

**Taylor Community School Corporation
Taylor Board Room
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

Dennis Marler
Bill Brubaker
Jennifer Bogue
Dennis Bentzler
Shawn Haus

Administration and Central Office Staff Present:

Christopher Smith, Superintendent
Melinda Overholser, Recorder
Rena Adams, Treasurer
Pat Bernotas, Director of Technology
Audrey Wunderlich, Special Education Director
Paula Bolin, Director of Food Service
Tony Oliver, Transportation Director
Steve Dishon, THS Principal
Heather Hord, TMS Principal
Jake Leicht, TMS/THS Athletic Director/Acting TES Principal
Brandon Gleason, TES Asst. Principals

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. Mr. Marler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. Recognition of Visitors

There were no comments or questions from the visitors.

IV. Revision and Adoption of Regular and Consent Agenda

Mr. Haus moved to approve the regular and consent agenda as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Items on the consent agenda:

- A. Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Work Session School Board Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Consideration of the Claims
- C. Consideration to Include Recognitions/Information Items in Official Minutes
- D. Consideration of Personnel Items
 - 1. Resignations
 - a. Maggie Vang, Bus Aide
 - 2. Employment Recommendations
 - a. Elementary
 - 1. Jake Leicht, Principal

- b. Athletics
 - 1. Daniel Carrico, MS Track Head Coach
 - 2. Emma Byrum, Volunteer Track Coach
 - 3. Caleb Murdock, Baseball Volunteer Coach
 - 4. Ryan McKay, Varsity Softball Assistant Coach

Chris Smith introduced Jake Leicht as the new TES Principal. Mr. Smith also spoke about what a great job Brandon Gleason did while assisting with the principal duties at the elementary building.

VI. Information

A. Financial Reports

The financial reports will be filed, subject to audit.

B. List of Old, Outstanding Checks

The school board members reviewed the list of old, outstanding checks. Renae Adams explained that we are able to void out a check that is two or more years old, therefore the check listed will be added back into our bank account.

VII. Spotlight- TMS Robotics Team

Ms. Hord introduced Anita Beining as the Robotics Class Sponsor. Mrs. Beining introduced the members of the TMS Robotics Team: Jeremy Peterson (5), Liam DeBard (6), Lily Stoeckley (6), Emily Beining (6), Zach Beining (7). The team gave a demonstration of their robot that went to competition and they made the top 10. The TMS Robotics team placed 5th out of 29 teams. The team members gave a demonstration of their robot in action.

VIII. New Business

A. Consideration of TES Science & Health Textbook Adoption

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the TES Science and Health Textbook Adoption as presented. Mr. Leicht explained the reasoning behind TES selecting Savvas for their Health and Science textbooks. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Consideration of TMS Science & Health Textbook Adoption

Mr. Haus moved to approve the TMS Science and Health Textbook Adoption as presented. Ms. Hord explained the reasons that the committee has decided to adopt Savvas textbooks for Science and McGraw Hill for the Health textbook adoption. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Consideration of THS Science & Health Textbook Adoption

Mr. Haus moved to approve the THS Science and Health Textbook Adoption as presented. Mr. Dishon explained why the high school would like to continue using McGraw Hill for their textbook adoption. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Consideration of Free Kindergarten Textbook Fees

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the Free Kindergarten Textbook Fees as presented. Mr. Leicht asked that the school board continue with the free kindergarten fees for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Consideration of Annual Participation Commitment

Mrs. Bogue moved to approve the Annual Participation Commitment as presented. Paula Bolin explained that the Annual Participation Commitment agreement is for the Co-op that the cafeteria uses for their meals. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Consideration of Milk and Dairy Bid

Mr. Haus moved to approve the Milk and Dairy Bid as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Consideration of Prime Vendor for Food and Supplies

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the Prime Vendor for Food and Supplies as presented. Paula Bolin explained that there is a little bit of an increase on this contract, but the products that we use have very few items that have increased in price. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

H. Consideration of Resolution to Count Instructional Minutes vs Days

Mr. Haus moved to approve the resolution to count instructional minutes verses instructional days. Kristi High explained the need for the school board resolution. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

I. Consideration of Resolution to Publish Link to Indiana Department of Education Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) on Taylor School Websites

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the resolution to publish link to Indiana Department of Education Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) on Taylor School Websites. Kristi High explained to the school board the need for this resolution. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Consideration of Soliant Health Contract for Speech Language Therapist

Mrs. Bogue moved to approve the Soliant Health Contract for Speech Language Therapist as presented. Mrs. Wunderlich explained the reason for the Soliant agreement and the Speech Language Therapist contract. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

K. Consideration of Middle School Secretary Updated Job Description

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the Middle School Secretary Updated Job Description as presented. Ms. Hord explained the need for updating the TMS Secretary Job description. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

L. Consideration of Donation Requests

- a. Softball Sponsorship from Area Businesses**
- b. Baseball Program from Brent Owens and CFD Investments**
- c. Athletic Department from Drum Corps International**
- d. Elementary Classroom Projects from Donorschoose.org**

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the donations as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Jake Leicht explained the softball, baseball and athletic donations. Kristi High explained how the donorschoose.com donation website works and asked the school board members to approve of these donations. Motion passed 5-0.

M. Consideration of Titan Virtual Academy through Indiana Online

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the Titan Virtual Academy through Indiana Online. Mr. Dishon explained the need for the virtual academy. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

N. Consideration of THS Therapy Dog

Mr. Haus moved to approve the THS therapy dog, Lizzy. Lizzy's handler, Teresa Worl described Lizzy's training and certifications and also that the therapy dog was covered under our liability insurance coverage. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

O. Consideration to Apply for the Spring Common School Loan

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve to apply for the Spring Common School Loan as presented. Mr. Bernotas explained the Spring Common School Loan and how this loan will be used. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

IX. Other Information:

From Mr. Smith:

-Mr. Smith announced that the next school board meeting will be held Monday, May 8th at 4:30.
Please note that this is a change in the time and date are modified from our regular board meeting day and time.

-High School Graduation will be held on Friday, June 9th at 7:00 PM in the High School Gymnasium. School Board members so arrive in the library at 6:00 PM.

Board Members:

-Mr. Bentzler thanked Tony Oliver and the others that came up with the idea of helping our bus driver, Chris Sellers when his home was hit by the tornado a week ago last Friday. Chris Smith also thanked Mr. Moon for his part in organizing this community service. It was great to see our staff and students helping and making a difference in our community. The Kokomo Tribune did a nice job and had a story on the front page of the Kokomo Tribune newspaper this week.

X. The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the Taylor Board Room.

X. Adjournment

With no other business, Mr. Haus moved to adjourn the April board meeting. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Dennis L. Marler, President

Jennifer Bogue, Secretary