

Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 P.M.

Roil Call

Present: D. Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, K. Wright, A. Block, R. Danaj, A. McNew

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD NEWS

1. Building Tours

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, stated that on July 9, 2021 the Board of Education, Taylor Foundation and Jack Giraud, Director of Facilities and Operations visited many of our buildings. Thank you to Linda Newsome, Armando Sardanopoli, Barb Schultz and Michelle Matney for the wonderful tour.

2. Summer Camp Fun

Cynthia Nickel, Asst. Superintendent Elementary Instruction & State and Federal Programs, gave an update on the following:

- Summer Programs
 - K-8 Summer Camp
 - Credit Recovery for High Schoolers
 - Partnership with Wayne Metro providing free child care & enrichment learning opportunities
 - Free activities for elementary students which includes open swim, basketball clinic and flag football

AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to accept the amended Agenda. Add #3 to Action Items Instruction Offerings.

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers

No: None Absent: None

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

SCHEDULED REPORTS

1. Summer Projects Update

Jack Giraud, Director of Facilities & Operations, shared a presentation regarding summer projects that need to be completed at each of the district's properties. This is in addition to the normal summer work done at each building.

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, thanked TSSSA for all their hard work.

DISCUSSION !TEMS

1. Approval of High School Courses

Jacob Anastasoff, Asst. Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum & Operations, gave a description to the board of new and updated courses for the High School. The following courses have been vetted by the High School and district committees.

- 1. Change Independent Study Business course to School Store
- 2. Add Peer to Peer Program
- 3. Add Algebra Essentials Course
- Add AP Environmental Science Course

2. High School Principal

Griff Mills, Superintendent, gave an update for the High School Principal vacancy.

3. Instruction Offering

Griff Mills, Superintendent, shared a slide show regarding Instructional Models for the Fall 2021-2022.

- 1. Face-to-Face Instruction
- 2. Virtual
- 3. K-5 Virtual Elementary School
- 4. K-5th Grade through Calvert Online Curriculum
- 5. 6-12 Online Curriculum through Edmentum

4. Ashley Capital

Griff Mills, Superintendent, gave an update on the proposal from Ashley Capital.

- Would like to acquire 1.85 acres of property behind Hoover Middle School
- Pay \$50,000.00 for the land and donate \$450,000.00 to the district for a total of \$500,000.00
- If approved by the Board, Ashley Capital will deposit \$25,000.00 in earnest money
- The purchase agreement would afford Ashley Capital 120 days to perform due diligence on the property. If not terminated during this time the deposit would be non refundable
- At closing the district will receive the \$50,000.00 purchase price and the donation of \$450,000.00
- After closing, Ashley Capital would be responsible for removing the Hoover track, grading the site, building a fence or wall along the new property line and install landscape as a buffering area agreed upon by both parties

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of High School Courses (po2210 & po2220)

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the changes and additions to the High School Courses.

ROLL CALL: Yes:

J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas

No:

None

Absent:

None

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

2. High School Principal (po3120)

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the hiring of Melissa Skopczynski for the position, Taylor High School Principal.

ROLL CALL:

Yes:

Wright, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas

No: Absent: **Block** None

Yeas: 6 Navs: 1

Carried: 6-1

3. Instructional Offerings

A motion was made by J. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the Instructional Models for the Fall 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL:

Wright, Block, Danaj, D. Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas

No:

None

Absent:

None

Yeas: 7

Navs: 0 Carried: 7-0

Melissa Skopczynski thanked the Board of Education, Cabinet, West Middle School, Mayor Sollars, Karl, her friends and family...

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA (po0166.1 & po6470)

- 1. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of June 30, 2021
- 2. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of June 30, 2021
- 3. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Approval of Requisitions, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

Ann Block, Board Trustee, made a correction that the June 30, 2021 minutes were taken by Board Vice President, Jodi Thomas, due to the absence of Board Secretary Amber McNew.

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Yes:

Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright

No:

None

Absent:

None

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (Wednesday, August 4, 2021)

- 1. Good News
- 2. Policy Updates

PUBLIC COMMENT (po0167.3)

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board thanked Jack Giraud for the presentation and for all that he and his staff does for the district.

Daryl Thomas, Board Treasure, congratulated Melissa Skopczynski on her new position.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Yes:

Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block

No:

None None

Absent:

Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0 Yeas: 7

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for July 14, 2021 adjourned at 6:45 pm.