



## Board of Education

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

**Monday, November 13, 2017**  
Regular Board Meeting

### 1 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/Moment of Silence

1.03 Roll Call

**Present:**

P. Lakatos, J. McCoy, D. Meyers, R. Miller, T. Zorn, D. Stellini, B. Honeycutt  
B. Williams

**Excused: None**

1.04 Approval of Agenda

- 3.01 Agenda item renamed
- 4.02 Revised Certified Personnel Report

Motion by T. Zorn, support by R. Miller, to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Carried: 7 – 0

1.05 Approval of Minutes

Motion by P. Lakatos, support by J. McCoy, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes 10-09-17 and 10-23-17 and Special Board Meeting Minutes 10-16-17, 10-18-17, 10-19-17.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Carried: 7 – 0

### 2 REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

2.01 Jostens Presentation – Jim McCaffrey

Presentation by Jim McCaffrey. Jostens proposal covers a commitment to provide a full rebrand at no charge, continued servicing of Graduation Announcements including Caps, Gowns, Diplomas, Honor Awards and materials, a complete line of rings and jewelry, and a School Yearbook. Jostens proposal also offers many free graduation items along with free gift cards for students and staff.

2.02 Clearwater High School Visit Report Out

Presentation by Assistant Superintendent Cyr, Principal Melissa Skopczynski, Principal Jackie Lancina and Assistant Principal Janice Loomis on the Clearwater, Florida trip. The trip was attended by four board members, one central office administrator, four building level administrators and eleven teachers and counselors. Clearwater schools have wall to wall academies teaching business, leadership and International studies, fine arts and media education, sports, hospitality and recreational education, science, technology, engineering, aerospace and mathematics. Almost all of their seniors graduate with certifications. Data from the Wall to Wall academies show increased student population from 1400 students to 1900 students in just

five years. Graduation rates increased from 74% to 92%. Discipline and expulsion rates decreased dramatically and student attendance improved significantly. TSD HS merger curriculum sub-committee has created four academies; B.E.L.I.E.F, P.L.A.C.E., S.T.E.A.M.M., and S.H.A.P.E. Work will continue from the Curriculum department and sub-committee to have the new curriculum in place for 2018-19 school year.

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

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

- Pool repairs at Hoover and Truman: Hoover pool needs a new main valve that governs the main pool drain. Estimated cost to repair is \$6500. Truman diving well has a leaking drain box that is the catch basin for the diving wells filter system. Estimates to replace the catch basin are approximately \$15,000.
- Heating issues: Hoover, Randall, Kennedy and the Board office all had some heating issues. All issues have been resolved or are in the process of being resolved with the exception of Kennedy that has ongoing and continuous heating concerns. This will be closely managed and monitored daily and will follow last year's guidelines. Teachers in the coldest rooms have the option to relocate to empty rooms in the warmer parts of the building.
- Truman HS: Random drug sweep using K-9's was held today in partnership with the Taylor Police Department and Michigan State Police. Nothing was found.
- Taylor School District Operational Millage: A big thank you to all of the voters in the TSD who affirmed their support for the district by renewing the Operational Millage. This millage renewal for ten years allows the district stability with our present level of funding from the state of Michigan. This millage renewal does not generate any additional funds. Instead, this renewal allows the district to continue to levy the full per pupil foundation grant from the state of Michigan.
- High School Merger Committee meeting update: The two rounds of surveys are completed on the topic of the name, mascot, and colors. The next steps after the name, mascot and colors are confirmed will be to begin the process of reviewing and confirming orders for uniforms, signage and ordering paint for the rebranding of Truman HS. The sub-committees will continue to meet to review work in facilities planning, marketing the merger and the ongoing curricular planning.
- Restorative Practices: Continued work examining how restorative practices are working in the TSD. The Administrative team is noticing a downward trend in the number of out of school suspensions because of the diligent work from staff.
- Student mentoring: Met with three students last week and will meet with the other five next week. We will begin to schedule activities, read books and have discussions that are related to the things that the students have expressed interest in. The program is going great so far.

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

- Clearwater, Florida-Wall to Wall visit: This was covered under Reports/Presentations.
- DSO: Seven West Middle School students made the Junior Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Congratulations to Mrs. Farmer and her musicians.
- Community Partnerships: Principals are working closely with the following community and business partnerships: Menchie's soft Serve, Hungry Howies, Medilodge, University of Michigan-Dearborn, DTE, Taylor Fire Department, Meemic, Atlas Oil and Meijer.
- PBIS and Anti-Bullying: Schools are in full force with PBIS with a focus on anti-bullying. Taylor Parks and Moody have had evening meetings on this topic to include parent involvement.
- Professional Development: Feedback from principals is very favorable. The plan/teach/debrief model is occurring faithfully on a weekly basis. During the time slots in between, instructional coaches are working with other teachers on staff, assisting with technology integration and usage, curriculum implementation, best practices, and teacher evaluation. IT Director Rob Ferrari assisted teachers with Clevertouch implementation and other tech tips and tricks. Additional coaching is taking place with coaches from Journeys who are working with teachers in the elementary buildings. With this individualized building approach, the Journeys coaches can focus on specific building needs.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual County-Wide POHI Conference: On November 7<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual County-Wide POHI Conference was attended by the POHI staff, including teachers, occupational and physical therapists, nurses, paraprofessionals, and administration. It was run by RESA and hosted by Dearborn. Thank you to all those involved.
- Thanksgiving Community Support: Kinyon is handing out over 40 Thanksgiving baskets to their families that are in need. Thirty of the baskets are donated by BOS Automotive Products and two local families that wish to remain anonymous with their donations.

#### **2.04 Student/Staff Recognition**

Teacher Amber Mcnew recognized two of her students, Hayley Toth and Trace Donahey for their exceptional research work. Both students presented their Powerpoint presentations to the board members.

#### **2.05 Audience Participation**

None

#### **2.06 Communications/Ambassador Updates**

D. Meyers – Kennedy HS – Commented on M-CAN, Powder Puff game, and 100% participation in seniors Applying to college.

P. Lakatos – Thanked the district for her 30+ training hours.

T. Zorn – Truman HS – Commented on the Powder Puff game, Students attending DECA competition, and 89% participation with onsite colleges.

D. Stellini – Commented on touring Johnson Preschool and Randall. Everything was positive. Also, TVLA will be enrolling 30 new students, Chopping Block is going great, Kids are top notch, Foundations will be holding their annual breakfast at the Chopping Block on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **2.07 Committee Report**

None

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

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

### **3 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **3.01 Purchase Cards**

Discussion on the best and safest purchase cards for the district. Board members agreed to continue going Forward with purchase cards for the district. CFO Morgan will begin working on contracts and policy for board approval.

#### **3.02 High School Merger 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey Results**

Superintendent Williams presented the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey. The combined results of the students, staff and parent/community survey show the High School name as Taylor High School – 73.5%, Mascot as the Griffin – 52.9% and the school colors as Black and Gold – 58.7%.

**Break for 10 minutes. Resumed meeting at 9:00 PM.**

#### **3.03 Policy 1000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Superintendent Williams began and completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy section 1000.

**Motion by D. Stellini, support by D. Meyers, to close Discussion Items.**

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

### **4 ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4.01 Student Reinstatement**

- **Student 11/3/17 (1)S**

Roll Call:

Lakatos - Yes

McCoy - Yes

Meyers - Yes

Miller - Yes

Stellini - Yes

Zorn - Yes

Honeycutt - Yes

**Motion by D. Stellini, support by T. Zorn, to deny reinstatement of Student 11/3/17 (1)S**

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

**4.02 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.**

5. Personnel Reports – Certified Personnel Report amended.

**Motion by T. Zorn, support by D. Meyers, to approve Consolidated Items as amended.**

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

**4.03 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: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

**4.04 Field Trip Requests**

- Out of State Field Trip Request – J Farmer & D Martin, West, Sandusky, OH
- Out of State Field Trip Request – K Kevra, Career Center AM class, Toledo
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- Out of State Field Trip Request – M Misko, Eureka Heights, Toledo
- Out of State Field Trip Request – M Zalewski & C Lundgren, Truman, Toledo
- Overnight Field Trip Request – B Hunt, Hoover, Mackinac Island
- Overnight Field Trip Request – G Gadwell, Kinyon, Howell
- Overnight Field Trip Request – L Bell, Eureka Heights, Hillsdale

**Motion by T. Zorn, support by P. Lakatos, to approve Field Trip Requests as listed.**

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

**4.05 Rename Truman High School, “Taylor High School”, with mascot as the Griffin, and colors Black and Gold.**

**Motion by T. Zorn, support by D. Meyers, to approve, Rename Truman High School, “Taylor High School”, with mascot as the Griffin, and colors Black and Gold.**

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

## **5 CLOSED SESSION**

### **5.01 Closed Session**

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

Closed Session Minutes  
Negotiations

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

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Carried: 7 – 0

The Board went into closed session at 9:44 PM

The Board resumed from closed session at 11:23 PM

## **6 POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

### **6.01 Possible Action Following Closed Session**

Discussion on next steps for choosing Joston's or Herff Jones as the company the district will vote on for rebranding and other proposed items. Superintendent Williams will have this as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Motion by D. Stellini, support by P. Lakatos, to accept Possible Action following closed session.**

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Carried: 7 - 0

## **7 ADJOURNMENT**

### **7.01 Adjournment**

**Motion by D. Meyers, support by R. Miller, to adjourn the meeting.**

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Carried: 7 - 0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for Monday, November 13, 2017 adjourned at 11:29 PM.

  
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Debbie Stellini, Secretary

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