



Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE (Patricia Kaechele)

GOOD NEWS

1. **26M TSSSA Christmas Parade gifts to their membership children**
Kathie Fields, 26M TSSSA President, thanked the Board Members that came out and for supporting the 26M TSSSA Children's Christmas Party for 26M TSSSA members. There were crafts, pictures, Santa Claus and a small lunch was provided.
2. **Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church**
Daryl Thomas, Board Treasurer, gave a shout out to Daryl Thomas (Daryl's father) and the Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church. Daryl Thomas has run a Toys for Tots at Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church for 10 years now. This year they helped over 250 people, gave out over 100 coats to kids and helped out schools in Taylor.
3. **MoTown Harley Christmas Party for Autistic Kids**
Rhonda Danaj, Board President, stated that Taylor High School opened their gym for the MoTown Harley Christmas Party for Autistic Kids. The party was held last Sunday for over 100 kids. It was a great event for the children and parents.
4. **Northline Church**
Ryan Bettinger, Pastor, stated that for roughly 13 years Northline Church has been partnering with the Taylor School District to help people in need. This year the district provided names of approximately 33 families (approximately 130 kids) that needed help. This year gifts were distributed at West Middle School.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Alyssa Williamson and Jaxson Singstock, Taylor High School student representatives, shared the following news regarding great things happening at Taylor High School:

- Homecoming/Parade
- Spirit Week
- Powder Puff
- Holiday Door Decorating
- Student Council/Griffin Pantry Holiday Ornament Fundraiser - \$2,573.00
- Grinch Ornament Attack
- Choir & Band Concert

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

SCHEDULED REPORTS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. School Improvement Coordinator

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that he would like to recommend Kim Burkey as a rehire for the second School Improvement Coordinator position.

2. Kinyon Elementary - Howell Nature Center Overnight Field Trip Request

Gina Gadwell, Teacher, stated that Kinyon would once again take their 5th grade students to Howell Nature Center for a two day overnight conference.

3. Purchase of five (5) new buses for the Taylor School District

David Jones, CFO, stated that the district would like approval to purchase five new 77 passenger buses. The bid process is through the MSBO program. MSBO puts together all of the bids and we select the best bid from their information. Steve Woodworth, Director of Transportation, reviewed the bids and selected the best product which happened to be the cheapest. Cost for the buses have been budgeted in this year's operating budget and delivery is anticipated for June if ordered by the end of the year.

Griff Mills, Superintendent, added that they would like to do this each year. Over the next five years this would add 25 buses to our fleet and our oldest bus would only be ten years old.

Kyle Wright, Board Trustee, asked if the new buses resemble our old buses.

David Jones, CFO, responded that Steve Woodworth, Director of Transportation, stated that the buses are being purchased from the same manufacturer so it is a comparable product.

Griff Mills, Superintendent, added that the buses do not come with the internet component.

4. Contract for transportation services with ALC Schools for the purpose of transporting students

Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent K-5 Curriculum, stated that the district would like to contract a transportation service company to assist our district transportation department. The

transportation company would cover our students that live in neighboring communities and our special education students that need transportation out of the district. The district currently has an outside transportation company but having an additional company would give us extra support. One thing that attracted the district to ALC is the communication they have with parents and real time travel with GPS.

5. ProCare Therapy - Client Services Agreement

Patricia DeLaTorre, Executive Direct for HR/LR, stated that the district is asking for an additional contract company to assist our ancillary staff. The district currently has a great need for nurses and is having a difficult time staffing them. Even our current contract companies are having a hard time finding nurses for our district.

ACTION ITEM

1. Request to Hire School Improvement Coordinator

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the rehiring of Kim Burkey for the position, School Improvement Coordinator.

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

2. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Request

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the overnight field trip request for the following:

- Kinyon Elementary - Howell Nature Center, May 10 & 11, 2022

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

3. Resolution to approve the purchase of five (5) buses for the Taylor School District

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the purchase of five (5) new buses for the Taylor School District.

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

4. Plante Moran Proposal for Owner Representation Services

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by D. Thomas to approve Plante Moran Cresa to serve as the district's Owner's Rep for the 2021 Bond Project.

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

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that by negotiating this agreement we were able to save the district \$60,000.00

5. ProCare Therapy

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the Client Services Agreement between Taylor School District and ProCare Therapy in order to provide RN services.

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

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Griff Mills, Superintendent, focused on the topic of security and stated the following:

- There was no school on December 3, 2021 so that the district could review their safety protocols in each of our buildings as well as our transportation department.
- The district met with Taylor Chief of Police and Taylor Chief of Fire to review all of our protocols in the case of an emergency.
- The district has been working with the Chief of Police to arrange for ALICE Training for our entire district starting in January and ending in February.
- The district is working with Wayne RESA to have training sessions on Trauma Informed Care for our staff.
- After training the district we are having several drills at each of our buildings to reinforce these sessions and to make sure our students understand the protocols they must follow.
- The district is partnering with the Taylor Police Department and they will be going through each building and doing a security assessment.
- In the springtime we will dedicate an ALICE Day in which all buildings will again practice their procedures.
- On Friday, we are meeting with a company to introduce us with a product (the Boot) that will give us more secure doors in our buildings in the event of a lockdown.

Superintendent Mills also stated that earlier this afternoon they learned of an anonymous image sent to other students that contained a threatening message. Local authorities were immediately notified and are working with the high school. All activities inside the high school have been canceled for tonight out of caution. The district has not received any evidence that this threat is credible at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of November 30, 2021
2. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 30, 2021
3. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, 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:** **D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **None**
 Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Carried: 7-0

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022)

1. Organizational Meeting
2. Election of Officers

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, thanked the students representatives for speaking tonight. Ms. McNew also thanked everyone for the good job they are doing, these are difficult times.

Griff Mills, Superintendent, stated that he met with the principals today and would like to thank everyone and what they have done for our kids.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. 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 December 15, 2021 adjourned at 6:38 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary