past that legislation should include an opt out so that local school boards may decide whether they want to permit weapons or opt out to make the school grounds a weapons free school zone.

**WHEREAS**, Governor Rick Snyder vetoed legislation similar to Senate Bills 584-586 in 2012, because the bill did not allow public schools to prohibit persons from carrying concealed weapons on their premises.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board urges lawmakers and the Governor as they debate and enact legislation to declare school grounds as a safety sensitive zone and to allow local school boards to enact policies prohibiting an individual who is licensed to carry a concealed pistol from carrying a pistol, whether concealed or unconcealed, on school grounds, unless statutorily required to permit possession of firearms, such as for law enforcement personnel.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Rick Snyder and the District's State House Representatives and State Senators.

**Motion by T. Zorn, support by P. Lakatos, to adopt Resolution Regarding Firearms in Public Schools as presented.**

Roll Call:  
Lakatos - Yes  
McCoy - Exc  
Meyers - Yes  
Miller - Exc  
Stellini - Yes  
Zorn - Yes  
Honeycutt - Yes

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 – 0

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

**7.01 Adjournment**

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

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried: 5 - 0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for Monday, November 27, 2017 adjourned at 9:23 PM.

  
Debbie Stellini, Secretary

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