

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School

Board Regular Meeting Minutes 01-14-2015

Those in attendance: Superintendent Wendt, Financial Director Toop, HR Director Adelizzi, Board Clerk Sterzick

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. PRAYER

Board Chairman Cardon was excused. The prayer was offered by Board Member Gruwell

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone participated in the Pledge

IV. ROLL CALL

Board Chairman Cardon	Excused
Board Vice-Chairman Radford	Present
Board Treasurer J. Taylor	Present
Board Secretary Kammerman	Present
Board Member C. Taylor	Present
Board Member Gruwell	Present
Board Member Montgomery	Present (arrived at 8:12 p.m.)

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Secretary Kammerman accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Secretary Kammerman to accept the minutes for the meetings held December 10, 2014. Discussion was held to amend item X. Discussion Item, number 2, to clarify the Boards' review of the ISBA Policy Updates. The motion was then seconded by Board Member Gruwell to amend and adopt the December 10, 2014, minutes. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Pay Bills

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to accept Consent Agenda Item 1, Pay Bills. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Resignation of Natalie Middleton and Virginia Russell

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Secretary Kammerman to accept Consent Agenda Item 2, Resignation of Natalie Middleton and Virginia Russell. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. Student Body Report

No Student Body Report was presented

2. PFA Report

Mrs. Scarr submitted a letter to the Board reporting that the PFA has donated a portable sound system to TCPCS for “use in assemblies, concerts, presentations, dances, and what not.” Mr. Christensen assisted the PFA board with recommendations of a suitable sound system. A Yamaha system was purchased through Chesbro Music Co. It has two 15” speakers which can be expanded to four speakers in the future. It is user friendly. The value of the donation was \$2,739.90 together with a backorder cost of \$119.00. The system will be set up on Thursday for training and to make sure it is working properly.

The PFA board and volunteers are working on the spring dinner/auction which will be held April 6, 2015. The theme is Venetian Dreams. There will be Italian food and Italian art. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Donations received will go toward improvement to TCPCS grounds.

Discussions are being held for completing a grass field on the southwest corner of the TCPCS property. Vickie Bailey will oversee the project which will include sprinklers, drainage and architectural landscaping. It is anticipated that the project will take approximately two years to complete.

The PFA board, with the exception of Treasurer Janna Capener, will be replaced in May. Nominations will begin in the spring.

Board member Gruwell thanked Mrs. Scarr for her service as PFA President.

3. Curriculum Presented by Mary Kaufman

Mrs. Kaufman presented the math curriculum for her classes. Mrs. Kaufman works from “Reflections from Research and Practice” prepared Jo Boaler, Professor of Mathematics Education, Stanford University. The process is to “Develop an inquiry relationship with mathematics, approaching math with curiosity, courage, confidence and intuition.” Mrs.

Kaufman often asks the students “why” and “why does it work?” She also emphasizes that all students can do well in math. Her curriculum follows Common Core as required by Idaho law.

Mrs. Kaufman will teach personal finance during the second semester. The students will learn by creating mock businesses.

Students transitioning from 8th grade to 9th grade will be easy because they are using the same books.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent Report by Superintendent Wendt.

Superintendent Wendt reported one major leak and two smaller leaks in the school roof. Smith Roofing will be at the school on Monday, January 19th, to make repairs. The cost will be under \$1,000. Superintendent Wendt and the Board discussed installing heat tape on the roof. Smith Roofing personnel felt that their repairs will be a more permanent solution than using heat tape.

There was discussion regarding the school contract with Teton Stage Lines. Superintendent Wendt, Board Chairman Cardon, Financial Director Toop, and Donovan of Teton Stage Lines will meet for a working lunch on Friday to discuss TCPCS’s contract. A safety inspection of the school buses was held in November. Teton Stage corrected all red tagged items quickly. While at the school, the inspectors commented that the bus lane for TCPCS was the best design they had ever seen.

On Thursday, Superintendent Wendt, and the administrators from charter schools in Blackfoot and Pocatello will meet with Representatives Bateman and Trujillo regarding excess duplication in the Department of Education. Superintendent Wendt also discussed a telephone conference with Senator Mortimer regarding legislation which would allow charter schools to merge. There was discussion regarding Governor Otter’s plan to increase education funding.

During the past two weeks several students have visited with Superintendent Wendt about obtaining associate degrees while attending TCPCS.

Current TCPCS enrollment is 419.

2. Update of School Emergency Response Plan.

A brief discussion was held regarding the School Emergency Response Plan. Board Member Gruwell would like to study the Plan prior to discussing the plan with the Board. Mrs. Adelizzi prepared the plan with input from several individuals as well as the review of a current response plan from an Arizona school. It continues to be a work in progress.

3. ISBA Policy Updates

ISBA policies, 3285 Relationship Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, 3510 Administering Medicines to Students, 3510F1 Authorization for Self-Administered Medication, and 4130 Public Access to Charter School Website.

A review and discussion of the policies was held.

4. 2015-2016 Calendar

A discussion was held regarding the TCPCS 2015-2016 Calendar. The Spring Break was adjusted, as provided in the rubric, to mirror the Spring Break of School District 93. The 2015-2016 Calendar will be placed on the February, 2015, agenda for approval.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

1. ISBA updates for ISBA 1610 Conflict of Interest, and ISBA 1615 Director Spouses Employment

Will the Board approve the updates for ISBA 1610 Conflict of Interest and ISBA 1615 Director Spouses Employment?

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Montgomery to approve the updates for ISBA 1610 Conflict of Interest and ISBA 1615 Director Spouses Employment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gruwell. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried

2. 2014-2015 2nd Interim Budget Report

Will the Board approve the 2014-2015 2nd Interim Budget Report?

Financial Director Toop reviewed the Budget line by line with the Board. A discussion was held regarding TCPCS trends.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to approve the 2014-2015 2nd Interim Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Board Member C. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING

1. Objective A: Academic excellence

Goal is to be committed to rigorous curriculum and teach to the high.

2. Vision and Mission Statement

Strategic Planning was discussed during the Work Session. Superintendent Wendt informed the Board that the State inspected the TCPCS wireless system in the elementary school and high school. It tested positive.

XIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 01-19-15 Teacher In-service
- 02-04-15 and 02-05-15 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
- 02-11-15 Dance Assembly at 1:30 p.m.
- 02-16-15 Presidents' Day – no school

BOARD CALENDAR

- 02-04-15 3:15 p.m. Agenda Planning Meeting
- 02-11-15 6:00 p.m. Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

XIV. BOARD TRAINING

Effective Board meetings

Efficiency was discussed by the Board.

XV. PENDING TOPICS

1. Evaluations of during Executive Session.
2. Superintendent Wendt is to provide the self-evaluation rubric to the Board prior to the February Board meeting.
3. Board to review ISBA policies prior to discussion.
4. Board self-evaluation to be held in March

XVI. REVIEW OF ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN IN THIS MEETING

1. Superintendent Wendt to provide Board with copy of the School Emergency Response Plan by January 30th.
2. Superintendent Wendt to provide Chairman Cardon with self-evaluation information for compilation into a summary.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(a)(b)
Legal Update

No Executive Session was called

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member C. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gruwell. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Clerk of the Board, 01-14-15

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