

**Taylor Community School Corporation  
Taylor Board Room  
Wednesday, July 12, 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  
Christopher Smith, Superintendent  
Melinda Overholser, Recorder  
Rena Adams, Treasurer  
Pat Bernotas, Director of Technology  
Brandon Gleason, Incumbent THS Principal  
Heather Hord, TMS Principal  
Jake Leicht, TES Principal  
Kelly Hillman, Incumbent TES Assistant Principal  
Robert Wonnell, TMS/THS Athletic 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 5:30 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**

There were no comments or questions from the visitors.

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

Mr. Haus moved to approve the regular and consent agenda as revised. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**V. Consent Agenda**

- A. Consideration of the Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Monday, June 14, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
  - 2. Friday, June 23, 2023 Special Session Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Consideration of the Claims
- C. Consideration to Include Recognitions/Information Items in Official Minutes
- D. Consideration of Personnel Items
  - 1. Termination of Employment
    - a. Daniel Carrico, Middle School Boys & Girls Track Coach
  - 2. FMLA Leave (See board packet for information)
  - 3. Resignations
    - a. Maizie Wickersham, 5th Grade Teacher

#### 4. Employment Recommendations

##### a. Elementary School

1. Kristy High, MTSS Leadership
2. Krista Crouch, Title I Leadership
3. Sarah Fleek, Grade K Leadership
4. Jenny Drang, Grade 1 Leadership
5. Sara Underwood, Grade 2 Leadership
6. Sherry Degler, Grade 3 Leadership
7. Rosie Goudy, Grade 4 Leadership
8. Casey DeBard, Elementary Special Education Leadership
9. Caitlyn Hanson, Elementary Unified Arts Leadership
10. Kelly Hillman, Assistant Principal

##### 11. Chassan McCormack, Head Custodian

##### b. Middle School

1. Julie Earl, 5th Grade Dept. Leadership
2. Jennifer Cobb, Math Dept. Leadership
3. Paula Ritenour, ELA/Reading Dept. Leadership
4. Kirk Wiley, Unified Arts Dept. Leadership
5. Kathye Richardson, Science Dept. Leadership
6. Marcus Pruitt, Social Studies Dept. Leadership
7. Shelby Gilbert, MTSS Dept. Leadership
8. Conner Leicht, Social Studies Teacher
9. Tamika Williams, School Counselor
10. Chris Nierman, 5th Grade Teacher
11. Briker Stayrock, Math Teacher
12. Magie Riddle, 5th Grade Teacher
13. Heather Hord, Principal Contract Renewal

##### c. High School

1. Brandon Gleason, Principal
2. David Ranz, Biology Teacher

##### d. Athletics

1. Olivia Newcom, Asst. Boys Track Coach
2. Michael Giles, Varsity Asst. Softball Coach
3. Josh Ousley, Varsity Football Coach
4. Scott Sullivan, Varsity Asst. Football Coach
5. B.J. Pemberton, Varsity Asst. Football Coach
6. Guillerma Perez, Varsity Asst. Football Coach
7. Conner Leicht, Varsity Boys Tennis Coach
8. Kris Dill, Girls Golf Coach
9. Julian Wallace, HS Cross Country Coach
10. Julian Wallace, MS Cross Country Coach
11. Kirk Wiley, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach
12. David Bottomley, Asst. Varsity Soccer Coach
13. Mike Shane, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
14. Alanis Jones, Volleyball Coach
15. Jada Critchlow, Asst. Volleyball Coach
16. Abigail Ireland, Cheer Sponsor
17. Syrena Felty, MS Cheer Sponsor
18. Alexis Murdock, MS Asst. Cheer Sponsor
19. Bob Wonnell, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
20. Conner Leicht, Boys B Asst. Varsity Coach
21. Jill Shimer, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
22. Don Bennett, Girls Varsity Asst. A Basketball Coach

23. April Cox, Girls Varsity Asst. B Basketball Coach
  24. Kyle Murphy, Wrestling Coach
  25. Jon Binder, MS Wrestling Coach
  26. Tim Binder, Boys Track Coach
  27. Matthew Brankle, Baseball Coach
  28. Mason Fisher, JV Baseball Coach
  29. Jon Binder, Boys Golf Coach
  30. Jon Binder, MS Golf Coach
  31. Robert McGuire, Softball Coach
- e. Transportation
1. Crystal McGuire, Summer School Bus Driver (Corrected Rate)
  2. Angela Dunlap, Summer School Bus Driver (Corrected Rate)

-Jake Leicht welcomed Kelly Hillman as the new TES Assistant Principal.

-Heather Hord introduced Chris Neirman, he will be one of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Chris is a 2019 Taylor graduate.

## **VI. Information and Recognitions**

### **A. Financial Reports**

There are no financial reports for the school board members to review this month. The financial reports for June and July will be available for review in the August board meeting packet.

### **B. NEOLA Policies & Procedures, Volume 35, Number 2**

Dennis Bentzler explained that this packet is one of the biggest that we have had to approve. There are many technical corrections in this packet. There are also a few updates and policy updates that the board should review before the second reading in August.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Consideration of Kokomo Police Dept and TCSC Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the Kokomo Police Department and Taylor Community School Corporation's Memorandum of Understanding. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Mr. Dishon explained the memorandum of understanding between Kokomo Police Department and TCSC. Motion passed 5-0.

### **B. Consideration of Howard County Health Dept and TCSC Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the Howard County Health Department and Taylor Community School Corporation's Memorandum of Understanding as outlined. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Mr. Dishon explained the Howard County Health Department Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion ensued between the board members and the administration. Motion failed 2-3.

Mr. Haus moved to table the MOU until the August board meeting, at which time the board will know the curriculum and content taught in this program. Mrs. Bogue seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **C. Consideration of Safe School Security Grant Application**

Mr. Bentzler moved to approve the Safe School Security Grant Application. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Mr. Bernotas explained the annual Homeland Security Grant and that this is a matching grant that we must meet both Federal and Indiana guidelines to receive. To apply for this grant, we also have to have approval to apply for the grant from the school board by July 26, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.

### **D. Consideration of CY2024 Budget Timeline**

Mrs. Bogue moved to approve the CY2024 Budget Timeline as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **E. Consideration of Revised 2022-2023 Classified Salary Schedule**

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the revised 2022-2023 Salary Schedule as outlined. Mr. Haus seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Information from the Superintendent:**

#### **From Steve Dishon:**

- Steve introduced Brandon Gleason as the new HS Principal.
- Paula Bolin is looking to get funding for student school lunches. She is looking into a program for all of our students to free and reduced lunches. Be watching for information from Paula at the August board meeting.
- Steve attended the Insurance Trust meeting yesterday and there will be a 0% increase next year for our employees' health insurance costs.

#### **From Chris Smith:**

- Congratulation to Kelly Hillman. She will be great in her new role as Elementary Assistant Principal. and
- Mr. Dishon will do great things for Taylor, many congratulations to him.

### **Information from School Board Members:**

**Dennis Bentzler-** asked how the free textbooks from the is state going to affect the corporation. Renae Adams stated from her estimates that we will lose around \$125,000 in textbook funding. She stated that we will have to get creative each year on how to make up this money, but it will have to come out of the education fund, if we have any lose that is not covered.

**Dennis Marler-** asked what "free textbooks" from the state covers. Renae stated that it will "cover" iPads and anything educational items or textbooks in the classroom. We can not charge the students for consumable fees.

**Shawn Haus-** asked if we are having many sign-ups for the virtual academy. Steve Dishon said that there is some interest and we are sending parents information on the virtual academy as they request it.

### **X. Adjournment**

**The next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the Taylor Board Room.**

With no other business, Mr. Haus moved to adjourn the July board meeting. Mr. Bentzler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

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**Dennis L. Marler, President**

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**Jennifer Bogue, Secretary**