



Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: A. Block, R. Danaj, A. McNew, D. Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, K. Wright
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD NEWS

1. **Congratulations to Mary Ann Cyr**
Griff Mills, Superintendent, congratulated and thanked Mary Ann for her service to the district.
2. **Munchkin Griffin Camp**
Michael Pitt, Coach, shared information and a presentation regarding the Taylor Football Munchkin Griffin Camp.
3. **Alumni Newsletter and News Herald**
Rhonda Danaj, Board President, recognized Jack Giraud, Director of Maintenance and Building Operations, for being spotlighted in the Taylor Alumni Newsletter and Kyle Wright, Board Trustee, for being spotlighted in the News Herald.
4. **Randall Beautification**
Holly Stachulski, Maintenance Personnel, shared a presentation and gave an update to the progress outside Randall Elementary. This was made possible by many hard working volunteers.
5. **Scholarship Awards**
Linda Moore, TFT President, and **Kathie Fields, TSSSA President**, presented Logan Barnard and Amiah Thomas with scholarship awards.

AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **None**
 Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

SCHEDULED REPORTS

1. Wayne RESA Technology Support

Kurt Rheume, Executive Director of IT Solutions, shared a presentation regarding the technology services that will be provided by Wayne RESA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Policy Update

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, stated that the Board had an earlier meeting to discuss and go over the updated and revised policies. Ms. Danaj did a 1st reading of the following policies:

- Agenda po0166
- Committees po0155
- Purchasing po6320
- Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies Update - Revised February 2021
 - po1422 - Nondiscrimination & Equal Employment Opportunity
 - po1623 - 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
 - po1662 - Anti-Harassment
 - po2260 - Nondiscrimination & Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
 - po3122 - Nondiscrimination & Equal Employment Opportunity
 - po3123 - 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
 - po3362 - Anti-Harassment
 - po4122 - Nondiscrimination & Equal Employment Opportunity
 - po4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
 - po4362 - Revised Anti-Harassment
 - po5517 - Anti-Harassment
- Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Revisions
 - po6114 - Cost Principles/Spending Federal Funds
 - po6325 - Procurement/Federal Grants & Funds
 - po7450 - Property Inventory
 - Po7455 - Accounting System for Fixed Assets

2. August/September Advanced Authorization to Hire/Recall/Layoff

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that he is asking the Board for advance authorization. Advance authorization allows the district to hire new employees and not wait two weeks for the next board meeting. This will help the district fill open positions as the district gets closer to the opening of school. Any new hires will be placed on the next regular board meeting agenda.

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, thanked Superintendent Mills for being proactive so we have employees in place when schools starts.

3. Hoover Property

Griff Mills, Superintendent, reviewed the details of the sale of Hoover property and asked the board if they had any questions or concerns. No questions or concerns from the Board.

4. Technology Support from Wayne RESA

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that tonight he is asking for the Board to approve a five (5) year contract with Wayne Resa. The contract consists of a broad level of support, Assistant Director of Technology, Computer Network Coordinator and our five (5) Field Technicians.

5. Wall to Wall Academy

Griff Mills, Superintendent, is asking the Board tonight for permission for the district to start the process and learn more about the Wall to Wall Academy. The Wall to Wall Academy could bring wonderful opportunities to our students.

6. Ballot Language for 2021 Taylor School District Bond

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that he is asking the Board tonight to approve the 2021 Bond Language. Once approved this will be hand delivered to the Wayne County Clerk's Office by August 10, 2021.

7. Tire Bid

David Jones, CFO, stated that in July the district put out a bid for tire and tire support and on July 14, 2021 the district received three (3) bids. After reviewing the bids Steve Woodworth, Director of Transportation, is recommending the Board approve the lower of the two (2) Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. bids. This bid was not the lowest of the three (3) bids but for the following reasons we are recommending to accept the Goodyear bid:

- Better and higher quality tires
- The district has worked with Goodyear for the past two (2) years and have a good relationship
- Goodyear has the best price on retread tires

8. New Administrator Hires

Griff Mills, Superintendent, gave a description of the three (3) rounds of administrative new hire interview process.

- 1st Round - Included opportunities for all four (4) unions to be represented
- 2nd Round - Interview with all Cabinet
- 3rd Round - A one on one interview with final two (2) candidates with Superintendent

Superintendent Mills gave a brief background of each of the following recommended candidates:

- Kelly Trainor - Taylor High School Assistant Principal
- Carly Barnard - Career Center Principal
- Marlene Scott - TVLA Principal
- Jason Dushary - Assistant Director of Food services/Chef Manager
- Joe Gilliam - Assistant Technology Director
- Matt Radu - Computer/Network Coordinator

9. Independent Contractors

Patricia DeLaTorre, Executive Director for Human Resources, stated that Human Resources is asking the Board to approve the following:

- Renewal of four (4) Security Guard contracts and two (2) rehires.
- Renewal of three (3) Medical Assistant contracts. These Medical Assistants work with our brittle diabetics students.

ACTION ITEM

1. Advanced Authorization to Hire/Recall/Layoff

A motion was made by D. Myers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the advanced authorization to hire, recall or layoff union personnel for vacant positions.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright,**
No: **None**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

2. Hoover Property

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to adopt the resolution to sell a portion of Hoover Middle School property.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright**
No: **Block**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 1 Carried: 6-1

3. Technology Support from Wayne RESA

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the Wayne RESA Master Service Agreement for Technology Support.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj**
No: **None**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

4. Wall to Wall Academy

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the moving forward with researching opportunities for the Wall to Wall Academy.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

5. 2021 Taylor School District Bond

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to adopt the resolution approving the bond proposition.

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

6. Tire Bid

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to adopt the resolution accepting the Bid 21-938 and authorizing the award of contract for tires and tire support for the Taylor School District Bus Garage to Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

ROLL CALL: Yes: J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

7. TVLA Principal

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by K. Wright to approve the hiring of Marlene Scott for the position of TVLA Principal.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

Ms. Scott thanked the Board for the opportunity.

8. Taylor High Assistant Principal

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the hiring of Kelly Trainor for the position of Taylor High Assistant Principal.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

Ms. Trainor stated that she was honored to have this position.

9. CTE Principal

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the hiring of Carly Barnard for the position of CTE Principal.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

Ms. Barnard thanked the Board and stated that she is very excited to grow the CTE program.

10. Assistant Director of Food Services/Chef Manager

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the hiring of Jason Dushary for the position of Assistant Director of Food Services/Chef Manager.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

11. Assistant Technology Director

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the hiring of Joseph Gilliam for the position of Assistant Technology Director.

ROLL CALL: Yes: McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

12. Computer/Network Coordinator

A motion was made by A. Block and seconded by K. Wright to approve the hiring of Matthew Radu for the position of Computer/Network Coordinator.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

Mr. Radu thanked Superintendent Mills, Joe Gilliam and everyone else that made this possible.

13. Security Guard Agreements

A motion was made by J. Thomas and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the four (4) Security Guard Agreements for the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

14. Medical Assistant Agreements

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the three (3) Medical Assistant Agreements for the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Yes: J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas
No: None
Absent: None
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Griff Mills, Superintendent, had the following things to report:

- Read a draft letter regarding students' return to school options.
- Corey Doyle will continue as our Interim Principal and Stacie Pasek will be our Interim Assistant Principal at West Middle School.

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, stated that she appreciates the options that are available to families.

CONSENT AGENDA (po0166.1 & po6470)

- 1. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of July 14, 2021
- 2. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2021
- 3. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Approval of Requisitions, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

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

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas**
No: **None**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (Wednesday, August 18, 2021)

- 1. Good News
- 2. 2021 Retirees

PUBLIC COMMENT (po0167.3)

Greg Long, parent, asked why masks are mandated on our buses but not in our schools.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Patricia DeLaTorre, Executive Director for Human Resources, thanked the Board for giving advance authorization.

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, stated that it is nice to see things getting done, thank you.

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, thanked Cabinet for everything that goes on behind the scenes.

Daryl Thomas, Board Vice President, thanked everyone that helped with the camps.

Kyle Wright, Board Trustee, thanked the staff, the buildings look amazing.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright**
No: **None**
Absent: **None**
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for August 4, 2021 adjourned at 7:19 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary