

**Taylor Community School Corporation  
Taylor Board Room  
Wednesday, May 8, 2023  
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
4:30 PM**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Jennifer Bogue, Secretary

**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  
Steve Dishon, THS Principal  
Brian Moon, THS Assistant Principal  
Heather Hord, TMS Principal  
Matt Brankle, TMS Assistant Principal  
Jake Leicht, TES Principal  
Brandon Gleason, TES Assistant 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 4:33 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. Building Project**

**A. Public Hearing on Amendment to Lease**

Opportunity Given, no comments or questions from the patrons.

**B. Consideration of Resolution Approving Financing, Execution of Amendment to Lease and Transactional Documents**

Mr. Haus moved to approve the Resolution Approving Financing, Execution of Amendment to Lease and Transactional Documents. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**V. Revision and Adoption of Regular and Consent Agenda**

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the regular and consent agenda as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Items on the Consent Agenda:**

- A. Consideration of Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Wednesday, April 12, 2023 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. Ann Phillips, Part-time Cafeteria Worker
    - b. Kathryn Doty, TES Title I Paraprofessional
  - 2. Termination of Employment
    - a. Zac Lowery, Part-time Custodian
    - b. Buford Smith, Part-time Custodian
  - 3. Employment Recommendations
    - a. TMS
      - 1. Sherri Nicholsen, School Secretary
    - b. THS
      - 1. Robert Wonnell, Athletic Director
      - 2. Mary Whitcomb, MS/HS Spanish Teacher
      - 3. Don Bennett, Summer School Government Teacher
      - 4. Tim Weeks, Economics Summer School Teacher
      - 5. Paul Olson, English Summer School Teacher
      - 6. Anita Beining, Algebra I Summer School Teacher
      - 7. Jennifer Cobb, Algebra I Summer School Teacher
      - 8. Jill Shimer, Geometry Summer School Teacher
    - c. Transportation
      - 1. Caitlyn Delagrange, Part-time Bus Aide
    - d. Custodial
      - 1. Zachary Greenwald, Part-time Custodian
      - 2. Jeffrey Martin, Part-time Custodian
      - 3. James (Ed) Pier, Part-time Custodian

Mr. Dishon introduced Robert Wonnell as the new TMS/THS Athletic Director and Mary Whitcomb as the new THS Spanish Teacher.

**VII. Information and Recognitions****A. Financial Reports**

The financial reports will be filed, subject to audit.

**B. THS Band Highlights**

Max Johnson introduced the band students in attendance and recognized them for their hard work and the individual awards and recognitions that they have received.

**VIII. New Business****A. Consideration of TES Student Handbook Revisions**

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the TES Student Handbook revisions as presented. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Mr. Gleason explained the TES student handbook changes and revisions. Motion passed 4-0.

**B. Consideration of TMS Student Handbook Revisions**

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the TMS Student Handbook Revisions as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Mr. Brankle explained the TMS handbook revisions. Motion passed 4-0.

**C. Consideration of THS Student Handbook Revisions**

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the THS Student Handbook revisions. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Mr. Moon explained the changes made to the THS Student Handbook. Motion passed 4-0.

**D. Consideration of Revisions to the Corporation Wellness Policy**

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the revisions to the corporation Wellness Policy as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Paula Bolin explained the changes made to the corporation Wellness Policy. Motion passed 4-0.

**E. Consideration of TES iPad Refresh Lease**

Mr. Haus moved to approve the TES iPad Refresh Lease as presented. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Pat Bernotas reviewed the TES iPad refresh/lease information. Motion passed 4-0.

**F. Consideration of New Phone System Lease**

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the new phone system lease as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Pat Bernotas explained the need for the new phone system lease. Motion passed 4-0.

**G. Consideration of Speech-Language Pathology Services Contract Agreement**

Mr. Haus moved to approve the Speech-Language Pathology Services Contract Agreement. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Renae Adams explained the reason for Speech-Language Services Agreement. Motion passed 4-0.

**H. Consideration of One-time Stipend for Administrators**

- a. Jake Leicht for Elem Principal
- b. Brandon Gleason for Elem Principal
- c. Brandon Gleason for Title I Coordinator
- d. Tiffany Boruff for McKinney Vento Liaison
- e. Kelly Hillman for FACs Class Coverage

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the one-time stipends for the administrators as outlined. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Renae Adams explained the administrator stipends that were presented to the school board. Motion passed 4-0.

**IX. Other Information:**

**Chris Smith:**

- Thank you to the Assistant Principals at each building for the student handbook changes.
- It was a great experience to be able to celebrate the band students this evening.
- The admin retreat will be held on June 6 & 7 this year.
- There were some surprises with the decisions made by the General Assembly and also some good things that should come out of the decisions made. There will be more information to come at tonight's School Board ISBA Regional meeting.

**Paula Davis:**

- Requested that live links to the board packet be added to the website.
- Asked where she could access the school corporation's strategic plan.
- Discussed the house bills that she has been working on.
- Feels that the tax payers have been intimidated to not attend these meetings.

**X. The next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Board Room.**

**X. Adjournment**

With no other business, Mr. Bentzler moved to adjourn the April board meeting. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.