



## **Board of Education**

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

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

March 16, 2022

### **OPENING ITEMS**

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Moment of Silence - (Bob Haarala & Emly Blanton)**

### **GOOD NEWS**

#### **THS JV Basketball - Caleb Davenport**

**Daryl Thomas, Board Treasurer**, recognized POHI Student, Caleb Davenport, for his hard work and being an inspiration to others.

#### **Northline Church Donation/TSD Special Olympics**

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, recognized Northline Church for the generous donation to the Taylor School District Special Olympics.

### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**Rob Kobylasz, Public Relations, Marketing & Communication Specialist**, introduced our Alumni

Spotlight, John Pantalone who served many years in our district as a teacher, counselor, administrator,

founding member of the Taylor Foundation of Excellence and founding member of the Alumni Association.

Mr. Pantalone was hired in the district in 1955 and retired in 1993. He continues to serve our district through his work with the Taylor Foundation of Excellence and the Alumni Association.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

#### **Hoover Middle School - Web Leaders**

**Matt Hall, Principal, and Amy Gurney, Assistant Principal**, introduced the Hoover Middle School Web

Leaders. Brooke Adams, Endia Allen & Wyatt Lake presented on behalf of the Web Leaders and conducted a hands-on activity for the Board and Cabinet to participate in.

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

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

A request was made by Board President, Rhonda Danaj to move XIV. Public Comment up on the agenda after XI. Consent Agenda. D. Meyers motioned and K. Wright seconded the request to amend the Agenda as stated above.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	<b>J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas</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**

**None**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. E-Rate Projects**

**Joseph Gilliam, Assistant Technology Director**, shared a presentation regarding the following:

- What is a firewall
- Information regarding the Delta Bid
- E-Rate Category 2
- Delta Bid Cost

#### **2. Canon Lease Extension**

**David Jones, CFO**, stated that the district is asking the Board to approve a 6 month extension for the Canon Printer at PRC. The current contract expired at the end of February. The district is currently doing a technical assessment and part of the assessment is the use of copiers and printers. Therefore, we do not want to enter into a long term lease with Canon until we see what the assessment is to move forward.

**Kyle Wright, Board Trustee**, asked if the projected assessment timeline is 6 months?

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, asked if this will align all our leases to expire at the same time?

**David Jones** responded that the district does not know the timeline for the assessment, 6 months is the lease agreement through Canon. Yes, all of our current xerox equipment is scheduled to expire in August and this will get them all aligned.

#### **3. Baker Tilly Investment Services**

**David Jones, CFO**, stated that this agreement is for services provided for our bond proceeds. They will invest our funds while not being used during construction and help us get a better return. The district did receive a bid from another firm but decided to go with Baker Tilly because we're working with them as our Municipal Advisors.

#### **4. Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors**

**David Jones, CFO**, stated that this agreement is for assistance in guiding the district in financial matters related to the workings of the bond (selling, projections, etc).

**Kyle Wright, Board Trustee**, asked if there was a cost associated with Baker Tilly Investment Services & Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors and how much?

**David Jones** responded that the bond pays for municipal advisors, it is usually taken out of the returns. Unknown of the amount but will look into it.

**5. Overnight Field Trip Request - Taylor High School**

**Christin Dukes, Positive Climate Culture Liaison, & Sandra Kluk, Social Worker**, gave a brief description of the Overnight Field Trip Request to SLS Student Conference at Shanty Creek Resort on March 18-20, 2022.

**6. Capital Project Committee Members**

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, gave a description of what the responsibilities are of a Capital Project Committee Member which included the following:

- Review information presented and make non binding recommendations to the Superintendent, Cabinet and the full Board of Education for all final decisions.
- The Committee will be comprised of 5 individuals; 3 Board Members, Superintendent (Griff Mills) and CFO (David Jones).
- Three Board Members will be selected tonight to serve a 1 year term and meet no less than quarterly. Meetings will be open to the public.

**Amber McNew, Board Secretary**, asked how often are the meetings?

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, responded minimally 4 times per year.

**Jodi Thomas, Board Vice President**, asked what times the meetings will be held?

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, depends on the committee. Will try to make all the meetings accommodating for all members.

**Amber McNew, Board Secretary**, stated that all of our Board Members are trustworthy and would do a great job.

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President, David Meyers, Board Trustee, and Kyle Wright, Board Trustee**, stated they would like to be considered for one of the Capital Projects Committee Members.

**ACTION ITEM**

**1. E-Rate Projects - Firewall**

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by J. Thomas to adopt the resolution accepting and authorizing the award of contract for eligible firewalls to Delta Networks

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

**2. Canon Lease Extension**

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the Canon Lease Extension Amendment through August 31, 2022.

<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>

### **3. Baker Tilly Investment Services**

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the Baker Tilly Investment Services Agreement authorizing Baker Tilly Investment Services as the investment advisors for the 2022 bond.

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

### **4. Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors**

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors Agreement in order to assist Taylor School District with advisory services for the bond activity.

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

### **5. Overnight Field Trip Request**

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the Overnight Field Trip request for the following:

- Taylor High School - SLS Student Conference - Shanty Creek Resort - March 18-20, 2022

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

### **6. Election of Capital Project Committee Member #1**

A motion was made by A. McMew and seconded by D. Thomas to nominate Kyle Wright as Capital Projects Committee Member #1.

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

### **7. Election of Capital Project Committee Member #2**

A motion was made by A. Block and seconded by K. Wright to nominate Rhonda Danaj as Capital Projects Committee Member #2.

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

### **8. Election of Capital Project Committee Member #3**

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to nominate David Meyers as Capital Projects Committee Member #3.

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

## **AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**None**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 2, 2022
2. 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.

<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>

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **In-Person**

**Diana Vargas & Miguel Vargas, parent/employee, in addition to many students, have concerns regarding the investigation of the cheer coach. They stated that she is a great cheer coach and does a great job.**

**Lynnette Snyder, parent, had follow up information regarding the swim team. Ms. Snyder also asked if a student could opt out of Griffin hour in order to elect a class at the Career Center and still keep their Band elective.**

**Courtney Enersen, employee, and Tracy Burgo, employee, addressed the Board regarding higher pay and holiday pay for Academic Teacher Assistants.**

**Mary Uhlik, parent, stated that the Taylor High School is a horrible school. The school doesn't have communication for students who are sick and when off they are not getting their homework. The school doesn't answer their phones or return calls.**

**Nia-Nichole Coleman, parent, has concerns regarding her special needs child not getting the services needed. She also has concerns regarding inappropriate comments made to her child by the Resource Room Teacher at the school.**

**Crystal Brooks, former parent, stated that she was very unhappy with Taylor High School. She tried to get her daughter into TVLA due to issues at Taylor High School. Taylor could not accommodate her so she pulled her daughter out and put her in an academy. She left multiple messages and no one returns phone calls.**

#### **Virtual**

**None**

### **ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to go into closed session for 8(c) Collective Bargaining/Negotiations.

Went into Closed Session: 7:39 pm

Returned from Closed Session: 10:16 pm

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

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022)**

1. Good News
2. Student Representatives

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ROLL CALL:**                      **Yes:**                      **McNew, Meyers, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Block, Danaj**  
   **No:**                      **Wright**  
   **Absent:**                      **None**  
   **Yeas: 6    Nays: 1    Carried: 6-1**

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for March 16, 2022 adjourned at 10:16 pm.

  
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Amber McNew, Secretary