

Regular School Board Meeting
TMS/THS Media Center
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
7:00p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jeff Kellar
Mr. Bill Brubaker
Mr. Brian Cox
Mr. Scott Maple

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Dennis Marler

Administration and Central Office Staff Present:

Dr. John Magers, Superintendent
Debbie Barton, Treasurer
Melinda Brown, Recorder
Eric Hartman, THS Principal
Heather Hord, TMS Principal
Ara Nelson-Mercer, TMS Assistant Principal
Shannon Richards, TPS Principal

Others Present:

See attached list

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Taylor Middle/High School Media Center located at 3794 East 300 South, Kokomo, Indiana. Mr. Kellar led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. Revision and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the agenda as revised. Mr. Maple seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

V. Recognition of Visitors

Wanda Hoover would like to discuss Rosetta Stone and the Middle School FACS program.

VI. Consideration of the Minutes

Mr. Maple moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the March 28, 2011 Executive Session Meeting as written. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VII. Consideration of the Claims

Mr. Maple moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VIII. Financial Reports

The financial reports will be filed subject to audit.

IX. Communications

A. Information

1. Energy Management Team Update

Mr. Cox updated the school board members and patrons on the progress of the energy management team.

2. Legislative Update

Mr. Maple updated the school board on the legislative changes recently made.

3. Summer Food Program Update

Beth Schave, Food Service Director, informed the school board members of the plan for the summer food program.

XI. New Business

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

Mr. Maple moved to include recognitions/information items in the official minutes. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

B. Consideration of TMS Student Handbook

Mrs. Nelson-Mercer presented the TMS Handbook changes to the school board members. Mr. Maple moved to approve the TMS student handbook as revised. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

C. Consideration of FMLA Leave

Mr. Maple moved to approve the FMLA leave as presented. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Consideration of Donation of Sick Days

Mr. Cox moved to approve the donation of sick days as presented. Mr. Maple seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Consideration of Resolution for Lease with Crossroads Bank for Computer Equipment

Mr. Maple moved to approve the resolution for lease with Crossroads Bank for computer equipment as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

F. Consideration of Preschool Fees for the 2011-2012 School Year

Shannon Richards explained the proposed preschool fee changes. Mr. Maple moved to approve the recommended preschool fees for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

G. Consideration of a Temporary Paraprofessional Position at TPS

Mr. Maple moved to approve the creation of a temporary paraprofessional position due to class size at TPS. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

H. Consideration to Adopt Rosetta Stone Curriculum at TMS

Heather Hord explained why she would like to offer Rosetta Stone foreign language at the middle school level. Wanda Hoover spoke concerning why she felt the FACS program should remain at TMS. Mr. Maple spoke concerning the constraints on the timeline of making the decision to adopt the Rosetta Stone program. Mr. Maple would like to see all of the options and also what FACS has to offer. Mr. Maple moved to approve the adoption of Rosetta Stone curriculum at TMS. Mr. Maple moved to postpone this agenda item until a later meeting when it is advertised as an agenda item. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

I. Consideration of 1/7 Art Teacher at TMS

Mr. Maple moved to approve a 1/7 art teacher at TMS. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Mr. Maple moved to postpone this vote until the meeting when the adoption of Rosetta Stone is considered. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Consideration of TMS 7th Grade Incentive Out-of-State Field Trip

Mr. Maple moved to approve the field trip as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

K. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards

Mr. Maple moved to approve the resolution authorizing issuance of individual procurement card. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

L. Personnel Issues

i. Resignations

a. Lacey Young, THS Guard Director

b. Kathy Jenkins, TPS Custodian

Mr. Cox moved to approve the resignations for Lacey Young, THS Guard Director and Kathy Jenkins, TPS Custodian as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

ii. Employment

a. Taylor Primary

b. Taylor Intermediate

c. Taylor Middle School

Mr. Cox moved to approve Jane Foesh, Temporary teacher for medical leave; Melissa Kunkle, Temporary special education paraprofessional; Mitchell Brown, Part-time custodian; Cynthia Roberts, Temporary Title I Aide for medical leave and Sue Reagin as Homebound Instructor. Mr. Maple seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

XIII. Items from the Superintendent

A. This Friday is the deadline for the incentive to retire for teachers.

B.

XII. The next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:00p.m in the TMS/THS Media Center.

XIII. Adjournment

With no other business, the board meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Dennis Marler

Bill Brubaker