



## **Board of Education**

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## **Special Board Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2022

### **OPENING ITEMS**

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

##### **Roll Call**

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

Absent: A. Block, D. Meyers

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **GOOD NEWS**

##### **Law Day**

Victoria Shackelford, Chief Judge, gave an overview of the upcoming Law Day on April 29, 2022

##### **Volunteer Appreciation Day**

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, thanked our volunteers for all their hard work.

Amber McNew, Board Secretary, recognized the following:

- Taylor High School for hosting the 1st annual Volleyball Clinic
- Loren Ristovski and Marie Marion for helping out at the Middle School Track meet

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

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

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

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

#### **SCHEDULED REPORTS**

##### **1. Capital Projects Committee Update**

Griff Mills, Superintendent, gave an update on the Capital Projects Committee Meeting which included:

- Those in attendance
- Date for next meeting, May 9, 2022
- Committee Member Roles & Responsibilities
- Policies & Procedures
- Design Schedule and Bond Process

- Governance Policy and Procedures
- Policies specific to the bond, state laws, consortiums, funding sources and other professional services
- Challenges

**Superintendent Mills** also stated that tonight we will hear from Plante Moran Cresa about our new playgrounds and on May 24th Plante Moran Cresa will give the district an update of the first several months of the bond project and what can be expected moving forward.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Video Entry Systems**

**Joseph Gilliam, Assistant Technology Director**, shared a presentation regarding video entry systems RFP which included:

- Recommended Company - I2G
- Scope of the project
- Number of buildings, intercom systems, and time frame
- Costs

**Kyle Wright, Board Trustee**, asked what the timeline was.

**Joseph Gilliam**, responded that due to the current supply shortage it is hard to give a timeline. They will be replacing failing systems first.

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, asked if there were going to be cameras on the playgrounds

**Superintendent Mills**, stated that the district is looking for cameras for the entire district not part of this system it will be part of the technology assessment.

### **2. Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities Systems**

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, gave a summary of the Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities Systems which all school districts have access to join. After a district sells their bonds they can invest the portion of the money not currently being used to gain interest. This is regulated by the government.

### **3. Playground Equipment**

**Gary Kent, Senior Consultant**, shared a recommendation packet and a presentation regarding the districts Playground Design & Construction RFP which included:

- Award Recommendation Letter recommending Great Lakes Recreation and Sinclair Recreation
- Proposal Cost Summary
- Proposals from two firms that are being recommended
- Preliminary Renderings
- Scope Overview
- Process Overview

**Kyle Wright, Board Trustee**, asked the following questions:

- Is the playground equipment ADA compliant and accessible to all students?
- What is the budget for each elementary?
- Why did we go with the higher quotes and not the lower ones?
- What is going to happen with the current playground equipment?
  - Superintendent Mills asked who deems it unsafe?
- What condition is most of the playground equipment in?
- Does the new playground location have to stay in the same area or can it be moved?
- Do all the stakeholders get to pick their equipment?

**Superintendent Mills** asked the following questions:

- What is the warranty for the new equipment?
- When will the equipment be ordered?

- The district would like one consistent piece of equipment at each building.

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, asked the following questions:

- Will some of the equipment be able to stay?
- Will all 8 elementary schools and the preschool installation be this fall/spring?

**Gary Kent** responded to the above questions

- Yes the equipment will be ADA compliant and accessible to all students.
- The budget for each elementary school is \$225,000.00 and they will have some flexibility as to the playground equipment they choose.
- Many items were considered in the quotes like timing equipment can be installed, sizes, qualities, warranties.
- All equipment will be evaluated. If it is usable we will repurpose it, if it is unsafe it will be removed. The district's insurance agency deems the equipment unsafe.
- Most of the district playground equipment is in bad shape.
- The warranty on the equipment is about 20 years depending on the pieces.
- Yes, some of the current equipment will be able to be used.
- There is some flexibility to the location of the playground equipment but not much.
- The timeline is July through Septemberish.
- We would like to order the equipment as soon as possible.
- Yes, to some extent.

#### 4. Bond Policy - 1st Reading

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, did the 1st reading and stated that the new Bond Policy is to help streamline the bond process. This will not replace the district's current policies.

**Gary Kent, Senior Consultant**, gave a summary of the new Bond Policy.

**Superintendent Mills** stated that this is just the 1st reading and asked the Board to send in any questions and he will respond with clarification. **Superintendent Mills** also asked how many other districts use this policy?

**Gary Kent** responded about 10 in Wayne County but will get back with the actual number.

**Kyle Wright, Board Trustee**, asked if this policy is just for the bond. Any district cost refers back to district policies.

**Gary Kent** responded yes.

#### 5. 26M TSSSA Collective Bargaining Agreement

**John Kava, Collins & Blaha - District Attorney**, reviewed the tentative agreement between 26M TSSSA and the Taylor School District which will go before the Board for approval tonight.

- Mandatory PD Meetings
- Lengthen probationary period
- Limit division transfers
- Wage Increase
- Two (2) year contract
- Division J to receive additional compensation
- Increase premium payments
- Limit movement of Paraprofessionals and Secretaries
- New division T - IT Repair Technicians

#### 6. Security Guard Agreement

**Griff Mills, Superintendent**, stated that the district has hired Taylor High School Security Guard, Eric Hall. The district used its prior authorization to hire Mr. Hall with formal approval tonight.

**7. Out of State Field Trip Request - Taylor High School**

**Allison Hoy, 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.

**8. Changes to Taylor School District Board of Education Meeting Calendar**

**Rhonda Danaj, Board President**, reviewed the following recommended changes to the District Board of Education Meeting Calendar:

- Special Meeting added for Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 6:00 to be changed to Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022 @ 6:00 PM to be changed to Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

**ACTION ITEM**

**1. Video Entry Systems**

A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by J. Thomas to adopt the resolution accepting Bid 21-941 and authorizing the award of contract for video entry systems in the amount of \$51,305.74 to I2G Systems.

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

**2. Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities Systems**

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the resolution authorizing adoption of participant agreement with the Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System.

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

**3. Playground Equipment**

A motion was made by R. Danaj and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the Plante Moran Cresa proposal for Playground Design & Construction Services RFP for the 2021 Bond Program not to exceed \$2,146,500.00. The total includes a project award amount to Great Lakes Recreational of \$1,125,000.00, a project award amount of \$900,000.00 to Sinclair Recreation, and a project contingency amount of \$121,500.00.

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

**4. 26M TSSSA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

A motion was made by R. Danaj and seconded by D. Thomas to ratify the 26M TSSSA collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

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

#### **5. Security Guard Agreement**

A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by K. Wright to approve the Security Guard Agreement hiring Eric Hall effective April 20, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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

#### **6. Out of State Field Trip Request - Taylor High School**

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

- Taylor High School - Toledo Mud Hen Game - Toledo, OH - May 5, 2022

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

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

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Superintendent Mills** thanked the Board for all their support and shared the following:

- Court at school day
- Special olympics day - May 20, 2022
- Ratified 26M contract
- Nearing the end of negotiations with TFT
- Will be going into negotiations with TPA
- So far has met with 160 seniors

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of April 6, 2022
2. Minutes from the Capital Projects Committee Meeting of April 12, 2022
3. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

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

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

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

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

Went into Closed Session: 6:47 pm

Returned from Closed Session: 10:23 pm

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

#### **ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

1. A motion was made by K. Wright and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the movement of the Board Meeting from Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 6:00 to Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM.

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

2. A motion was made by D. Thomas and seconded by J. Thomas to approve the movement of the Board Meeting from Wednesday, May 25, 2022 @ 6:00 PM to Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**In-Person**  
**None**

**Virtual**  
**None**

#### **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022)**

1. Good News
2. Student Representatives

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Daryl Thomas, Board Treasurer**, thanked Jack, Pam and Gina for all their help getting the baseball fields ready


**Superintendent Mills**, read a statement from 26M president, Kathie Fields, thanking the Board of Education and Cabinet for continued support of their members and support that they do.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Special Board Meeting for April 27, 2022 adjourned at 10:26 pm.

  
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Amber McNew, Secretary