

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School

Board Regular Meeting Minutes 10-16-2013

Those in attendance: Superintendent Wendt, HR Director Adelizzi, Fiscal Director Toop, 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 Vice-Chairman Radford

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone participated in the Pledge

IV. ROLL CALL

Board Chairman Judy	Present
Board Vice-Chairman Radford	Present
Board Treasurer Cardon	Present
Board Secretary Kammerman	Present
Board Member Shippen	Present
Board Member Clegg	Present (via conference call)

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Secretary Kammerman to amend the Agenda to change the Executive Session Code number to 67-2345 (1) (f) rather than (a,b) as noted, and to strike Action Item 3. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Cardon. Vote unanimous Motion carried—Agenda was amended.

A motion was then made by Vice-Chairman Radford to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Cardon. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by Secretary Kammerman to accept the minutes for the meetings held September 18, 2013. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Radford. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Pay Bills

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Shippen to accept the Consent Agenda as provided. The motion was seconded by Board Member Clegg. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. PFA Report by Mrs. Scarr.

Mrs. Scarr did not attend the Board Meeting.

- A discussion was held regarding the retaining wall surrounding the playground equipment. OSHA requires 12 inches of fluffy bark within the retaining wall. Currently there are three inches of bark which has been in place for several years. The retaining wall needs to be raised to accommodate the additional wood bark. The options are to (1) dig up and replace the footings, or (2) add height to the current retaining wall. Adding height to the retaining wall would be the more efficient of the two options.
- PFA is to raise money to add to the bark every year or two.
- Discussion was held on whether TCPCS would be able to donate money for the bark.

2. Superintendent Report by Superintendent Wendt.

- On 10-16-13, Superintendent Wendt emailed TCPCS staff requesting input on maintenance for the building. Ms. Adelizzi has a copy of the original maintenance plan. Vice-Chairman Radford has an updated version of the plan and will provide it to the Board.
- Discussion of the TCPCS math program, common core, and the harbor method.

3. Student Body Report by Superintendent Wendt.

The school dance was a success with good music, decorations, and good clean youthful fun.

4. Performance framework overview and implementation dates by Mr. Wendt.

- The performance report/spread sheet is on BoardSource.
- There is a Charter School meeting in Boise on December 12, 2013.
- Measureable goals are to be reported to the State January 8, 2014.

5. Roof Update.

- The insurance carrier will not cover the cost of roof repairs.
- An option was discussed for the hiring an attorney to pursue a lawsuit against the architect and contractor.
- A more favorable option was discussed for using a mediator to meet with the architect, contractor, and TCPCS personnel, to mediate a solution to the roof problem. Facilitator Preston can pull people together. Chairman Judy would represent TCPCS.
- Architect Stan Olsen offered \$30,000 to resolve the roof problems. This would require signing a document removing the architect of any further obligations.
- SEZ has offered to oversee the repairs at no charge.
- Discussed having an engineer do an inspection on the roof to see if there may be additional problems.

6. Financial Report by Jamie Toop including health insurance updated by Northwest Insurance Company.

- Jamie Toop provided an overview of the 1st Interim Budget Report.

- Continued Discussion of TCPCS helping with funding the PFA for the purchase of bark chips as the budget unfolds throughout the year—will discuss again in the spring.
- David Jones, of Northwest Insurance Company, gave a presentation of current and future health insurance for TCPCS. The health insurance is stable through September, 2014. Mr. Jones purposed doing a confidential survey of teachers and staff during December and January to determine individual needs after September, 2014. Decisions for upcoming needs could be made in between February and April. Mr. Jones noted that changes are coming with health care.

7. Report on the charter school commission visit by Mr. Wendt, Mr. Judy, and Mrs. Kammerman.

- Chairman Judy gave an overview of the meeting with Alison Henken. They discussed concerns over Charter School, Harbor School, and common core.
- It was suggested that a member of the Board have a discussion with personnel at the Compass Academy regarding Smarter Balance Assessment (SBA.)
- Secretary Kammerman discussed strategic planning. Be clear and concise with the measurable. It is now easier to make changes to school charters for that specific purpose—without changing the original intent of the charter—only clarifying vision/mission for measurability.
- Superintendent Wendt met briefly with Alison Henken. Ms. Henken met with students and parents in a private meeting.

X. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2013-2014 1st Interim Budget Report

Will the Board approve the 2013-2014 1st Interim Budget Report?

MOTION: A motion was made by Treasurer Cardon to approve the 1st Interim Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Secretary Kammerman. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. School Roof Repair.

Will the Board approve a path forward in repairing the roof?

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Clegg to table the school roof repair so the Board may collaborate with the architect, contractor, and TCPCS personnel, and move forward with funding for the school roof repair. The motion was seconded by Board Member Shippen. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XI. BOARD TRAINING

Superintendent Wendt's training focused on the Charter Evaluation Amendments.

No report has been received from the Commission.

XII. SCHOOL CALENDAR

10-25-13 Halloween Carnival
11-08-13 Picture retakes
02-08-14 ACT
03-14-14 Spring Dinner Auction
04-16-14 SAT
04-17-14 Spring pictures

XIII. BOARD CALENDAR

- Parent Teacher Conferences are October 29 and 30, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Board will provide dinner on October 30. Superintendent Wendt will speak with Mr. Empey regarding catering the dinner and report to Chairman Judy.
- An Agenda planning meeting will be held October 30, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.
- October 31, 2013, is the deadline for Board Member Applications.
- The next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday November 13, 2013. The Work Session will begin at 5:30 p.m. Interviews of Board applicants will be held to 10 minutes each. The Regular Session will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- An Agenda planning meeting will be held December 4, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.
- The December Board Meeting will be held December 18, 2013. The Work Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Regular Session will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- An Agenda planning meeting will be held December 20, 2013.
- The January Board Meeting will be held January 8, 2014. The Work Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Regular Session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Shippen to move into Executive Session. Secretary Kammerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 8:44 p.m.

All present

MOTION: A motion was made by Treasurer Cardon to move out of Executive Session. Secretary Kammerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Clegg to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Shippen. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.