

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School

Board Regular Meeting Minutes 12-09-2015

Those in attendance: Superintendent Wendt, Board Clerk Sterzick

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Board Member C. Taylor

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	Present
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 Vice-Chairman Gruwell to amend the agenda as follows: add Action Item No. 2 "Adopt Town Hall Meeting Format for Board Work Meetings", and add Action Item No. 3 "Open Board Seat" and then accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Radford. A short discussion was held regarding the added items. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to accept the minutes for the meetings held November 18, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Member Montgomery. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Van Dyke, the High School Math teacher, introduced himself to the Board and expressed his enjoyment with the students, the school culture and environment, and his love of teaching.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA
Pay Bills

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

X. PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. Student Body Report

Violet Davis, Student Body President, reported that the student body government is going well. Everyone is productive in their meetings. They have held one event each month. The upcoming event is the Winter Semi-Formal dance. There will be a photo booth provided by McCord Orthodontics. The activities committee and the student government students will make cookies and decorations. Hot chocolate will also be provided.

High school and grade school students are currently competing for the most donations of cans of food which will be donated to the Community Food Basket.

In early January, high school students will be sewing bereavement kits as well as lap blankets for chemo patients. The items will be donated to local hospitals.

“In Side Out” was shown at the November movie night earning \$64.00.

Vice-Chairman Gruwell suggested promoting student government by posting photographs of charitable activities on the school web page. Violet said a student has been taking pictures of school activities.

The senior class has requested consideration of the following:

- Ms. Landon and Ms. Blanchard be recognized by being on the stage at graduation. They have both been mentors.
- That seniors be allowed to decorate their caps at graduation. All decorated caps would be approved prior to graduation.
- Black and royal blue robes be used at graduation.
- The senior class gift be a mini-fridge to be used by seniors.

2. PFA Report

Mr. Capener appeared for Ms. Capener and reported that the PFA recently finished the Royal Theater Fundraiser. The school sold 84 cards earning the PFA \$840.00. The 3rd grade sold the most cards and won donuts.

The PFA committee continues to work toward the Spring/Dinner Auction.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

1. School Logo Adoption

Will the Board adopt the School Logo?

Superintendent Wendt presented the proposed logo created by Camille Johnson on the white board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Vice-Chairman Gruwell to adopt the School Logo and have it digitalized. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. A discussion was held regarding the colors of the design and what the input from staff who have seen the design has been. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Adopt Town Hall Meeting Format for Board Work Meetings

Will the Board adopt a Town Hall Meeting Format for Board Work Meetings?

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Montgomery to adopt a Town Hall Meeting Format for Board Work Meetings. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. A brief discussion was held regarding a format and possible locations for the meetings. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

3. Open Board Seat

Will the Board fill the Open Board Seat?

Nathan Capener was interviewed by the Board. He was the only applicant.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Vice-Chairman Gruwell to fill the Open Board Seat with Nathan Capener (Seat Number 7). The motion was seconded by Board Member Montgomery. Mr. Capener will be administered the Oath of Office and be given the Code of Ethics for School Board Members in the next Board Meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent Report by Superintendent Wendt

- The enrollment figures are staying steady at 415.
- Teacher evaluations are on track and will be completed and in the appropriate folders by January 1st.
- The cell phone experiment went well in the beginning. The juniors and seniors continue to be responsible, however, the 8th and 9th grade students have not been as responsible. A final report will be given in January.
- PDA has become a problem with a number of students. The high school staff is creating a respectful description of PDA for the handbook. Superintendent Wendt addressed every class on the issue prior to Thanksgiving.
- Superintendent Wendt informed the Board of the “Every Student Succeeds” education bill passed by the US House of Representatives and US Senate. President Obama will sign the Bill 12-10-15. This Bill will transfer the power of education back to the States.

XIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 12-14-15 Citizen of the Month Lunch
- 12-15-15 Elementary Christmas Program

- 12-16-15 Middle School and High School Christmas Program
- 12-17-15 through 01-03-15 Winter Break

BOARD CALENDAR

- 01-06-16 3:15 p.m. Agenda Planning Meeting
- 01-13-16 6:00 p.m. Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- 01-20-16 5:00 p.m. ISBA strategic training

XIV. PENDING TOPICS

School safety plan (February 2016)

In February, consider revising Board policy regarding student cell phones usage.

XV. REVIEW OF ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN IN THIS MEETING

Follow-up on January 20th. State Dept. of Education Strategic Planning and Training at 5:00
Teacher training on Martin Luther Day

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

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