

**Taylor Community School Corporation  
Taylor Board Room  
Wednesday, April 10, 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  
Heather Hord, TMS Principal  
Robert Wonnell, TMS/THS Athletic Director  
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. Haus made a motion to accept the regular agenda and consent agenda as presented. Mr. Marler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**V. Consent Agenda**

- A. Consideration of Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**
  - 1. Wednesday, March 10, 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 Approval of Personnel Items**
  - 1. Resignations**
    - a. Jenni Ortman, TMS/THS School Nurse
    - b. Abigail Ireland, Varsity Cheer Coach
    - c. Syrena Felty, Middle School Cheer Coach
    - d. Kris Dill, THS Social Studies Teacher (Revision of Resignation)
    - e. Megan Kennell, MS Track Coach
  - 2. FMLA Leave Request**
  - 3. Elimination of TMS/THS Spanish Teaching Position**

#### **4. Employment Recommendations**

- a. Central Office
  - 1. Marla Pulsipher, Temporary Middle/High School Nurse
- b. Custodial
  - 1. Allison Pasquale, Temporary Athletic Custodian
  - 2. Amber Young, Temporary Athletic Custodian
  - 3. Larissa Thomas, TES Custodian
- c. Athletics
  - 1. Jon Binder, MS Assistant Track Coach
  - 2. Austin Guinn, Baseball Assistant Coach
  - 3. Jon Binder, 2024-25 Varsity Wrestling Coach

#### **VI. Information**

##### **A. Student Highlights:**

**THS- Students of the Month:** 9th - Elizabeth Markley; 10th - Deviante Humphries; 11th - Treyton Rigsby; 12th - Rylee Morris

**TES- Students of the Month:** Preschool - Annabelle Kelly, Olivia Hinton; Kindergarten - Oliver Fisher, Liam Riley, Nathaniel Briscoe, Nova Morris; 1st Grade - Mayla Jackson, McCoy Chipps, Dalyla Bloch, Emory Spence; 2nd Grade - Riyancy Parekh; Trishita Parekh; Zachariah Moirano, Aria Brewer, Aiden Chilcote; 3rd Grade - Kayson Corbit, Blayke Green, Sophia Chavez, Aiden Jewell; 4th Grade - Jace Gunning, Declan Herr, Addison Corne, Zakia West

##### **Monthly Financial Reports.**

The financial reports will be filed, subject to audit.

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **A. Consideration of the 2024-2025 Crisis Management Plan**

Mr. Haus made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Crisis Management Plan as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **B. Consideration of Howard Co. Juvenile Probation Information Sharing Agreement MOU**

Mr. Brubaker made a motion to approve the Howard County Juvenile Probation Information Sharing Agreement as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **C. Consideration of Approval of Current State Road Bus Stops**

Mr. Haus made a motion to approve the current State Road bus stops as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **D. Consideration of THS Business Textbook Adoption**

Mr. Haus made a motion to accept the THS business textbook adoption as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Mr. Gleason spoke on the need for a textbook for the new entrepreneurship course that will be offered. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **E. Consideration to Apply for the Spring 2024 Common School Loan**

Mr. Marler made a motion to apply for the Spring 2024 Common School Loan as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Mr. Bernotas explained the need for the Spring Common School Loan. The tech department is looking to refresh staff computers and a student refresh of iPads. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **F. Consideration of Creation of Middle School Band Director Position**

Mr. Haus made a motion to approve the creation of a Middle School Band Director position as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **G. Consideration of Purchase of Kitchen Equipment Request**

Mr. Marler made a motion to approve the purchase of kitchen equipment as requested. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Paula Bolin explained the need for the purchase of the new kitchen equipment. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other Information:**

**Superintendent-**

- Steve and the Principals are currently working on the evaluation system for teachers.
- Strategic Plan Surveys are being gathered so that we can work on new goals and targets. Board Members and Principals, if you can please respond to the survey by this Friday.
- The Titan Annex will soon become the Titan Academy of the Arts. Steve showed the school board some of the options for the change in the signage inside and outside of the building. On May 21, there will be an open house for the updated/newly named facility, times to be announced at a later date.

**Principals-**

- Brandon Gleason thanked the school board for allowing the staff to be off for the Eclipse on Monday. This allowed for our staff and students to share this incredible event with their families.
- Brandon Gleason thanked Paula and her staff for all of the hard work that they do for the students.

**IX. The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Board Room.**

**X. Adjournment**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

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**Jennifer Bogue, President**

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**Shawn L. Haus, Secretary**