



Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

OPENING ITEMS

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Moment of Silence - Derek Kaunelis)

GOOD NEWS

1. Teacher Appreciation Week

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, on behalf of the Taylor School District and Wayne County RESA she recognized Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1-7, 2022) and thanked teachers for what they do everyday.

2. MDE Certificate of Appreciation

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, on behalf of the Taylor School District, Michigan Department of Education and the School Nutrition Association of Michigan she recognized four of our school nutrition employees for 25 years of providing healthy and nutritious meals to students. In addition, thanked all our school nutrition employees.

3. Special Olympics Day Update/Edward Damron

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, gave an update to the upcoming Special Olympics on May 20, 2022. There will be over 260 regular and special education athletics participating. Special Olympic participant, Edward Damron, was in attendance to share the Olympic Creed. Edward will be saying the Olympic Creed during the opening ceremonies.

4. Winter Coach Recognition

Loren Ristovski, Director of Athletics, recognized our High School Winter Coaches for all their hard work.

5. Varsity Bowling Coach Recognition - Dan Dutcher

Loren Ristovski, Director of Athletics, introduced Dan Dutcher and recognized him for his many years of hard work and dedication coaching the District Bowling Teams.

Dan Dutcher thanked the Taylor School District for all the wonderful memories he has made throughout his 19 years of coaching. Mr. Dutcher has been a bowling coach for the Taylor Center Rams, Kennedy Eagles, Truman Cougars and the Taylor High Griffins. Mr. Dutcher was recently accepted into the MHSBCA 2022 Hall of Fame.

6. **Pistons Basketball Camp**
Loren Ristovski, Director of Athletics, touched on the Pistons Basketball Camp that will be coming to the Taylor School District thanks to the help of Coach Ford.
7. **Taylor High School Cleanup Day**
Rhonda Danaj, Board President, shared information regarding the Cleanup Day at Taylor High School on June 11, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

AGENDA-BOARD AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

SCHEDULED REPORTS

1. **Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum**, shared information and a video regarding the partnership between Taylor School District and the University of Michigan as part of an enrichment program to help increase math proficiency for early elementary students at Randall and Myers Elementary.
2. **Spencer Riley, Director of English Learners & MTSS**, shared a presentation regarding the TSD EL Proposal which included the following:
 - Overview and background of English Learner Students
 - Landmark Court Cases
 - Federal and State Law
 - Current Practices & Compliance Issues
 - Proposal for the Development of an EL Program

Kyle Wright, Board Trustee, asked if the proposal will service our 300 EL students?

Spencer Riley responded yes but only for minimal support.

Ann Block, Board Trustee, has concerns regarding students with mental health issues and asked if we identify those students that come from traumatic situations and are there services for this?

Spencer Riley responded yes, once identified meetings are set with the families to get more background information.

Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum, noted that the location of Spencer's office is next to our Parent & Community Liaison which assists our homeless population and families with other needs.

3. **Bridget Jarvis, Parent & Community Liaison**, shared information regarding the EBT cards and problems parents may be having. Ms. Jarvis also stated that our virtual student population and students that were unable to attend due to covid are eligible for the EBT funding and the district has applied on behalf of these students to the state.

Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum, stated that the district is doing a reconsideration form for our virtual students..

4. **Loren Ristovski, Athletic Director**, gave the following update regarding the Cheerleading open position:
 - Position is currently posted through Friday
 - Interviews will be on Tuesday
 - Interview panel will consist of Melissa Skopczynski, Stacie Pasek and three TFT members
 - Tryouts will be the following week

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Michigan Institute of Aviation & Technology (MIAT) Presentation

Carly Barnard, CTE Principal, shared a presentation regarding a new course at the Career Center which included the following information:

- Available programs - Powerplant Technology (Aircraft) & Avionics Technician
- Program Timeframe
- Certifications of Completion
- How to Apply

Jodi Thomas, Board Vice President, asked who is responsible for transportation for those students not attending Taylor Schools?

Carly Barnard responded that the district could pick up students within our jurisdiction. Those students outside of our jurisdiction would need to provide their own transportation.

Kyle Wright, Board Trustee, asked if students take one of these course could they also take another CTE course?

Carly Barnard responded yes depending on the classes they still need to graduate.

2. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar

Rhonda Danaj, Board President, stated that she has one change to the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar and that is the Tuesday, November 16, 2022 needs to be changed to Wednesday, November 16, 2022. No additional questions.

3. Out of State Field Trip Request - Taylor High School

Damien Butler, JROTC Instructor, gave a brief description of the Out of State Field Trip Request to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH on May 23, 2022 for the JROTC students.

4. Additional EL Teachers

Griff Mills, Superintendent, asked if there were any further questions regarding the need for additional EL Teachers. No additional information.

5. Consideration of Recommendation of Removal of Employee

Patricia DeLaTorre, Executive Director for HR/LR, reviewed the written charges to 26M TSSSA employee and recommended termination of employment.

ACTION ITEM

1. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar.

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

2. Out of State Field Trip Request - Taylor High School

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

- Taylor High School - Cedar Point - Sandusky, OH - May 23, 2022

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

3. English Learners (EL) Teachers

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by K. Wright to approve the additional English Learners (EL) Teachers.

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

4. Consideration of Recommendation of Removal of Employee

A motion was made by D. Meyers and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the termination of the Taylor School District 26M TSSSA employee stated in the resolution.

ROLL CALL: **Yes:** **J. Thomas, Wright, Block, Danaj, McNew, Meyers, D. 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 April 27, 2022
2. Consolidated Items: Payment of Current Bills, Certified, Non-Certified and Administrative Reports.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amanda Haas shared information regarding her educator owned business for training and placement of localized guest teachers.

Shannon Nissen, parent, has concerns regarding district fields.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AGENDA (TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022)

1. Good News
2. Student Representatives

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ann Block, Board Trustee, shared best wishes to Taylor High Seniors.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Taylor School District Board of Education, Regular Board Meeting for May 11, 2022 adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Amber McNew, Secretary