

**Taylor Community School Corporation
Taylor Board Room
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Jennifer Bogue, President
Mr. Dennis Marler, Vice-President
Mr. Shawn Haus, Secretary
Mr. Bill Brubaker, Board Member
Mr. Dennis Bentzler, Board Member

Administration and Central Office Staff Present:

Steve Dishon, Superintendent
Melinda Overholser, Recorder
Rena Adams, Treasurer
Pat Bernotas, Director of Technology
Paula Bolin, Director of Food Services
Brandon Gleason, THS Principal
Brian Moon, THS Assistant Principal
Robert Wonnell, TMS/THS Athletic Director
Heather Hord, TMS Principal
Jake Leicht, TES Principal

Others Present:

See attached list

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Board Room located at 3750 East 300 South, Kokomo, Indiana. Mrs. Bogue opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. Recognition of Visitors

Opportunity given, there were no comments from the visitors.

IV. Approval of Consent and Regular Agenda

Mr. Marler made a motion to accept the regular agenda and consent agenda as presented. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Consideration of Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Wednesday, February 5, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Consideration of Approval of the Claims
- C. Consideration to Include Recognitions/Information Items in Official Minutes
- D. Consideration of Field Trip Requests
 - 1. THS Senior Trip- Overnight, Out-of-State Field Trip
 - 2. THS Choir/60's Class- Out-of-State Field Trip
- E. Consideration of Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. Resignations
 - a. Briker Stayrook, 8th Grade Math Teacher
 - b. Trisha Smith, 4th Grade Teacher
 - c. Michelle McCauley, TMS/THS Athletic Custodian

2. Employment Recommendations

- a. Elementary School
 1. Kelly Burnell, Temporary 2nd Grade Teacher
- b. Middle School
 1. Sharyle Burwell, Temporary 8th Grade Math Teacher
- c. High School
 1. Rob Patchett Jr., Social Studies Teacher
- d. Cafeteria
 1. Rebecca Whealton, Cook
- e. Athletics
 1. Joseph Allen, Middle School Girls Volunteer Basketball Coach
 2. Ricardo Ortiz, Varsity Girls Assistant Track Coach
 3. Tanner Gibson, Varsity Boys Assistant Track Coach
 4. Jessica Wyatt, Middle School Track Head Coach
 5. Megan Kennell, Middle School Assistant Track Coach
 6. Kyle Thibideaux, Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
 7. Dom Nix, Baseball Assistant Coach
 8. Mickey Mumaugh, Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach
 9. Miranda Saldana, Softball Assistant Coach
 10. Rob Patchett, Varsity Football Coach
 11. Ayden Mills, Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

Brandon Gleason and Robert Wonnell introduced the new Varsity Football Coach, Rob Patchett.

VI. Information

A. Student Highlights:

THS- Students of the Month: 9th Grade- Owen Collins, **10th Grade-** Elijah O'Neal, **11th Grade-** Alexis Debard, **12th Grade-** A 'Maiya Varnado

TMS- ISMAA Gold Rating at State Finals: Zach Beining

TES- Students of the Month: Pre-K-Kieran Edwards, August Patterson; **Kindergarten-**A'myliana Dela-Cruz Garcia, Camilla Owensby, Skyler Bauer, Chrishina Evans; **1st Grade-**Emma Shadowan-Birden, Sa'reyahj Rouse, Katherine Pickett, Baylee Waldrep; **2nd Grade-** Makyla Johnson, Vada Arwood, Dallas Dunlap, Calvin Hodges, Kallie Dewitt; **3rd Grade-** Mason Mundy, Anika Osborne, Tyson Perry, Alainah Robertson, Damoni Swoke; **4th Grade-** Draven Shanks, Noah McGeachy, Hunter Redman, Kasslynn Yard.

Monthly Financial Reports

The financial reports will be filed, subject to audit.

List of old, outstanding checks

The board reviewed the list of old, outstanding checks.

Solar Field Update

Renae Adams gave an update to the school board members on the solar field and energy usage.

VII. New Business

A. Consideration of NEOLA Anti-Harassment & Nondiscrimination Policies

Mr. Marler moved to approve the NEOLA anti-harassment & nondiscrimination policies as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Mr. Bentzler explained the need for the changes to the anti-harassment and nondiscrimination policies. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Consideration of Early Literacy Achievement Grant

Mr. Marler moved to approve the Early Literacy Achievement Grant and the distribution of the grant as outlined in the board packet. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Renae Adams explained the early literacy achievement grant. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Consideration of School Safety Specialists

Mr. Haus moved to approve Matt Ward and Steve Dishon as the School Safety Specialists as outlined in the board packet. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Consideration of Food2School 2024-2025 Annual Participation Commitment

Mr. Haus moved to approve the Food2School 2024-2025 Annual Participation Commitment agreement as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Paula Bolin explained the annual participation commitment agreement and why we participate in the co-op. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Consideration of 2024-2025 Clinical Services MOU and Addendum

Mr. Marler moved to approve the 2024-2025 Clinical Services MOA and Addendum as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Consideration of Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

Mr. Marler moved to approve the property and casualty insurance renewal as presented. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Consideration of Bid and Contract Approval for E-rate Funding

Mr. Marler moved to approve the bid and contract approval for e-rate funding with electronic strategies, Inc. as the vendor. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Mr. Bernotas explained the e-rate CAT 2 Funding bid and contract. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Information:

Superintendent-

- Legislation passed for holding students back in 3rd grade.
- Curriculum fund has been eliminated and moving it to the education fund. We are working on how to manage this change in the education fund.
- Surveys have been sent out and part of this evening's Titan Talk centered around flipping the elementary and middle/high school schedules. We will be deciding soon if there will be a change to the schedule next school year.

Jake Leicht-

Jake reported that with the three Kindergarten Roundup's held last year, a total of 45 students were enrolled. At this year's first of three round-ups, we enrolled 43 students!

Board Members-

Shawn Haus- Asked if we send students out for religious education. Steve said we have done so for the past 10 or 11 years through Brookside Church. We are also looking into equine therapy for some of our most traumatized students. This will include 8 students for 12 weeks at a time.

IX. The next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Board Room.

X. Adjournment

With no other business, Mrs. Bogue moved to adjourn the March board meeting. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.