



TAYLOR
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Leader in Education

Board of Education

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Monday, September 26, 2016

Regular Board Meeting

1. Opening items

1.01 The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1.03 Moment of Silence

1.04 Roll Call

Present:

B. Honeycutt, D. Meyers, R. Masters, R. Miller, J. Reilly, D. Stellini,
T. Zorn, B. Williams

Excused: All present

1.05 Approval of Agenda

Amended agenda 6.0 Independent Contracts/Requests to Hire

- Combined Independent Contracts 6.01 - 6.14

Amended agenda 7.0 Personnel

- Taylor Parks Music Teacher

Motion by B. Honeycutt, **support** by D. Stellini, approve the Amended Agenda.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

1.06 Student/Staff Recognition

The Board of Education recognized Kristi Mentzer and her Student Council at Kinyon Elementary School for their hard work last school year.

Motion by T. Zorn, **support** by D. Meyers, to close Student/Staff Recognition.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

1.07 Approval of Minutes

None

1.08 Payment of Current Bills

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by R. Masters, for Approval of payment of Current Bills.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 - 0

1.09 Payment of Current Bills on Hold

None

1.10 Approval of Requisitions

Motion by T. Zorn, **support** by D. Meyers, for Approval of Requisitions as printed.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

1.11 Approval of Requisitions on Hold

None

1.12 Communications

D. Stellini – MASB Conference Detroit on Nov 10-13, Plante Moran Conference in January.

D. Myers – Prayer breakfast December 2, 2016.

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by D. Masters, to accept Communications.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

D.13 Ambassador Updates

D. Myers – Three busses of Kennedy and Truman High School students traveled to EMU where many received acceptance letters as well as scholarships to attend the university; Attended KHS Homecoming game, great football game and wonderful turnout.

T. Zorn – College days have been ongoing throughout the last few weeks; Twenty students attended the Josten's Leadership Conference on 09/14 at MSU; Truman Band took 3rd place in competition at Carlson HS.

D. Stellini – Randall ES started the new school year with many events and activities. 4th and 5th graders competed at Walled Lake, family night was 09/27, 1st grade attended the zoo, 3rd graders toured the Rouge plant, Corporate support enabled them to give out supplies and backpacks; GSRP is preparing for their first day. They have a waiting list; Career Center purchased new computers and textbooks with a \$27,000 Perkins grant. The plasma cutter in the welding shop is now working. A special "Thank you" to Thor and all utility. Enrollment at the career center has increased.

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by D. Masters, to close Ambassador Updates

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

2. **Audience Participation**

2.01 Audience Participation

Rhonda Danaj – commented on the K4 and K5 students and the age at which they enter school. She would like to see Preschool starting age at 4 years by September 1.

Bruce Venable commented and expressed concern about transgender issues and how parents should be notified of any changes in the school.

Board recognized need for further discussion on K4 and K5 students. The Board also commented on future discussion topic for LGBT guidelines/policy.

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by D. Myers, to close Audience Participation.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 - 0

3. **Superintendent's Report/Asst. Superintendent's Report**

3.01 Superintendent's Report/Asst. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Williams - Enrollment is at 6726 with changes expected due to additional enrollments/withdrawals.

We are 25 students above the projected enrollment. The trend is declining enrollment each year. So far we have a loss of 271 students. Count Day is October 5th.

Section 25e was renewed in law again for this year. This allows districts to bill back other districts after accepting enrollments after fall count.

The Kennedy HS Class of '71 alumni held an event touring Kennedy HS and taking a bus ride around the school district visiting old neighborhoods and former elementary schools. Thanks to Tommie Saylor and the maintenance staff and Steve in transportation for their assistance in making this event a success.

The 2016 Kennedy HS homecoming week, parade, game and dance went very well.

Third grade retention bill is on its way to the Governor's office. The principal appeal provision was stricken from the bill.

Hat's off to Michelle Hernandez and a large support group at Moody Elementary for making improvements to the afternoon traffic congestion.

Thank you to Penny Morgan for all the hard work in developing the Deficit Elimination Plan.

Principal Tamara Jones-Jackson at Myers Elementary School has been working hard with her support groups and the Reading Corp to bring additional support to the Myers children and families. They are also looking at an offer for 21st Century Programming.

Presentation – Enhancement Millage. Jamee McCoy is serving as the Taylor School District Elections Liaison person. She will be helping with the WRESA Enhancement Millage and the Taylor School District Bond and getting the message out to the community.

Asst. Supt. Cyr – Worked with a parent and student to come up with a unique schedule to allow him to attend Truman HS in the morning and TVLA in the afternoon.

Participated in two rounds of interviews for the positions of School Improvement Coordinator and Assistant Director for Special Education. The process was well organized, professional and fair.

The School Improvement Team is now located at the Board of Education. Special thanks to the SIT and Derek Kanaulis as they continue to work with the 1st and 2nd grade students and teachers in preparation for the online state assessments.

Attended the Myers Open House. A fun and exciting night for students to showcase their classrooms and teachers. Thank you to the TFT leadership for their donations of class sets of dictionaries to the fifth grade students at Myers.

Attended Kennedy's homecoming parade and game. An impressive night. Special thanks to Kennedy leadership, staff and Athletic Director.

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by R. Masters to accept the Superintendent's Report/Assistant Superintendent's report.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

4. Committee Report

4.01 Committee Report

Finance Committee – Went over updates during their scheduled meeting today.

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by R. Masters to accept Committee Report.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

5. Special Education CIMS and Timely IEP Presentation

5.01 Special Education CIMS and Timely IEP Presentation

Rene Daihl, Special Education Director, presented a "Great News" Report. The focus of the report was from results on Timely IEP's received from the State of Michigan. The Taylor School District is no longer on the list for Corrective Action Plans due to the continued hard work and dedication of the Special Education Department.

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by D. Meyers to accept the Special Education CIMS and Timely IEP Presentation.

R. Miller left room.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6 – 0

6. Independent Contracts/Requests to Hire

6.01 – 6.14 Independent Contracts/Requests to Hire

Agenda amended (1.05) to bundle items 6.01 – 6.14.

J. Reilly asked for clarification on contracts for R. Bibee pertaining to days and hours for the two schools.

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by R. Masters, to approve bundled items 6.01 – 6.14 Independent Contracts/Requests to Hire.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

7. Personnel

7.01 Personnel Reports

As amended

Motion by D. Stellini, **support** by T. Zorn to accept the Personnel Reports as amended.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

7.02 Assistant Director of Special Education/Supervisor of POHI

Motion by B. Honeycutt, **support** by T. Zorn to approve hiring of Assistant Director of Special Education/Supervisor of POHI.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

7.03 School Improvement Coordinator

Motion by B. Honeycutt, **support** by D. Stellini to approve hiring of School Improvement Coordinator.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

8. Out of State Field Trip – Washington DC

8.01 Out of State Field Trip – Washington DC

Motion by T. Zorn, **support** by R. Masters, to approve the Out of State Field Trip – Washington DC.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7– 0

9. DEP Resolution

9.01 DEP Resolution

Discussion – DEP Resolution was discussed during the Finance Meeting. P. Morgan is waiting on the Administrative Review from RESA. If the millage is passed in November, the budget will be amended and the district could possibly go back to Early Warning status.

Motion by B. Honeycutt, **support** by D. Meyers, to approve the DEP Resolution.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

10. Budget Amendment

10.01 Budget Amendment

Discussion – Budget amended because of changes in revenue. Instead of \$4.5 million in deficit, TSD is now at \$2.1 deficit.

Motion by T. Zorn, **support** by D. Stellini, to approve the Budget Amendment.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 – 0

11. Closed Session

11.01 Closed Session

None

12. Possible Action Following Closed Session

12.01 Possible Action Following Closed Session

None

13. Other I

13.01 Other I

D. Myers – Question on who is cleaning Sixth Grade Academy? Kathy Fields answered that there is one person, two hours per day cleaning, cutting grass and providing maintenance.

D. Stellini – Taylor Teen Health Flyers, Trunk or Treat – Oct 28th, Winter Festival – Nov 26th.

P. DeLaTorre – Asked for advance approval to recall/hire positions.

Motion by D. Stellini, support by R. Masters, to approve Other I.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7–0

14. Adjournment

14.01 Adjournment

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7 - 0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for Monday, September 26, 2016 adjourned at 8:05 PM



Tom Zorn, Secretary

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