



## **Board of Education**

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

## **Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

February 9, 2022

### **OPENING ITEMS**

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

##### **Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE (Sunny Miller & Terry Devlin Sr.)**

### **GOOD NEWS**

#### **1. Girls' Bitt Ball**

**Loren Ristovski, Director of Athletics**, recognized Kinyon and McDowell Elementary Bitty Ball 1st & 2nd Place Champions. Mr. Ristovski also acknowledged Teacher Jessica Brady, Coach Devontez Foad, Coach Greg Long, Coach Dodge, Principal Lynne Borg and Principal Michelle Hodgkinson for their help with the program.

**Jessica Brady, Kinyon Teacher, and Michelle Hodgkinson, Myers Principal**, thanked Mr. Ristovski for all his hard work.

#### **2. Daryl Thomas Sr. - Taylor School District Donation/Recognition**

**Daryl Thomas, Board Treasurer**, recognized and introduced Daryl Thomas Sr. for his help and time he has donated to the district.

**Daryl Thomas Sr.**, thanked the Taylor School Board and acknowledged his church, Free Will Baptist, and everyone that has assisted is making this work possible.

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

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

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

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

## **SCHEDULED REPORTS**

**David Jones, CFO**, gave the following Financial Update Presentation:

- General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Expenses
- General Fund Key Variances
- Funded Projects
  - IDEA Fund Increase
  - Special Education Fund Increase
  - Title Funds
  - GSRP Fund Increase
- Next Year's State Budget

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Plante Moran Cresa Presentation regarding Architecture Contract & Bond Update**

**Greg VanKirk, CPA**, shared the following Plante Moran Cresa Presentation regarding the Architecture Contract and Bond Update:

- Bond Overview
- The Bond Team
- Progress to Date

**Gary Kent, Program Manager**, presented the Champions Award Package for the Boards consideration. In addition to the RFP Plante Moran Cresa negotiated the following:

- A 4% savings with TMP
- A reduction of \$50,000.00 of the original fee for professional services for prebond planning.
- A strong contract on behalf of the district.

**Superintendent Mills** asked if the rate we received was competitive.

**Gary Kent** responded that TMP is a good firm and after some negotiating the district received a 6.1% blended rate. The market is currently at 6% - 6.5%.

### **2. Goal Progress Report Winter 2022**

**Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent for PreK - 5th Grade**, shared information regarding the section 98b Goal Progress Report which can be found on our website at [www.taylorschools.net](http://www.taylorschools.net). This report must be submitted to the Board at the first board meeting in February.

### **3. 1st Reading Policy 2340 - Field and Other District Sponsored Trips**

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, stated that due to the cancellation of our last board meeting (bad weather) one of our elementary schools were unable to attend their field trip. Therefore, we are asking to add language to policy 2340 (Field and Other District Sponsored Trips) authorizing the Superintendent to approve out-of-state field trips in extenuating circumstances.

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, read the updated language for Field and Other District Sponsored Trips giving the Superintendent authorization to approve out-of-state field trips in extenuating circumstances.

## ACTION ITEM

### 1. Plante Moran Cresa Resolution

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the resolution authorizing the approval architect contract with TMP Architecture, Inc.

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

## AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, gave the following update in regards to the Taylor High School:

- Administrators continue to work on the climate and culture.
- Administrators are looking at ways to improve the threats
- The district is looking into different resources to help our students and staff.
- Lockdowns are to keep everyone safe and we will continue to get information out in a timely manner.

**Superintendent Mills** also stated he has been meeting with our High School Seniors and is very much enjoying talking with them.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 19, 2022
2. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

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

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

### ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022)

1. Good News
2. TVLA Graduates
3. MASB Board of Directors Region 8 Candidate

### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### In Person

**Arthur Warren, community member**, has concerns regarding the connection between the school district and his community. Mr. Arthur also invited the Superintendent and Board President to speak to his association regarding the overview of what is going on in the district.

#### Virtual

**Miranda Cikalo, parent**, has concerns regarding the number of lockdowns happening at the high school.

### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

**Daryl Thomas, Board Treasurer**, thanked Loren Ristovski and the Coaches for all their hard work. Mr. Thomas also stated that the JV Basketball team has a POHI student (Caleb) on the team. At the last game Caleb scored and Mr. Thomas would like to give him a big shout out, congratulations.

**Ann Block, Board Trustee**, stated in regards to the online comment that was made regarding the number of lockdowns at the high school, she is sorry and is hopeful that we can make some changes so our parents and students aren't afraid.

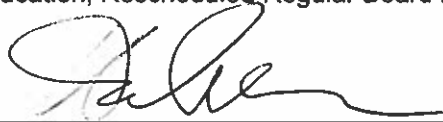
**Amber McNew, Board Secretary**, thanked everyone behind the scenes for all they do, Shawna Maynard/Matt Radu. Thank you also to Loren for all he does.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting for February 9, 2022 adjourned at 7:16 pm.



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Amber McNew, Secretary