



Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022

OPENING ITEMS

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Absent: D. Meyers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. At the districts last Board Meeting (3/16/22) Caleb was unable to attend so the Board once again recognized Caleb so he and his family could be in attendance in person

Boys Bitty Ball

Loren Ristovski, Director of Athletics, recognized the 1st and 2nd place Boys Bitty Ball coaches and players. Taylor Parks finished in 1st place and Moody finished in 2nd place. Michelle Hernandez, Moody Principal, and Lori Ruthruff, Taylor Parks Principal, and Coach Ed Busch were also recognized for all they do.

THS Honoree

Vickie Mach, Taylor High Teacher, recognized and presented a certificate of appreciation award to Officer Andrew Borg for the wonderful job he does at Taylor High School.

Taylor Rotary Thank You

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, thanked the Taylor Rotary Club for their generous donation to the Taylor School District Special Olympics.

ParaProfessional Appreciation Day

Ronda Danaj, Board President, on behalf of the Board, Cabinet and the Taylor School District, thanked our Paraprofessional for all their hard work.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Taylor Parks Elementary School - Chorus

Lori Ruthruff, Taylor Parks Principal, introduced Music Teacher Tamika Wilson along with the Taylor Parks Chorus. Taylor Parks Chorus sang Count on Me by Bruno Mars.

AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A request was made by Rhonda Danaj, Board President, to add VII. Discussion Item #6 Surveying Services for the 2021 Bond Program and VIII. Action Item #6 Surveying Services for the 2021 Bond Program to the agenda. K. Wright motioned and J. Thomas seconded the request to amend the Agenda as stated above.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew
	No:	None
	Absent:	Meyers
	Yeas: 6	Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

SCHEDULED REPORTS

1. **Spencer Riley, Director of English Learners & MTSS**, shared a presentation regarding the following EL & MTSS Update:
 - English Learners & Compliance
 - The Development of EL Programming
 - Alphabet Soup: MTSS, RTI, & PBIS
 - Strengthening Existing Student Supports
 - Look Ahead: The Future of MTSS in TSD
2. **Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum**, shared a presentation on Kindergarten Round-up which included the following:
 - Incoming Kindergarteners quality learning experiences
 - i-Ready
 - Technology Rich Learning
 - Free breakfast and lunch program
 - Kindergarten age requirements
 - Young 5's program
 - Online enrollment process

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **New Course - Health Explorations**
Debra Mills, CTE Instructor, shared information regarding a new course being recommended at the Career Center, Health Explorations, which included the following:
 - The class will be a one hour class for one semester
 - Class will be open to 9th - 12th graders
 - Healthcare is currently one of the fastest growing careers in the United States
 - Course will examine all five pathways in the Health Science and Health Careers
 - Course will cover different health careers and discuss topics like school cost, length of program, bring in committee members currently in the fields, possible field trips and or job shadow, etc.
2. **New Course - Emotional Literacy for Teens**
Marshal Westfall, Teacher, shared a presentation regarding a new course being recommended at West Middle School, Emotional Literacy for Teens, which included the following:
 - Managing anger, trauma, etc.
 - Emotional literacy and self-awareness
 - How emotional intelligence prepares students for the workplace
 - Connecting social and emotional learning to Michigan's school improvement framework
 - Adolescent suicide prevention
 - Benefits of SEL
 - Student Input

Ms. Westfall also added that she was awarded a mini grant to update her certification.

3. New Course - Honors World History

Melissa Skopczynski, Taylor High Principal, shared information regarding a new course being recommended at Taylor High, Honors World History, which included the following:

- Course would offer higher achieving students a World History course
- Other core classes already offer honors classes

4. New Course - Public Safety Exploration

Jeff Morrow, CTE Instructor, shared information regarding a new course being recommended at the Career Center, Public Safety Exploration, which included the following:

- Upon completion of the class students will be eligible to test for EMT & state certification for fire 1 & 2
- Course would save student money in their future

5. Out of State Field Trip Request - West Middle School

Kirk Miller, Teacher, gave a brief description of the Out of State Field Trip Request to Toledo Mud Hen Game in Toledo, Ohio on May 5, 2022.

6. Surveying Services for the 2021 Bond Program

Gary Kent, Program Manager, presented the Contract Award Recommendation for the Taylor School District Surveying Services for the 2021 Bond Program which included the following:

- Plante Moran Cresa Award Recommendation Letter
- Technology Assessment Proposal Cost Summary
- Kem-Tec's 2021 Bond Program - Surveying Services Proposal Form

Kyle Wright, Board Trustee, asked if a lot of the cost associated with the size of the land.

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, asked what the timeframe would be for the survey.

Gary Kent responded yes as well as the scope regarding the costs and the timeframe is roughly 20-25 days from award of contract approval.

ACTION ITEM

1. CTE Health Career Explorations

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the new Health Career Explorations course at Taylor Career and Technical Center.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Meyers**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

2. West Middle School Emotional Literacy for Teens

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the new Emotional Literacy for Teens course at West Middle School.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Meyers**
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

3. Taylor High School Honors World History

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the new Honors World History Course at Taylor High School.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Block, Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Meyers**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

4. CTE Public Safety Exploration

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the new Public Safety Exploration course at the Taylor Career and Technical Center.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block,**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Meyers**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

5. Out of State Field Trip Request - West Middle School

A motion was made by A. Block and seconded by K. Wright to approve the Out of State Field Trip request for the following:

- West Middle School - Toledo Mud Hen Game - Toledo, OH - May 5, 2022

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Meyers**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

6. Surveying Services for the 2021 Bond Program

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the Plante Moran Cresa proposal for Surveying Services for the 2021 Bond Program not to exceed \$16,800.00.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **Block, Danaj, McNew, D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright,**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Meyers**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

AGENDA-ADMINISTRATION (District Business)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mills stated that there is a lot of work to do in the district and there are a lot of good things happening in our district.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2022
2. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew**
 No: **None**
 Absent: **Meyers**
 Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to go into closed session for 8(a) evaluation of employee, 8(a) evaluation of employee, 8(c) collective bargaining/negotiations and 8(h) material exempt from disclosure by state and federal statute.

Went into Closed Session: 7:34 pm

Returned from Closed Session: 10:16 pm

ROLL CALL:
Yes: D. Thomas, J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew
No: None
Absent: Meyers
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person

None

Virtual

Melissa Skopczynski, Taylor High Principal, thanked the Board, Superintendent Mills and Assistant Superintendents Nickel and Anastasoff for the work they have done with the High School Security.

Angel Thomas, Teacher, thanked Rhonda Danaj and Ann Block for coming to her classroom and reading.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022)

1. Good News
2. Student Representatives

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS


Ann Block, Board Trustee, and Rhonda Danaj, Board President, both stated she also enjoyed reading to the students at Kinyon and Randall Elementary, thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:
Yes: J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj McNew, D. Thomas
No: None
Absent: Meyers
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Carried: 6-0

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for April 6, 2022 adjourned at 10:19 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary