



Board of Education

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

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

Roll Call

Present: J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas

Absent: Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD NEWS

1. LEO Gift Announcement

Darek Kaunelis, Teacher, stated that he would like to share his LEO award with his 2020-2021 students. Mr. Kaunelis recognized his students for the amazing job they did and will be accompanying them to Imagination Station on November 5, 2021.

2. West Bleachers

Jack Giraud, Director for Facilities & Operations, gave an update regarding the following:

- Bleachers have been removed from the old Kennedy High School and placed at West Middle School.
- Chiller at Holland Elementary was removed on Friday and the one at Myers Elementary will be removed shortly.
- The washer and dryer have been hooked up at the high school for the uniforms.
- New exit lights and cages have been installed in the district's gymnastics.
- Front doors at the Board of Education have been fixed.
- Fence at Myers Elementary has been fixed and in the process of fixing Randall Elementarys.

Superintendent Mills added that a new scoreboard has been installed at the high school.

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

No: None

Absent: Wright

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

SCHEDULED REPORTS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Out of State Field Trip

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, gave a brief overview of the field trip for Mr. Kaunelis 2020-2021 students (LEO Award) to Imagination Station on November 5, 2021.

Superintendent Mills, gave an overview of the interview process which includes the following:

- 1st round consisted of an invitation to all four unions to participate, HR and a cabinet member or two.
- 2nd round consisted of all cabinet members.
- 3rd round was a one on one interview with the Superintendent.

2. New Hire - Parent & Community Liaison

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that the recommendation for the Parent & Community Liaison is Bridget Jarvis and gave a brief background.

3. New Hire - Public Relations, Marketing & Communication Specialist

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that the recommendation for the Public Relations, Marketing & Communication Specialist is Robert Kobylasz and gave a brief background.

4. New Hire - Director of English Learners & MTSS

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that the recommendation for the Director of English Learners & MTSS is Spencer Riley and gave a brief background.

5. Sign Language Interpreter

Patricia DeLaTorre, Executive Director for HR/LR, stated that the district has a student that is enrolled in our district that needs sign language services. This position is not to teach sign language but only to provide a service. Only one of the two contractors will be used, whichever finds a sign language interpreter first.

6. Ancillary Staff

Patricia DeLaTorre, Executive Director for HR/LR, stated that this contract will help the district provide services to special education students while the district searches for a qualified candidate with TFT affiliation.

7. Reading and Adoption of Updated Policy 5610

Griff Mills, Superintendent, reviewed the updated board policy 5610.

ACTION ITEM

1. Out of State Field Trip Request

A motion was made by J. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the out of state field trip request to Imagination Station on November 5, 2021.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas
	No:	None
	Absent:	Wright
	Yeas: 6	Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

2. Request to Hire Parent & Community Liaison

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by R. Danaj to approve the hiring of Bridget Jarvis for the position, Parent & Community Liaison.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Danaj, McNew, Meyers, Block
	No:	D. Thomas, J. Thomas
	Absent:	Wright

Yeas: 4 Nays: 2 Carried: 4-2

3. Request to Hire Public Relations, Marketing & Communication Specialist

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by R. Danaj to approve the hiring of Robert Kobylasz for the position, Public Relations, Marketing & Communication Specialist.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **McNew, Meyers, Block, Danaj**
 No: **D. Thomas, J. Thomas**
 Absent: **Wright**
 Yeas: 4 Nays: 2 Carried: 4-2

4. Request to Hire Director of English Learners & MTSS

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the hiring of Spencer Riley for the position, Director of English Learners & MTSS.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Wright**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

5. Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services, Inc.

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services, Inc. Agreement.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Wright**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

6. Michigan Interpreting Services

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the Michigan Interpreting Services Agreement.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Wright**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

7. AMN Healthcare Staff Agreement

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the AMN Healthcare Staff Agreement.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Wright**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

8. Reading and Adoption of Updated Policy 5610

A motion was made by J. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the updated policy 5610.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Wright**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

9. Student Reinstatement

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the conditional reinstatement of student #1.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Wright**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA (po0166.1 & po6470)

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 6, 2021
2. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

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

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Wright**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (Wednesday, November 3, 2021)

1. Good News

Superintendent Mills stated that there may also be an audit presentation for the next meeting.

David Jones, CFO, responded that he has notified the auditors and they should be ready.

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, stated that in November there will be a Board Policy Workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT (po0167.3)

Derek McDonagh, community member, invited the Board and Cabinet to next year's Taylor Center 50th class reunion dinner/dance at Lakes of Taylor. Mr. McDonagh also presented information regarding a district food truck.

Jordan Deron, parent, stated concerns regarding students coming back from quarantine and struggling with work that has been missed. She recommended a Covid Coach to help students.

Yousef Safah, representative of Mind Matters Education, gave an overview of Mind Matters Education and how it can help our district with mental health.

Jennifer Ferguson-Berringer, parent, invited the Board to attend the THS Band & Chorus Concert. Ms. Ferguson-Berringer had concerns regarding the number of cases at the high school and how we can control it better. She also has concerns regarding the mentors being provided for TVLA.

Kim Williamson, parent, had concerns regarding the athletic website not being updated. She also would like to know if we can get our teams and team rosters on our athletic website.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jodi Thomas, Board Vice President, asked if we could look into our contract tracing procedure for strength and conditioning of our athletic teams..

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, added some good news regarding our Freshman and JV Volleyball teams which had tournaments over the weekend and were awarded the silver bracket. Varsity is playing this upcoming Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj, McNew
No: None
Absent: Wright
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for October 20, 2021 adjourned at 6:47 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary