

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

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Jennifer Bogue, President

Administration and Central Office Staff Present:

Steve Dishon, Superintendent
Melinda Overholser, Recorder
Rena Adams, Treasurer
Pat Bernotas, Director of Technology
Brandon Gleason, THS Principal
Brian Moon, THS Assistant Principal
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. Mr. Marler 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. Haus made a motion to accept the regular agenda and consent agenda as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Consideration of Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

B. Consideration of Approval of the Claims

C. Consideration to Include Recognitions/Information Items in Official Minutes

D. Consideration of Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignations

- a. Kris Dill, THS Social Studies Teacher
- b. Caitlyn Delagrang, TCSC School Bus Aide
- c. Maria Ratcliff, Cafeteria Worker
- d. Kyle Murphy, Varsity Head Wrestling Coach

2. Termination of Employment

- a. Chris Neirman, Temporary 2nd Grade Teacher

3. Employment Recommendations

- a. TMS
 - 1. Kathye Richardson, MS Robotics Assistant
- b. Custodial
 - 1. Amber Young, TMS/THS Custodian
- c. Athletics
 - 1. Staci Thompson, Weight Room Supervisor B
 - 2. Cody Hinton, Volunteer Basketball Coach
 - 3. Alyson Davis-Williams, Varsity Girls Track Coach
 - 4. Jonas Brooks, Volunteer HS Track Coach

VI. Information

A. Financial Reports, Including Biannual ECA Reports

The financial reports, including the Biannual ECA reports, will be filed, subject to audit.

B. Student Highlights:

THS- Students of the Month- 9th Grade, Dakota Diaz; 10th Grade, Clara Cavazos; 11th Grade, Aliza McPherson; 12th Grade, Joaquin Cavazos. **Titans of the Month-** HS Art, Morgan DeBard; Choir, Angelo Anders; Band, Joaquin Cavazos

THS Band- Student of the Month- Joaquin Cavazos

William Howard and Layton Shimer were recognized for being selected to perform with the IMEA All State Concert Band in Fort Wayne.

TMS- Students of the Month: 5th Grade- Abigail DeBard; 6th Grade- Kerrigan Patterson; 7th Grade- Maddi Stahl; 8th Grade- Bentley Burkett

TES- Students of the Month: Pre-K & Kindergarten- Kensley Hartman, Kyle Craft, Kenneth Hobbs, Helen Hernandez, Neymar Gonzalez, Willis Harvard; 1st Grade- Elijah Avalos, Braxton Jewell, Alaya Muldrow; 2nd Grade- Payton Miller, Cali Comparet, Jase Meeks, Saya Anderson; 3rd Grade- Elijah Brankle, Judiah Green, Ava Schesser, Kawhai Young; 4th Grade- Harrison Dunlap, AJ Rayls, Harley Davidson, Mi'Zayvion Horton.

C. Review of NEOLA Anti-Harassment & Nondiscrimination Policies

Mr. Bentzler explained the proposed changes to the anti-harassment and nondiscrimination policies. These policies will return to the school board for a second reading and approval at the March 2024 board meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Consideration of Donation from The Howard County Recycling District

Mr. Haus moved to approve the donation for the THS Garden Club from the Howard County Recycling District as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

B. Consideration of Creation of New Literacy Coach Position

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the creation of a new literacy coach position as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

C. Consideration of New THS Courses

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the five new courses for the high school as presented. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Mr. Gleason and Mr. Moon explained the pathway options that offering these courses will allow. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Consideration of Delta Dental Employee Cost Increase

Mr. Haus moved to approve the Delta Dental employee cost increase as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Information:

Steve Dishon-

Insurance- Steve attended the insurance trust meeting last week. The trust is doing very well and if there is a health insurance increase, it will should be minimal.

Strategic Planning- We are currently working on the strategic plan. Steve would like to look at the focus from every angle. He is looking to get input from board members, parents, students and community members. Next year we will have new goals and have new targets to go after. Steve plans go through every room to see what our students are doing in every classroom.

Eclipse- We plan to close on the day of the eclipse, Monday, April 8, 2024. We will trade this date for the make-up day originally scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2024. There will be student projects and the planetarium will be utilized to educate our students on the eclipse. There will be more information to come.

Board Members-

Parent Participation- Mr. Bentzler asked Mr. Leicht if our student participation is back up. Jake reported that parent participation does seem to have increased and that there were over 350 people in attendance at the *Donuts with Dads* event last month.

Solar Energy Report- Mr. Brubaker asked Renae if she could start compiling a solar energy report again, quarterly updates would be nice to be able to review.

IX. The next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Board Room.

X. Adjournment

With no other business, Mr. Haus moved to adjourn the February board meeting. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Jennifer Bogue, President

Shawn Haus, Secretary