

**Taylor Community School Corporation
Taylor Elementary School Cafeteria
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

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

Administration and Central Office Staff Present:

Steve Dishon, Superintendent
Chris Smith, Superintendent
Melinda Overholser, Recorder/Secretary
Rena Adams, Treasurer
Pat Bernotas, Technology Director
Paula Bolin, Food Service Director
Brandon Gleason, THS Principal
Heather Hord, TMS Principal
Jake Leicht, TES Principal
Kelly Hillman, TES Assistant Principal
Robert Wonnell, TMS/THS Athletic Director
Tony Oliver, Transportation Director

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 5:35 PM in the Taylor Elementary Cafeteria, located at 5500 Wea Dr., Kokomo, Indiana. Mr. Marler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2024 Budget Hearing

Opportunity given; no comments or questions from the public.

Capital Projects

Opportunity given; no comments or questions from the public.

Bus Replacement

Opportunity given; no comments or questions from the public.

III. Recognition of Visitors

There were no comments or questions 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. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

- B. Consideration of the Claims
- C. Consideration of Field Trip Requests
 - 1. THS Spanish Class- Out-of-State, Overnight Field Trip
 - 2. THS Drama Club- Overnight Field Trip
 - 3. TMS 7th & 8th Grade Choir, Out-of-State Field Trip
- D. Consideration to Include Recognitions/Information Items in Official Minutes
- E. Consideration of Personnel Items
 - 1. Retirement
 - a. Christopher Smith, Superintendent
 - 2. FMLA Leave Request (see board packet for information)
 - 3. Resignations
 - a. Kris Dill, Girls Golf Coach
 - b. Donna Ortman, 3rd Grade Teacher
 - c. Gary Harsh, Bus #20 Route Driver
 - 4. Termination of Employment
 - a. Drake Clark, Substitute Bus Driver
 - b. Zachary Greenwald, TMS Part-time Custodian
 - 5. Employment Recommendations
 - a. Elementary School
 - 1. Whitney Ruddell, 3rd Grade Teacher
 - 2. Angel Morris, 3rd Grade Teacher
 - b. Middle School
 - 1. Lyndzee Stickles, ELL Teacher of Record
 - 2. Tamika Williams, National Junior Honor Society Sponsor
 - c. High School
 - 1. Lindsay Gibson, Algebra I Teacher- Prep Period Buyout
 - 2. Lindsay Gibson, MTSS Leadership
 - 3. Haylee Dakota Reason, Color Guard Director
 - 4. Chris Turley, Band Assistant Percussion Director
 - d. Custodian
 - 1. Kimberly Dillman, Part-time Custodian
 - e. Cafeteria
 - 1. Andrea Bateman, Cook/Worker
 - 2. Sarah Debard, Cook/Worker
 - 3. Ann Sanders, Cook/Worker
 - f. Transportation
 - 1. Donald Dill, Part-time Bus # 25 Monitor
 - g. Athletics
 - 1. Megan Kennell, Middle School Volleyball Coach
 - 2. Gregory Thompson, Weight Room Supervisor A & B
 - 3. Jon Binder, Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach

VI. Information and Recognitions

A. Financial Reports

The financial reports will be filed, subject to audit.

B. Retirement- Christopher Smith

Dennis Marler recognized Chris Smith's nearly 10 years of service at Taylor and wishes him well on his retirement.

VII. Old Business

A. Consideration of Howard County Health Department and TCSC Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Brubaker made a motion to approve the MOU between Howard County Health Department and Taylor Community School as presented. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. New Business

A. Consideration of the TES School Improvement Plan

Mr. Bentzler made a motion to approve the TES School Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Leicht explained the changes made to the TES School Improvement Plan. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Consideration of the TMS School Improvement Plan

Mr. Haus moved to approve the TMS School Improvement Plan as presented. Ms. Hord explained the focus on the Middle School Improvement Plan, the Middle School focuses on growth each year. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Consideration of the THS School Improvement Plan

Mr. Haus made a motion to approve the THS School Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Gleason explained the goals for THS and the changes made to the THS School Improvement Plan. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Consideration of Designation of School Safety Specialist

Mr. Bentzler moved to designate Mr. Ward and Mr. Dishon as the school safety specialists. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Consideration of Approval of State Road School Bus Stops

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the state road school bus stops as presented. Mr. Oliver explained the reason for the approval of the state road student stops. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Consideration of THS Donation Request

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the THS donation request as presented. Mr. Gleason explained where the donation monies would go and how it will be used. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

IX. Other Information:

Items from the Superintendent:

Mr. Dishon congratulated Mr. Smith on his retirement.

Items from the School Board Members:

There will be an executive board meeting to review the TMS data at 4:45 PM on Wednesday, October 11th in the Taylor Board Room.

X. The next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Boardroom. There will be an executive session to review TMS data at 4:45 PM in the boardroom.

XI. Adjournment

With no other business, Mr. Haus moved to adjourn the September board meeting. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.