

Taylor Community School Corporation
Taylor Boardroom
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Dennis Marler, President
Bill Brubaker, Vice President
Jennifer Bogue, Secretary (Virtual)
Dennis Bentzler, Board Member
Shawn Haus, Board Member

Administration and Central Office Staff Present:

Steve Dishon, Superintendent
Melinda Overholser, Recorder/Secretary
Rena Adams, Treasurer
Pat Bernotas, Technology Director
Tony Oliver, Director of Transportation
Audrey Wunderlich, Special Education Coordinator
Brandon Gleason, THS 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 Boardroom, located at 3750 E 300 S., 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 from the visitors.

IV. Adoption of Consent and Regular Agenda

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

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Consideration of the Claims
- C. Consideration of Field Trip Request
 - 1. THS Marching Band, Out-of-State Field Trip
- D. Consideration to Include Recognitions/Information Items in Official Minutes
- E. Consideration of Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. Resignation
 - a. Bridget Wilson, Cook/Worker
 - 2. Employment Recommendations

- a. High School
 - 1. Brok Westfall, School Resource Officer
- b. Athletics
 - 1. Scott Sullivan, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 - 2. April Cox, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 - 3. Lynette Razer, 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

VI. Information

A. Financial Reports

The financial reports will be filed, subject to audit.

VII. New Business

A. Consideration of Approval of the CY2024 Budget Adoption

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the Calendar Year 2024 budget adoption. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Consideration of Approval of the CY2024 Capital Projects Fund Adoption

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the calendar year 2024 Capital Projects Fund as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Consideration of Approval of the CY2024 Bus Replacement Plan Adoption

Mr. Haus moved to approve the calendar year 2024 Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Consideration of the Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund

Mr. Haus moved to approve the resolution to transfer amounts from the education fund to the operations fund. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Consideration of Bus Driver ECA Trip Pay Increase

Mr. Haus moved to approve the bus driver ECA trip pay increase request. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Mr. Oliver explained the need for this increase for our ECA trips. Motion passed 4-0, with Jennifer Bogue abstaining.

F. Consideration of New Special Education Paraprofessional Position

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the new Special Education Paraprofessional position at Eastern School District as presented. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Audrey Wunderlich explained the need for this new paraprofessional position for a Taylor student, currently taking classes at Eastern. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Regan Hillman, Special Education Paraprofessional

Mr. Haus moved to approve Regan Hillman as special education paraprofessional as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Consideration of Donation Request

1. Donation to the THS Football Program from the Indianapolis Colts Foundation

2. Donation of 112 Books to the Taylor Libraries from Books-A-Million

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the donation requests as outlined. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

H. Consideration of Revision of the 2023-2024 School Calendar

Mr. Haus moved to revise the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Mr. Dishon explained the changes made to the school calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

I. Consideration of Soliant Contract for Physical Therapy Services

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the Soliant Contract for Physical Therapy Services. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. Other Information:

Items from the School Board Members:

-Mr. Bentzler spoke about how the administration is working hard and making Taylor a great school. The atmosphere is so much better.

-Shawn Haus spoke about the Thanksgiving Dinner and encourages everyone to attend and help out. It will be held Tuesday, November 14th from 5-7 PM.

-Jennifer Bogue thanked everyone in the school board for their support while she is continuing to heal.

Items from the Superintendent:

-The Blood Drive was a success, we had 43 blood donors!

-Last night TES had a choir concert and it was a packed house, we were pushing maximum capacity!

-There is a Special Session Board Meeting on October 30 at 5:30 PM.

-There will be an executive session board meeting at 4:45 PM on November 6, 2023.

VIII. The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Boardroom.

IX. Adjournment

With no other business, Mr. Haus moved to adjourn the October board meeting. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P M.

Dennis L. Marler, President

Jennifer Bogue, Secretary