

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School Board Annual Meeting Minutes 09-09-2015

Those in attendance: Superintendent Wendt, Board Clerk Sterzick

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Superintendent Wendt

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 Gruwell	Excused
Board Treasurer J. Taylor	Present
Board Secretary Radford	Present
Board Member C. Taylor	Present
Board Member Montgomery	Present

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to amend the agenda as follows: amend Item XI to include a number 3, Student Body Report; amend Item XII to remove number 2, Audit Report; and amend Item XIII to include a number 4, Will the Board Approve two novels by Carol Gaab, 1) Brandon Brown quiere un perro and 2) Brandon Brown versus Yucatan? The motion was seconded by Board Member Montgomery. A discussion was held regarding the amended items. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to correct the 08-12-15 Annual Minutes, Section XVII Review of Assignments Given in This Meeting to include the assignment given to Superintendent Wendt to post an application on the school web site regarding the Board of Directors open seat and also to include information about the open seat in the school newsletter and then accept the meetings held August 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Radford. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

IX. BOARD RECOGNITION

Laila Kammerman

Superintendent Wendt praised Ms. Kammerman for the excellent job she has done keeping the Board true to the TCPCS charter. He stated that Ms. Kammerman always wanted the things that would benefit the school and the students. All Board members agreed that she will be missed.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Pay Bills

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to accept the Consent Agenda: Pay Bills. The motion was seconded by Board Member Montgomery. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XI. PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. PFA Report

PFA President Janna Capener reported:

- The PFA provided popcorn and tootsie rolls as a Back-To-School treat.
- The PFA Board is discussing the purchase of outside bike racks.
- The Halloween Carnival will be held October 23rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.
- The PFA has a fund raiser each year. This year, the PFA Board requested approval for selling first aid kits. A variety of sizes are available ranging from \$12.00 to \$120.00. After discussion with Ms. Capener, the Board approved the fund raiser.

2. Curriculum presentation

- Superintendent Wendt and the Board discussed the Norton Reader and the approved AP text book Language and Composition. The Language and Composition text book is to replace the Norton Reader.
- Pearson Literature for 9th grade English Literature was also discussed at length. The 9th and 10th grade books are very similar. The Board discussed not purchasing the text books but teaching out of original classic novels as stated in the charter.
- It was also noted that TCPCS students need to work on their writing skills.

3. Student Body Report

Student Body Vice-President Elyse Blanch presented the Student Body Report as follows:

- The Honor Society meetings have been well attended. They meet every Tuesday. An introduction to the Honor Society will be held during an assembly on the 18th.

- Back-to-School Night was a great success. Four parents and one faculty member acted as chaperones.
- Spirit Week is in the planning stages. Each class will wear a specific colored T-shirt. A black light dance will be held on the 25th for Homecoming. The cost will be \$4.00 for a single ticket or \$6.00 for a couple.
- This year, for community service projects, students will 1) organize the sheds, 2) work with the Humane Society, and/or 3) work at the Soup Kitchen.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent Report by Superintendent Wendt

- Superintendent Wendt reported on the number students attending TCPCS this year. He will email the actual numbers to Board members. Two exchange students are enrolled.
- After discussion with the High School teacher, the attendance policy has been revised. The policy now states that students will lose semester credits if they are absent eight days. An appeal may be made with the administrator for absences for reasons such as health issues. The goal is 96% attendance.
- In high school, no late homework assignments will be accepted by the teacher unless the students communicates with the teacher prior to the time the assignments are to be handed in. If there has been no communication, the student will receive a zero for the assignment. If the student has communicated with the teacher prior to the time the assignment is due, the student will receive up to an 80% if turned in prior to testing. Assignments turned in after testing will receive a grade of no better than 50%. If a student misses turning in three assignments, they will be required to attend Saturday school. The teacher has committed to not making “busy work” assignments.
- As students enter a classroom, each student is to turn their cell phone face down and place it at the top corner of their desk. At the teacher’s invitation, the student may use their cell phone for class projects, such as the internet and as a calculator. Cell phones may be used between classes and during the lunch period. If a cell phone is used inappropriately, the teacher will collect it.
- TCPCS has benefitted from three Eagle Scout projects. One prospective Eagle Scout laid a cement pad on the East side of the building. Two prospective Eagle Scouts are in the process of building a shed on the cement pad. The shed was designed by a contractor. It will have a shingle roof and is very nice.
- The cabinets in the gym have been completed. Chairs will be stored in the cabinet. There are also shelves for storage of archived school documents.

2. Audit Review

The Agenda was amended to remove this item.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Will the Board Approve the ISBA Policies?

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to approve the ISBA Policies discussed in the Work session. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Board Treasurer J. Taylor, Board Member C. Taylor and Board Member Montgomery voted in the affirmative. Board Secretary Radford abstained. Motion carried.

1. Will the Board Approve the English 12 text?

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to approve the English 12 grade AP and dual credit text. The motion was seconded by Board Member Montgomery. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Will the Board Approve English 9 and 10 text?

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Montgomery to not approve the English 9 and 10 text. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Radford. Discussion was held that the texts do not align with the school charter and that teachers are to teach out of classic books and also to teach construction writing. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

3. Will the Board Approve two novels by Carol Gaab, 1) Brandon Brown quiere un perro and 2) Brandon Brown versus Yucatan?

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to approve two novels by Carol Gaab, 1) Brandon Brown quiere un perro and 2) Brandon Brown versus Yucatan. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Radford. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 09-23-15 Fall pictures
- 10-27-15 Staff Flu Vaccine
- 10-28-15 Fall picture retakes

BOARD CALENDAR

- 09-30-15 3:15 p.m. Agenda Planning Meeting
- 10-14-15 6:00 p.m. Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

3. PENDING TOPICS

- I-Farms Report due in October (Action item)
- Audit Report by Kurt Folke, due to State 10-31 (Action item)

4. REVIEW OF ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN IN THIS MEETING

- Superintendent Wendt is to follow-up with a report on student cell phone usage
- Superintendent Wendt will post an application for the open Board seat and include the open position in the TCPCS news letter

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Idaho Code 74-204(3)

Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b)
Personnel update

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to move into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f). Board Member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 9:19 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

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

Executive Session ended at 9:38 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to hold a hearing on September 30, 2015, regarding the employment of Employee A? Board Member J. Taylor seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Montgomery. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

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