

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School Board Regular Meeting Minutes 01-13-2016

Those in attendance: Superintendent Wendt, Fiscal Director Toop, Board Clerk Sterzick

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

II. PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Board Member Montgomery

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone participated in the Pledge

IV. TCPCS SLOGAN

The slogan was read by Superintendent Wendt

V. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Sterzick, Clerk of the Board, administered the Trustee's Oath of Office to new Board Member Nathan Capener. Member Capener also reviewed and signed the Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

VI. 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
Board Member Capener	Present

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Secretary Radford to amend the agenda to include an Action Item Number 2 "Astronomy Elective for Junior High School Students" and also include Action Item Number 3 "Creation of High School Drama Club" and then approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Vice-Chairman Gruwell to accept the minutes for the meetings held December 09, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Radford. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

X. 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 Capener. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XI. PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. Student Body Report

No Student Body Report was given.

2. PFA Report

Ms. Capener reported the PFA committee is in their big push organizing the Spring/Dinner Auction which will be held March 4, 2016. They would appreciate any ideas for donations. There is discussion in the committee of having a half-hour of entertainment at the end of the auction which would give those who have the responsibility of checking out the items time to organize.

A gofundme page was discussed for accepting donations.

The PFA will provide dinner for the January 28th parent/teacher conferences.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2015-2016 2nd Interim Budget Report

Will the Board approve the 2015-2016 2nd interim Budget Report?

Fiscal Director Toop reviewed the Budget with the Board. Ms. Kolson, Director of Special Services, appeared and discussed Medicaid in the Special Education Department.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to approve the 2015-2016 2nd Interim Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Astronomy Elective for Junior High School Students

Will The Board approve the request for an Astronomy Elective for Junior High School Students?

Ms. Empey presented the material she has compiled for an additional elective for 7th and 8th grade students. The material expands on the textbook chapter she is currently using. Students have expressed an interest in learning more about astronomy. The elective will help students become more familiar with the solar system. Once the students have completed the course, they, in turn, will teach the elementary students by using learning stations. Ms. Empey also

requested renting an inflatable dome from the Museum of the Rockies which will further the students' learning experience.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Capener to approve the request for an Astronomy Elective for Junior High School Students. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

3. Creation of High School Drama Club

Will the Board approve the Creation of a High School Drama Club?

Students Bryce Weyerman and Becky Landon appeared before the Board to request the creation of a High School drama club. They presented a list with the names of 40 students who have expressed an interest in a drama club. They were well prepared with a draft of By-Laws and the commitment of Ms. Newell and Ms. Bohrer to act as supervisors. The students were receptive to suggested changes and/or additions to the By-Laws. The club would meet after school twice weekly, on Mondays and Thursdays, for an hour each day. All plays and costumes would be approved the administration. It was suggested by the Board that the club have fund raisers and/or donations to help with expenses.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to approve the request for the creation of a High School Drama Club. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent Report by Superintendent Wendt

Superintendent Wendt discussed the various required state tests given students during the year. Specifically, the IRI, SAT, ACT, NAEP, ISAT/SBAC and the PSAT.

2. Update of School Wellness Policy

This item was moved to the February agenda.

3. Town Hall Meetings (location, time, agenda)

Board Member Gurwell led a discussion on the purpose and goals of Town Hall Meetings. Also discussed were scheduling locations, possible topics for discussion, and how to promote the meetings. No quorum would be necessary during a Town Hall Meeting. Meetings would held in the evenings on various days of the week for an hour. It was suggested that pertinent information be on the TCPCS web page.

XIV. SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 01-18-16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)
- 01-18-16 Teacher Training
- 02-03-16 Idaho Hero Open House, 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 02-15-16 Presidents' Day (no school)
- 03-11-16 Science Fair, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

BOARD CALENDAR

- 01-20-16 5:00 p.m. ISBA Strategic Training
- 02-03-16 3:15 p.m. Agenda Planning Meeting
- 02-10-16 6:00 p.m. Work Session; 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

XV. PENDING TOPICS

Update of School Wellness Policy
School safety plan (February 2016)
In February, consider revising Board policy regarding student cell phones usage.

XVI. 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
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XVII. 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 9:55 p.m.

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