



Board of Education

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD NEWS

1. Alumni Spotlight - Dr. Tareq Ramada

Melissa Skopczynski, Taylor High School Principal, introduced and recognized Truman High School Alumni, Dr. Tareq Ramadan, for all his accomplishments. Dr. Ramadan gave a brief history of his time in Taylor Schools and his accomplishments since his graduation from Taylor Schools. Dr Ramada thanked Melissa Skopczynski and all the wonderful teachers in our district.

2. Beacon Baptist

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, recognized and thanked Beacon Baptist for volunteering to help keep many of our schools looking beautiful. Beacon Baptist volunteers volunteered at Kinyon Elementary School this year.

3. Christy's Legacy of Hope

Tracy Carroll, School Improvement Coordinator, stated that the district has partnered with Christy's Legacy of Hope with the Blue Umbrella Pack Project. Christy's Legacy of Hope helps students in foster care and will be helping our district with student transition into the foster care system.

4. Taylor North Little League

Daryl Thomas, Board Treasure, congratulated the Taylor North Little League Team, Coaches and Parents on their Little League World Series Championship. The City of Taylor will host a parade for the team on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

5. Thank You to Staff

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, thanked all Taylor School Staff for getting our school ready for students and family for the upcoming school year.

6. In Person Board Meetings

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, stated that starting the meeting of Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Board Meetings will return to face to face. For those that wish to view virtually may still do so via zoom.

AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

SCHEDULED REPORTS

1. Back to School Update

Griff Mills, Superintendent, shared a back to school presentation which included:

- **Masks** - Per WCHD, students, staff and visitors must wear a mask while inside school buildings.
- **Quarantines** - There is a new close contact procedure in place
 - Self-Quarantine for a School Setting
 - Exceptions to Self-Quarantine Requirements
- **Social Distancing** - The district is trying to maintain the three foot distance in classrooms but will maximize the distance when possible.
- **Screening Process** - All students and staff are required to utilize the self-screening checklist everyday from home.
- **Hand Washing & Hygiene** - These remain the same, the district will continue to provide hand sanitizer and continue to encourage proper hand washing.
- **Enhanced Cleaning & Building Ventilation** - Our cleaning will consist of cleaning & disinfecting high-touch points, all learning spaces will be cleaned and disinfected using electrostatic sprayers, safe and effective cleaning supplies are available and filters have been upgraded.
- **Academics**
 - Teachers will continue to teach priority standards and meet the needs of all students.
 - The district has implemented K-12 learning recovery time to help support any learning loss impacted by Covid.
 - We will continue doing our best to accommodate our family's choice for face to face or virtual option.
- **Social-Emotional Health** - The district will continue to utilize our counselors, social workers as well as outside community support to help our students move through these challenging times.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct (po5500)

Griff Mills, Superintendent, presented to the Board the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct with some updated areas based on policy changes, legal team has reviewed. Superintendent Mills would like to change the School Code of Conduct in the future to reflect more grade level content.

2. Soliant Addendum (po3120)

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that he is recommending the approval of two Soliant Addendums to help meet the needs of our Special Education students.

3. Re-adopt Policies for Clarification (po0131.1)

- **po5610 - Emergency Removal, Suspension and Expulsion of Nondisabled Students**
- **po5610.03) - Reinstatement**
- **po5611 - Due Process**

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that he has been working on the Administrative Guidelines. While working on the Administrative Guidelines it was noticed that on February 22, 2021 a policy was adopted written by Collins & Blaha & NEOLA. Only the Collins & Blaha policy should have been adopted. We are bringing the policy 5610 back to the Board to be re-adopted along with the other two policies per legal advice.

ACTION ITEM

1. 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct (po5500)

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct.

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

2. Sign Language Interpreter Soliant Addendum (po3120)

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the addendum to the Soliant contract to include a Sign Language Interpreter.

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

3. Registered Nurse Soliant Addendum (po3120)

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the addendum to the Soliant contract to include a Registered Nurse.

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

4. Re-adopt Policies for Clarification (po0131.1)

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the re-adoption of the following policies for clarification:

- po5610 - Emergency Removal, Suspension and Expulsion of Nondisabled Students
- po5610.03 - Reinstatement
- po5611 - Due Process

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

5. Security Guard Agreement

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the hiring of Security Guard Christopher Kincaide for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

6. Security Guard Agreement

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the hiring of Security Guard Shavon Bethel for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Superintendent Mills stated that the district is still in the process of filling one additional Security Guard vacancy at the Middle School.

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Mills gave an update of the orientations and open house that are being held.

CONSENT AGENDA (po0166.1 & po6470)

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 1, 2021
2. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Approval of Requisitions, Certified, Non-Certified, Administrative Reports and New/Renewed Categorical Positions.

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

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

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (Wednesday, September 15, 2021)

1. Good News

PUBLIC COMMENT (po0167.3)

Holly Stachulski, Employee, suggested that the district do an online covid-19 screening instead of the paper screening at the buildings.

Superintendent Mills responded that the district will be implementing a self screening for staff and students. Information will be going out to staff and students tomorrow. Visitors will still need to complete the paper copy at our buildings.

Kim Williamson, Parent

- Thanked everyone for all their hard work in helping our kids get back in school.
- Suggested allowing students to paint a parking spot at the High School for a donation. Donation money could possibly be used for a banner/flag for the football field.

Oleda Willaims, Community Member

- Questions regarding the curriculum

Melissa Skopczynski, Taylor High Principal

- Thanked teachers for being so flexible during their power outage
- Thanks to the City of Taylor, Karl Ziomek and the manager of the SportsPlex, Darren Grabowski, for giving us space to meet during the power outage.
- Thanked the maintenance department for getting our building ready.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, thanked Melissa Skopczynski for getting everything together while the power was out, Ms McNew also thanked Kim Williamson for the great idea regarding painting parking spots at the High School.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to go into closed session for negotiations.

Went into Closed Session: 6:42 pm

Returned from Closed Session: 8:05 pm

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

AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No action after closed session

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for September 1, 2021 adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary