

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School  
Board Regular Meeting Minutes 07-15-2015

Those in attendance: Superintendent Wendt, Board Clerk Sterzick

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m.

**II. PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Board Chairman Cardon

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone participated in the Pledge

**IV. TCPCS SLOGAN**

The slogan was read by Superintendent Wendt

**V. ROLL CALL**

Board Chairman Cardon	Present
Board Vice-Chairman Radford	Present
Board Treasurer J. Taylor	Present
Board Secretary Kammerman	Excused
Board Member C. Taylor	Excused
Board Member Gruwell	Present
Board Member Montgomery	Excused

**VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gruwell. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Vice-Chairman Radford to accept the minutes for the meetings held June 3, 2015, and June 17, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shawna Murdock commented on graduation standards for students who do not take standardized tests. She reviewed graduation requirements under Policy 2715 and suggested adjustments to the requirements.

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Pay Bills**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Vice-Chairman Radford to accept the Consent Agenda: Pay Bills. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gruwell. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

## **X. PRESENTATION ITEMS**

- **Request for textbooks and novels**

High School Language Arts teacher Sherry Newell presented two McGraw Hill text books for review and consideration to be used in her classes. Language and Composition would be used for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students; Literature Craft & Voice for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Ms. Newell indicated that these would be great books and workbooks.

Ms. Newell and the Board also discussed eBooks including devices, computers, and internet services required for students to use eBooks at home and at school. There would be monetary savings to TCPCS by using eBooks.

Superintendent Wendt reported that the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade textbook samples have not been received. The textbooks will be from the same publisher of the books currently being used. The textbooks will be more modern and updated. Superintendent Wendt does not expect any concerns with the new textbooks.

Ms. Contor has requested purchasing the same novels that were approved last year for her Spanish classes.

Ms. Empey requested the purchase of the novels “Book Thief” and “The Giver” for use in her Junior High School classes. The board discussed the language and content of the books and whether they were appropriate for pre-teen students.

## **XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Superintendent Report by Superintendent Wendt**

- Superintendent Wendt reported on the chain link fence that has been erected on the south side of the TCPCS property. There is a gate located on the Shippen property. The Shippens have given permission for students to use the gate as they go to and from school. Funds were used from Safe School money. The south fence is an extension of the fence put in last year on the east side of TCPCS.
- The blacktop has been completed on the back side of TCPCS. This will help keep students and the school premises clean from mud and dirt.

- A concrete pad on the east side of TCPCS has been put in. The pad has been prepared for a storage shed which, when built, will hold tables, chairs, etc. The project was completed as part of an Eagle Scout project. The shed may be built in the future as part of an Eagle Scout project. The storage shed located near the parking lot will be used by the PFA.
- Cleaning of the school is proceeding and the cleaning staff is doing a good job.

## **2. ISBA Policies**

Superintendent Wendt gave a quick review of the updated ISBA policies. The policies will be discussed more thoroughly in an upcoming Board meeting.

## **XII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Will the Board approve teacher requests for textbooks and novels?**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to table the motion for teacher requests for textbooks for further review. The motion was seconded by Board Vice-Chairman Radford. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to approve the teacher request (Ms. Contor) for Spanish novels. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gruwell. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Gruwell to disapprove the teacher request (Ms. Empey) for two Junior High School novels as requested. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

## **XIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- 08-26-15 First day of school

### **BOARD CALENDAR**

- 08-05-15 3:15 p.m. Agenda Planning Meeting
- 08-12-15 6:00 p.m. Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

## **XIV. PENDING TOPICS**

ISBA Policies

School registration (2 days)

Back to School night (one of the two registration days) @ 6:30 p.m.

Teacher training August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

## **XV. REVIEW OF ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN IN THIS MEETING**

Superintendent Wendt will communicate with Mrs. Empey regarding more appropriate classroom novels

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Idaho Code 74-205(1)(b)  
Personnel update

Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f)  
Legal update

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Vice-Chairman Radford to move into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-204(3); 74-206(1)(b) and 74-206(1)(f). Board Member Gruwell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 8:27 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Chairman Cardon	Present
Board Vice-Chairman Radford	Present
Board Treasurer J. Taylor	Present
Board Secretary Kammerman	Excused
Board Member C. Taylor	Excused
Board Member Gruwell	Present
Board Member Montgomery	Excused

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Gruwell to move out of Executive Session. Board Treasurer J. Taylor seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 12:11 a.m.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Gruwell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 a.m.

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