



TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting- BOE Meeting Highlights

TALAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION

Talawanda High School

7:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:30 p.m. Public Session

BOE Members: Mr. Mark Butterfield, President, Dr. Mary Jane Roberts, Vice President, Dr. Mike Crowder, Mr. Patrick Meade, Mr. 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-Approved 5-0
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

C. Recognition of National School Board Member Month - Ed Theroux

- **Dr. Theroux shared information to recognize our Talawanda School Board members. January is BOE Appreciation Month!**

D. Kramer Elementary School Update - Jason Merz

- **Mrs. Stidham is sharing on behalf of Mr. Merz who has fallen ill this evening. She shared a slide show presentation for the audience and school board. Highlights included the Kramer Code, PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) training for staff and supports for students, marketing posters age appropriate for students to remind students of the expectations for the Kramer family, a series of videos with students and the Kramer Code. By following the Kramer Code students can earn Kramer Cash! This contributes greatly to positive school climate.**
 - **Take care of yourself**
 - **Take care of others**

- **Take care of Kramer**

E. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- **Kathy McMahon Klosterman shared that OSBA has professional development trainings for school boards, and she wondered if our board has attended before. There is also a self evaluation tool available. Dr. Roberts shared that she participates regularly, and that this board is also participating in the "A-Z Evaluation Program". Kathy asked if the board ever submits any reports on the trainings they might attend? The group agreed they could do that in the future so that community members may learn about what these trainings and what is learned.**
- **Mike Dittman shared that he is thankful for the board's service. He is concerned about a conflict of interest regarding 3 board members having spouses working in the district. He read from the code of ethics. He continues to be concerned about the PPE (per pupil expenditure), and specifically that PPE at TSD is more than Ross. He shared some information regarding insurance costs between teachers and senior citizens. He is concerned that seniors pay more for their healthcare than teachers. Dr. Roberts thanked him for mentioning the ethics, and indicated she also has shared this information with new teachers. Mr. Meade shared that prior to running for board, he did a great deal of research on the ethics of doing so, regarding running for election and spouses employed. He assured Mr. Dittman that the ethics codes are being met.**

4. Reports

A. Butler Technology & Career Development School Report - Lois Vollmer

- **Mrs. Vollmer shared that at the organizational meeting that the Fairfield member was elected the President. She also shared that the agreement/merger with Hamilton Schools is going well.**

B. Legislative Liaison Report - Pat Meade

- **There is a new administration in Ohio, and he shared that Mike DeWine is indicating that he is interested in reducing mandates to the federal minimum (YAY!). He wants to watch HB512. So far, DeWine seems to understand education issues regarding poverty.**

5. Report of the Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes - 12/17/18 Regular Meeting- **BLOCK 5A-G Approved 5-0**

B. Approval of Minutes - 1/14/19 Organizational Meeting

C. Approval of Gifts

TriHealth	Donation for Coalition YIT Growth	\$2,500.00
TSD Class of 1961	Butler Tech School Fees	\$1,276.31
Oxford Community Foundation	Space Camp	\$1,000.00

D. Approval of Financial Report for December 2018

- E. Approval of Appropriation Modifications
- F. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases
- G. Approval of Then & Now Over \$3,000

H. FY18 Financial Statement Audit Update-

- **We received our 5th Auditor of State Award!**

I. Butler Health Plan/Butler Advantage Update-

- **Premiums did not increase this year, and TSD should be proud of this (although we did increase by 6% in 2018).**

J. Marshall Contingent LFI & BOE Work Session

- **Design costs are now on budget, and the construction budget is not however. There will be a work session in the near future.**

K. Data Security Update Financial Network

- **Mr. Davis met with our bank recently to discuss fraud protections, and he feels confident that appropriate security is in place.**

L. Resolution to Approve Purchased Service Contract with Warren County ESC

- **The mix of students has changed slightly, and the change equals and additional \$290 needed. Contract approved 5-0.**

M. Other Matters

- **The Government Shutdown relative to F&R breakfast and lunch programs. This program is a federal program, and at this time he is unclear if there will be an impact to TSD, and so he will monitor over the next 3 weeks, but does not think we are in jeopardy now. Stay tuned.**
- **Mr. Davis will serve on the Oxford CIC Board again and will serve as Vice President this year.**

6. Report of the Superintendent

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel- **Block 6A-C Approved 5-0**

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel

D. Resolution to Approve Amended Agreement with BCESC for Preschool Services- **Approved 5-0**

E. Second Reading of Policy Revision - Dennis Malone

- **Travel/Meal/Training Reimbursement- Approved 5-0**

F. Informational Items

- Strategic Planning consists of 2 groups, and both groups have met twice. Groups are identifying community values around education. Next steps involve setting goals, followed by action steps. There is a focus on identifying skills needed by students 12 years from now so students are prepared for the future.
- Bureau of Workers Comp- TSD applied for a grant for \$40K, and we are hopeful funding will be approved. The money will go towards technology for safety and security.
- Dr. Theroux thanked the BOE again for their time and service.
- Dr. Theroux thanked Mrs. Stidham for her service and leadership.

- Dr. Theroux shared some heartfelt comments about the death of Tim Reed. We all offer our support to his family.

BOE:

7. Items From the Board Members

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- Dr. Roberts shared that over the weekend she was asked by a parent to write letters for 3 THS students who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. She praised the students for their work, and the letters will be read at their appointment ceremony.
- Dr. Crowder shared that the state hired someone to talk about student achievement, and how BOE members receive this information via email. This past month the communication talked about community input for strategic planning, and he made a request to the community to please join the strategic planning group if they feel they are interested in providing support to this.
- Mr. Meade would like the BOE to support an initiative to have BOE members utilize a TSD email address.
- Mr. Meade shared that there is frustration in the community with the way we do our open records requests, and the consistency of that. He wants the policy to be more clear and more consistent. A discussion was had among the group on this topic. Mr. Malone suggested reviewing the policy with NEOLA, and reviewed with legal counsel. The policy has not been revisited since 2010, so a review will take place.

8. Close of Meeting

A. Future Board Events- **February 25, 2019**

B. Adjournment- 8:43pm