

## **Board of Education**

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## **Special Board Meeting Minutes**

January 5, 2022

### **OPENING ITEMS**

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:01 P.M.**

#### **Roll Call**

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

Absent: A. Block, D. Meyers

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	<b>Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright</b>
	<b>No:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Block, Meyers</b>
	<b>Yeas: 5</b>	<b>Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0</b>

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by J. Thomas to go into closed session for 8(c) negotiations, 8(h) Material exempt from disclosure by state or federal statute and security planning to address threats.

Went into Closed Session: 4:03 pm

Returned from Closed Session: 6:09 pm

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	<b>Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright</b>
	<b>No:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Meyers, Block</b>
	<b>Yeas: 5</b>	<b>Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0</b>

#### **AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by J. Thomas to authorize the Superintendent and legal counsel to further review LockOut USA's procurement procedures to determine if it qualifies as a cooperative purchase pursuant to Board Policy and all applicable state and federal statutes. If it qualifies the Superintendent and District legal counsel to negotiate a contract with LockOut USA to be brought back to the

Board for approval. If it does not qualify, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to issue a request for proposals for door security equipment similar to the materials and equipment presented to the Board.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Yes:**               **McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Danaj**  
                             **No:**               **None**  
                             **Absent:**       **Meyers, Block**  
**Yeas: 5    Nays: 0    Carried: 5-0**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Smartboot School Lockdown System**

**Rob Courtunier, LockOut USA Owner**, gave a presentation on LockOut USA regarding the LockOut Smart boot technology.

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, asked if in addition to the district's current drills (weather, fire, etc.) would this be another drill our district would need to practice and understand.

**Rob Courtunier** responded yes this would be another drill.

**Amber McNew, Board Secretary**, asked if staff would be trained on this.

**Rob Courtunier** responded yes all staff will be trained in addition a mascot will come out to train the younger children so it is less scary. There will also be videos on the tablet for substitute teachers.

### **2. January and February Advanced Authorization to Hire**

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, asked the Board if they would again approve advance authorization for the months of January and February to hire union positions.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action Item #1 The Lockout Company, LLC was moved to action taken after closed session therefore no action was needed.**

### **2. Advanced Authorization to Hire**

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the Advanced Authorization to Hire union positions, January and February 2022.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Yes:**               **J. Thomas, Wright, Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas**  
                             **No:**               **None**  
                             **Absent:**       **Block, Meyers**  
**Yeas: 5    Nays: 0    Carried: 5-0**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, stated that Michigan Open Meetings Act currently does not allow for electronic meetings after December 31, 2021 therefore unless there is an amendment the Board will continue to meet in person and allow for virtual viewing and public comment until further direction is given by the state.

**Jennifer Ferguson-Berringer**, parent, asked if the smartboot works on doors that open inward or only doors that open out.

**Rob Courtunier, LockOut USA Owner**, responded that the boot works on any door regardless of which way it opens.

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, stated that Rob walked through our district and has seen what our needs are.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

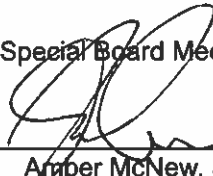
**Amber McNew, Board Secretary**, thanked Rob for taking the time to present the lockout security system to the board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by J. Thomas to adjourn the meeting.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	<b>Wright, Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas</b>
	<b>No:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Block, Meyers</b>
	<b>Yeas: 5</b>	<b>Nays: 0 Carried: 5-0</b>

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Special Board Meeting for January 5, 2022 adjourned at 6:27 pm.



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Amber McNew, Secretary