

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School Board Regular Meeting Minutes 12-10-2014

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Board Member Montgomery

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone participated in the Pledge

IV. ROLL CALL

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

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Secretary Kammerman accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Vice-Chairman Radford. 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 November 20, 2014. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer J. Taylor. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Pay Bills

2. Accept Resignations of Janet Carter, Phillip Daum

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to accept Consent Agenda Item 1, Pay Bills, and Item 2, Accept Resignations of Janet Carter and Phillip Daum. A brief

discussion was held regarding the bills. The motion was seconded by Board Vice-Chairman Radford. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. Student Body Report

Rylee Baird reported on a very moving and motivational assembly presented on gratitude by Pastor Rick Lum of Christ Community Church. There also was a pie eating contest. The seniors were victorious.

On Friday, December 12th, a fund raising dance with a winter dream theme will be held. The dances are open to anyone who wishes to come. Donations are accepted.

2. PFA Report

No report was given.

3. High School English/Literature Curriculum Presented by Mrs. Newell

Mrs. Newell presented the curriculum for her classes. Currently the students are working on a poetry-out-loud contest. Students memorize and recite poems. Winners of the contest will advance to a regional contest in Boise. The winner of the regional contest will advance to a national contest where the winner will be awarded \$35,000.

The students are also reading and working on comprehension skills so they will be able to talk and write about what the books they are reading. Mrs. Newell uses the Jane Schaffer program which helps students who are anxious about writing to relax. Some of Mrs. Newell's students are very good writers. This year seniors are focusing on their ability to write in preparation for college.

A discussion was held with the Board regarding the difference between AP classes and dual credit classes.

Mrs. Newell expressed what a great group of students she is teaching and that they are smart students. They will continue to work on expanding their vocabulary and working on grammar and writing skills.

4. Parking Lot Update

HR Director Adelizzi reported that she and the parking lot project manager did a walk through on the parking lot. They discussed three areas of concern. First, a concern with the depth of the asphalt on the fire lane on the east side of the building. Material Testing took four cores to check the depth, two in the center and two on the edge. The asphalt is to be three inches deep. This item will be discussed further in the spring. Second, there was cracking in the concrete. Reinhart needs to do some grade filing in the spring to support the asphalt. Third, there needs to be grading with back fill along the fire lane on the east side of the building.

The light poles have been installed and the lights are working. Plug-ins need to be installed on the light poles for use by the bus drivers during the cold winter weather.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent Report by Superintendent Wendt.

TCPCS enrollment is 420. The goal is to keep a high enrollment number through the school year.

Law Enforcement officers coordinated with Superintendent Wendt for a surprise training exercise visit to TCPCS. There were seven officers and four dogs; two drug sniffing dogs and two bomb sniffing dogs. The school was placed on lockdown. None of the classes below the 5th grade were visited by the officers or dogs. Classrooms and lockers were checked by the dogs. Nothing of concern was found in any of the areas checked. It was a good drill for the students, teachers, and staff.

Superintendent Wendt reported on a conference he attended November 22, 2014, in Provo, Utah. The conference presenters discussed the history of education since World War II. They also discussed students having personal agency in what they want to study.

There were nine TCPCS seniors who did not pass the ISAT. Four are in special education. Five will need to petition the school to graduate.

Superintendent Wendt reported on the Idaho Charter School Network, December 2014 Statewide Summit, he attended in Boise on December 4, 2014. While there, Randy Crisler, of White Pine Charter School, approached Superintendent Wendt to discuss the possibility of TCPCS forming a basketball and volleyball team from students in the 6th grade. The Board discussed what it would take to form teams, including costs, volunteers, and travel. Superintendent Wendt also discussed the Khan Academy, which is a math based program. "National School Choice Week" will be held the week of January 27th. It is a campaign to promote charter schools by showcasing the successes of students who attend charter schools.

2. ISBA Policy Updates

ISBA Policies Updates 1610, Conflict of Interest, and 1615, Director Spouses Employment, were reviewed. The policies will be placed as an Action Item on the January, 2015, Board meeting agenda.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Hire Educational Assistants: Natalie Middleton, Carissa Staker, Rebecca Osai

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer J. Taylor to hire Natalie Middleton, Carissa Staker, and Rebecca Osai, as Educational Assistants. There was a short discussion regarding their responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Kammerman. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Objective A: Academic excellence

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

Superintendent Wendt and the Board discussed tenure.

XIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 12-11-14 Christmas Program at 1:00 p.m.
- 12-12-14 Assembly
- 12-18-14 through 01-04-15 Winter Break
- 01-05-15 DARE Graduation
- 01-09-15 Assembly on Goal Setting at 1:30 p.m.
- 01-19-15 Teacher In-service
- 02-11-15 Dance Assembly at 1:30 p.m.
- 02-16-15 Presidents' Day – no school

BOARD CALENDAR

- 01-07-15 3:15 p.m. Agenda Planning Meeting
- 01-14-15 6:00 p.m. Work Session; 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

XIV. BOARD TRAINING

Board protocols.

Chairman Cardon discussed Board interactions with the public during Board meetings.

XV. PENDING TOPICS

Update of School Emergency Response Plan

XVI. REVIEW OF ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN IN THIS MEETING

Superintendent Wendt to provide revised goals and benchmarks by December 17, 2014.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Legal Update

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

Executive Session began at 10:20 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Gruwell to move out of Executive Session. Board Member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 9:50 p.m.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Clerk of the Board, 12-10-14

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