



# TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## April 2018- Board of Education Meeting Highlights

### BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION

#### Talawanda High School

#### 7:30 p.m. Public Session

**Board: Mark Butterfield, President, Mary Jane Roberts, Vice President, Mike Crowder, Patrick Meade, Chris Otto**

#### 1. Opening of Meeting

A. Roll Call

#### 2. Executive Session

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#### 3. Reconvene in Open Session

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- *Mr. John Brinck (TMS teacher and Student Council Advisor- joined by Student Council President John Nelson)- read a letter on behalf of TMS Student Council to Governor Kasich requesting more support for a full-time SRO at TMS. Many students signed this letter from TMS (107+). They really like Officer Wagers as the school SRO.*
- *Dr. Leah Wasburn Moses- Miami Professor and TSD parent, and she shared about the Miami Connections program (THS students grades 9 & 10) that are identified as needing additional intervention, and spent a portion of their day at Miami to assist the students in getting on track with their peers academically and also had a mental health component. She provided some data for the board to review.*
- *Mr. Randall Stigall- Marshall parent representing Marshall PTG (and many TSD families) shared that the families are interested in having a full-time SRO at each school.*
- *Mr. Mike Wright- TSD parent wanted to share more about concerns regarding Talawanda Athletics. He indicated they have been conducting surveys and will share data soon. He is concerned about the task-force that has been developed, and indicated that an "us vs them" mentality will not work. They continue to be concerned about passion in the programs, and wanted to reemphasize their concerns and desire for everyone to work together for progress.*

#### 4. Resolutions/Presentations

A. Butler Technology & Career Development School Update - Mr. Jon Graft

- *Butler Tech programs have a 95% graduation rate. 101 of the current student population comes from Talawanda. 406 TSD students experience BT through a satellite program in one*

of our schools. He wanted people to know that students at BT are just as likely to go on to college. He emphasized multiple pathways for student success and shared some BT updates...

- Expanding to Lesourdsville Campus
- Expanding to a larger location in Fairfield as well
- Info-Tech classroom at main campus
- Avionics
- Vet Science
- CCR plus offering
- 10th Grade Academy
- Mobile innovation lab
- Hamilton Schools will potentially join the program

#### B. Naming of the Marvin Wilhelm Athletic Facility - Mr. Tom York

- The board has been given a DRAFT of some plans for the athletic facility naming. The fundraising for the project has been going well, and they will host a dedication of the project sometime this Fall. Mr. York shared that Mr. Wilhelm impacted his life as a coach and mentor, and that the committee would passionately move forward with the plans.

#### C. Language Arts and Music Adoption Presentations - Joan Stidham

- Ms. Sarah Roche received an award for Talawanda from the **International Technology and Engineers Association** (brought the award to the meeting). Mrs. Stidham thanked the board for the support to STEM in Talawanda.
- First reading for adoptions for materials (6 yr cycle) in Music and ELA. Mr. Marston shared details for the music department which involves sound equipment and some instruments to enhance the program. Mrs. Stidham shared details about the future for both areas. Ms. Alfonsi and Mrs. Jackson (THS & TMS ELA respectively) shared details about the ELA materials to be adopted. They shared that with the 1:1 program the students have experienced some benefits on teaching writing skills, but there is still a need for books, and they plan to engage all students at all reading levels to assist them in becoming avid readers (if they are not already). They want to have a variety of titles to instill a love of reading. There is a grammar component that will assist with speaking standards as well.

## 5. Reports

#### A. Academic Liaison Report - Dr. Mike Crowder

- Dr. Crowder reminded the board that we are in Year 5 of the Strategic Plan, and he wants to emphasize the academic portion, and is particularly proud of the STEM and technology portions of our program. He complimented the teachers and their devotion to getting the PD needed. He is really happy to hear that we may be opening a Statistics course as another option to taking a Calculus course. He also mentioned that he heard that Marshall is implementing a behavioral program called PAX (<https://goodbehaviorgame.org/>), and Bogan will be trained on May 8th.

#### B. Athletic Liaison Report - Mr. Chris Otto

- Mr. Otto shared that we met with the local little league (MLL) to discuss opportunities to assist programs and provide recognition. He also wanted to share that our THS athletes are reading to elementary students. He shared that we have set up regular meetings with the THS Athletic Boosters along with the community group concerned about athletics and to keep this discussion and potential problem solving going meetings have been scheduled. Mr. Otto invited Mr. Davis to come to one of the next meetings to share information about how athletics are funded in our district.

C. Legislative Liaison Report - Dr. Mary Jane Roberts

- *Relative to school safety, SB 226 was signed by Governor Kasich to find funds to assist with safety and mental health needs in schools. HB 318 pertains to SRO's, and is being considered presently (hopefully \$10 million could be appropriated to help with safety). She also shared some details regarding the actual role of the SRO, how they are hired, and how they are trained. Sha gave a specific example of how Officer Wagers relates to our TMS students. Also, ESC's now have the ability to put on levies, and she will be attending a meeting to learn more about this in case opportunities to create funding for SRO's and safety come about. She pointed out that the training is very important. She also pointed out that school discipline is left to school administration who are trained in this area. The exception can be when illegal activity takes place at school and the SRO might be utilized.*

D. Butler Technology & Career Development School Report - Mrs. Lois Vollmer

- *Mrs. Vollmer shared that her report will be short in light of Mr. Graft also sharing from BT this evening. Each board member has a "transform lives" folder for review. She shared that 700 students were able to take their ACT test at the BT campus this past month.*

**6. Report of the Treasurer**

A. Approval of Minutes- *Motion carries 4 -0, Mr, Butterfield abstains*

B. Approval of Gifts-

Grant for the Coalition for a Healthy Community	For Epiphany	\$1000.00
Mike & Carol Schnipper	Office Supplies	\$100.00

*BLOCK B-F motions carried 5-0*

C. Approval of Financial Report for March 2018

D. Approval of Appropriation Modifications (Same FUNC/OBJ)

E. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases (Different FUNC/OBJ)

F. Approval of Then & Now Over \$3,000

G. Construction Project Updates- *HEAPY Engineering reports that the analysis on the "Hitachi Projectors" at Kramer was done from a variety of perspectives, the experts were able to replicate the problem we are experiencing, and it is a compatibility issue.*

*Three options*

1. *Hitachi develops a patch specifically for TSD, but only solves one issue.*
2. *Replace the projectors with Epson projectors- stable with MAC system.*
3. *Step out of the box a bit and have teachers use ipads and tv's instead.*

*\*Mr. Davis shared that we will proceed with option 2.*

- *Also, Mr. Davis shared that construction costs are presently going up regarding labor and steel, and he thinks of this as we move towards a bid day with a new Marshall Elementary. Hope to have construction completed by the close of 2020.*
- *There is also an issue of a water main issue at Marshall and the district's portion of the funding will be determined. He also reminded the board that square footage and funding is driven by student enrollment. There is an issue that the existing gym space is counting against the project a bit, because the state equation is based on allowable square footage, and the existing gym counts as part of that allowable footage.*

H. BCRTA's \$2.6M Grant to Develop Miami University's Chestnut Fields Property- *FYI the existing shared services where our current bus storage, wash stations, and pumps exist.*

I. Other Matters

- *Invited to the OSBA Capital Conference.*
- *Spending time tomorrow with the Auditor of State for records training.*
- *Ohio Education Trust reports that Ohio is ranked 32, and that much of the education funding has been diverted to private and charter schools. We are NOT ranked 2 as previously reported.*
- *TSD's funding from the state in the 5 year forecast is that 21% of our funding is on the guarantee. In order for this equation in the state of Ohio to work for Talawanda we would need to grow our student population by 25%.*

**7. Report of the Superintendent**

A. Certificated/Licensed Personnel- *BLOCK 7-C1- Motion carries 5-0*

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel

D. Approval of Overnight Field Trip to the Cincinnati Zoo May 14 & 15- *Motion carried 5-0*

E. First Reading of Fee Schedule for the 2018/2019 School Year- *Vote will take place next month*

F. First Reading of Policies - Dennis Malone *(9 revised and 1 new)*

po4121	Revision	CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK
po5111	Revision	ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT STUDENTS
po5112	Revision	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
po7530	Revision	LENDING OF BOARDOWNED EQUIPMENT
po7530.02	New	STAFF USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES
po7542	Revision	ACCESS TO DISTRICT TECH. RESOURCES AND/OR INFORMATION RESOURCES FROM PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES
po7543	Revision	UTILIZATION OF THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AND REMOTE ACCESS TO THE DISTRICT'S NETWORK
po8400	Revision	SCHOOL SAFETY
po8600.04	Revision	BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION
po9141	Revision	BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

G. Informational Items

1. *Community Advisory Committee- Senator Coley attended this past meeting and Mrs. Spivey has been leading this work for the past 3 years, and allowing for more two-way communication. It has evolved into a grass-roots group. Charlotte McGuire (state board member) regularly attends, and it is nice to have relationships with a variety of leaders in our state.*

2. *Athletic Problem Solving Process- The first meeting is April 23, and we will run the meeting just like any intervention meeting in TSD. The board will be presented the findings. The BOE Work Session will take place on June 14th on this topic.*

3. *Personnel Update-Speech pathologist still needed.*

4. *Excellent Educator Banquet- April 24th 5pm dinner with program to follow.*

5. *Board Work Session- May 17th (personnel, SRO's, mental health needs, and supplementals)*

6. *The TSD Safety Committee recommends the district expand SRO's. TSD will be hosting a mock bus accident to train/practice/test and this is an exercise required by the state.*

**7. *FYI- May 8th- STUDENTS WILL NOT REPORT TO SCHOOL ON ELECTION DAY!***

**8. Items From the Board Members**

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- *Dr. Roberts reported that she attended several sports events on one night tennis, track/field/baseball and softball. She had the opportunity to talk with the tennis coach from Oak Hills, and he shared his philosophy about tennis being a life skill that can be enjoyed for years.*
- *Mr. Meade shared that counselors at Marshall had partnered with THS football players to mentor some students in need. He also shared that he thinks we need time to come up with additional staff and safety programs, and he wants to understand the interim plans for safety. He shared that the city of Oxford is currently discussing these issues, and he also asked Mrs. Spivey to see if the Sheriff's Dept can fill any gaps while planning is occurring. On May 17th custodial issue will be discussed.*

**9. Close of Meeting**

A. *Future Board Events - May 17th Worksession, BOE Meeting May 21st, and Graduation is May 24th.*

B. *Adjournment- 9:41pm*



