



Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD NEWS

1. Bond Update

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that the bond passed by roughly 55% to 45%. He thanked the Taylor community and everyone for all their hard work.

2. Student Representative

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, stated that the Board has changed the student representative policy so all Taylor Schools will be able to have a representative attend our Board Meetings and share the news of their building. This will be on a rotating basis starting later this month and continuing throughout the year.

3. Public Comment Follow-up

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that earlier this year the district put into place a public comment google doc to assure that the district is following up with public comments and concerns.

AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a revision to the Agenda, ARTICLE VI DISCUSSION ITEMS #3 1st Reading of Policy Updates was tabled by Ann Block, Board Trustee.

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

ROLL CALL:

Yes:

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

No:

None

Absent:

None

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

SCHEDULED REPORTS

2020-2021 Taylor & Morgan Annual Audit Report

Michael MacKenzie, Certified Public Accountant, gave an overview of the 2020-2021 Audit Report. The presentation included:

- Blended Student Enrollment
- Foundation Allowance
- General Fund Revenues, Expenditures & Fund Balance
- Food Service Revenues & Expenditures
- Special Education Center Program Revenues, Expenditures & General Fund Contributions
- Economic Considerations
- Retirement Rate
- Decline in MPERS Membership
- GASB 68 Reporting of Unfunded Pension Liability
- GASB 75 Reporting of Unfunded Other Postemployment Benefits Liability
- Unfunded MPERS Liability
- GASB 77 Disclose of Tax Abatements
- GASB 84 Fiduciary Activities
- GASB 87 Leases

Building Cleaning

Jack Giraud, Director of Facilities and Operations, provided the following building updates:

- Every maintenance personnel in every building now has an electric sprayer.
- Ordered merv 8 and merv 9a double pleated filters. This is the highest rated filter the district can use for our ventilation system.
- Only one chiller left in the district which will be removed on Monday.
- Recently businesses have donated items to our district which included covid items, hand sanitizer, wipes, masks, craft supplies, paper, pencils, etc. Will be setting up tables in the Board Annex Cafeteria to put supplies out so staff can come by and take what they need.
- Coats in large sizes have also been donated to our district by GM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Wayne RESA English Learner Consortium Agreement

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated the RESA EL Consortium Agreement is an annual renewal. The district partners with RESA to oversee our EL students. In the past this has cost the district \$300,000.00, we got this down to \$200,000.00. The reason for the decrease is we recently hired someone to assist with EL students and the agreement has a few less supports. This amount comes out of our general fund. The district is growing our own EL program which includes getting teachers certified. The goal is to continue to decrease this amount.

2. Beaumont Teen Health Center MOU

Jeff Cook, Director of Community Health, & Jamie Balavitch, Manager of Substance Abuse Prevention, gave an overview of the services Beaumont provides to our district and in our buildings. Mr. Cook also stated that Beaumont would like to extend their services in our district.

Superintendent Mills asked what is the expense to our district for this program and how long has the district had this partnership.

Mr. Cook responded that the district has to provide an RN that works between 32 - 34 hours per week. The district also provides a space and the costs associated with running the clinic. Beaumont has partnered with the district since 2013 and added the Hoover E3 program in 2018.

3. 1st Reading of Policy Updates

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED

4. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Request to Chicago, IL - April 22 & 23, 2022

Renee Kuczeski & Brian Wieczorek, Teachers, gave an overview of the two day trip to Chicago, IL. Band and Choir will be attending the field trip which will include seeing a musical and sightseeing. Students will not be performing on this trip. For students that need it, fundraising opportunities are available.

5. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Request to Washington DC - May 23 - 27, 2022

Tracy Scrivner, Teacher, gave an overview of the field trip to Washington DC. Hoover will be going with West Middle School this year. The field trip is for hard working students that have good grades and good behavior.

6. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Request to Howell Nature Center - May 31 - June 1, 2022

Trisha Bergeron, Teacher, gave an overview of the overnight field trip to Howell Nature Center. This field trip is for 5th grade students at Taylor Parks. Students will learn about how animals are rehabilitated and returned to nature.

ACTION ITEM

1. Wayne RESA English Learner Consortium Agreement

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the Wayne RESA English Learner Consortium Agreement.

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

2. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Requests

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by D. Meyers to approve the following Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Request(s):

- Chicago, IL - April 22 & 23, 2022
- Washington DC - May 23 - 27, 2022
- Howell Nature Center - May 31 - June 1, 2022

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

3. Advanced Authorization to Hire/Recall

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the Advanced Authorization to Hire/Recall union positions, November and December 2021..

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

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Griff Mills, Superintendent, thanked the Board for the advance authorization. Ms. Mills also addressed concerns regarding canceling bus routes when there is a shortage of drivers. When canceling a route the transportation department looks at which routes would be the least disruptive. The district is also implementing an MOU and trying to hire drivers to help with this problem. In the near future the district will be having a job fair.

CONSENT AGENDA (po0166.1 & po6470)

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 20, 2021
2. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Certified, Non-Certified, Administrative Reports and New/Renewed Categorical

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

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

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (Wednesday, November 17, 2021)

1. Good News
2. December 1, 2021 meeting moved to November 30, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT (po0167.3)

Shannon Ceeko, has concerns regarding the Covid-19 mandates, including masks and freedom of speech. Ms. Ceeko also has concerns regarding the anxiety, depression and suicide among students.

Renee Briggs, Parent, asked if the district could have an open gym once a month in the district.

Cindy Wiebdhans, parent/grandparent, has concerns regarding the mask mandate.

Renee Kuczeski, teacher, stated that she would like to be part of the bond committee. The music department has many needs that are not met.

Matt Hall, Hoover Principal, thanked the Board, Bond Committee and all the people that helped out to get the bond passed. Mr. Hall also thanked Ms. Danaj for all her hard work she did for Mr. K's field trip.

Renee Briggs, Parent, asked if each school could do a car in the homecoming parade so everyone could be part of the parade.

Daniella Contos, stated that the Taylor School Board is one of the most positive school boards she has been to. Ms. Contos also has concerns regarding the mask mandate. Schools should also have an Iwave air filter. She also has concerns regarding vaccines for students.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jodi Thomas, Board Vice President, asked what other districts in Wayne County are or are not doing regarding the mask mandate.

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, thanked everyone for their hard work on the bond.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for November 3, 2021 adjourned at 7:23 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary