



TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 2018- Board of Education Meeting Highlights

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION

Talawanda High School

7:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:30 p.m. Public Session

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

C. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- Linda M Kimble shared that she hopes the board responds to the letter from NARF.
- Kathy McMahon Klosterman shared that she hopes the board will address the concerns about the THS mascot. She shared the code of ethics from ODE, and indicated she hopes that the board is keeping this code in mind while making decisions.
- Tammy Ironstrack who is a parent of 3 students in Talawanda Schools and would like the board to address the concerns about the THS mascot. Her family are members of the Miami tribe and she is concerned about harm to her own children.
- Janice Dutton shared that she is concerned about the 'tradition' Talawanda is keeping with the current mascot, and she indicated that the current

mascot has become outdated and she gave some examples of how traditions have been moved away from when appropriate and when things become outdated or new information is available.

- Kristina Shepherd requested help and guidance for her son Gunner (Bogan student). He is struggling in school with reading and behavior. He has been diagnosed with 8 different disorders. They have requested her 4th grader be retained for the help he needs. She has recommendations from Children’s Hospital and his therapist that have been provided to TSD. She is concerned about the lack of support she is receiving from the principal, and his refusal to honor the request she has made and has been supported by her child’s medical staff. She is concerned about a new teacher and new EA, as her son does not transition well. She would like to have her request considered.
- Holli Morrish thanked Mrs. Spivey for her service for the past 15 years in Talawanda Schools.

4. Reports

A. Legislative Liaison Report - Patrick Meade

- HB87- a request for Charter Schools to return funds to local public schools.
- HB512- an issue that allows the Governor to appoint education leaders in Ohio. He requested that the board draft a resolution opposing this measure.
- HB318- SRO training and other safety measures and grants that may come available to public schools

5. Report of the Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes - June 14, 2018 Work Session

B. Approval of Minutes - June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

C. Approval of Minutes - June 27, 2018 Work Session

D. Approval of Gifts

Oxford Community Foundation	Kramer Cultural Night	\$1,000.00
Oxford Community Foundation	Robotics and Coding	\$2,323.90
Oxford Community Foundation	Team Tent - Cross Country/Track & Field	\$500.00
Miami University	Coalition for a Healthy Community	\$1,000.00

E. Approval of Financial Report for June 2018

F. Approval of Appropriation Modifications

G. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases

H. Approval of Then & Now Over \$3,000- BLOCK 5A-H approved 5-0

I. Resolution to Approve MOU with Butler County ESC to Provide Food Service Director

- 1 year contract - approved 5-0

J. Project Updates

- Marshall Elementary construction project (see the news article by Bob Ratterman).
- Kramer Elementary, there has been some regrading of the property due to erosion. The Clever-Touch panels have been installed by Matt Rand's team (thank you).
- Bogan Elementary is being addressed with new LED lighting.

K. Butler County School Financing District (CSFD) Update- Butler County School District Safety Tax- TSD has opted out of this levy due to the fact that TSD has addressed many of these issues with previous initiatives.

L. Board of Revision Matters Update- Skating on Main- TSD filed an issue with the Board of Revision and gained \$5000.

M. Final Moody's Investors Services Report Update- Moody's Investor Services- rating was AA2.

N. July 14, 2018 Vehicle Auction Update- Auctioned 4 remaining service vehicles and gained \$7200.

O. New Bus Update-Busing update- 5 new buses by July 31, 2018.

P. BHP Update- BHP plan update- hiring new clinic staff.

Q. Other Matters- Anytime Fitness will provide school supplies to 2 teachers and provided a check for \$300 to TSD.

6. Report of the Superintendent

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel- BLOCK A-C- approved 5-0

D. Resolution to Approve SRO Contract with the City of Oxford for the 2018-19 SY

E. Resolution to Approve SRO Contract with Butler County Sheriff's Department for 2018-19 SY

- Block D&E- approved 5-0 (2 from OPD, and 3 from BCS)

F. Approval of Coaching Agreement with Pat Stephens

G. Second Reading and Approval of Policy Revision - Dennis Malone

H. Approval of Guest Network Agreement for 2018/2019 SY- BLOCK F,G,H- approved 5-0

I. Informational Items

- The Marvin Wilhelm Sports Complex project has received the majority of funds and should be ready to unveil in August.
- Preliminary Report Card results- Overall a "C" rating. More details to come.
- TSD has been Mrs. Spivey's favorite career stop! She is proud of this work and will miss us!

7. Items From the Board Members

A. Approval of Videotape Presentation of BOE Meetings- motion fails 2-3

B. Athletic Discussion-

- Elimination of Pay to Participate- motion fails 2-3
- Discussion-
 - Dr. Crowder would support lowering Pay-to-Participate but not eliminating.
 - Dr. Roberts does not support elimination of Pay-to-Participate and would like to see the total package of requests.
 - Mr. Butterfield would like to evaluate the request as a whole package for athletic funding requests.
 - Mr. Meade advocated for the elimination of Pay-to-Participate for all of the students that truly cannot afford the program and will not ask for help. He believes that so many of those students would benefit from participation.
 - Mr. Otto made a recommendation to eliminate Pay-to-Participate.

C. Items from Board Members

- Dr. Crowder shared a letter (from alumni) he received regarding a lack of pride and support for athletics and that some sports (football, basketball, baseball) are given more importance.
- Dr. Crowder is also concerned about new changes coming from the state of Ohio on report card indicators. He believes that attendance will be a new focus.

- Dr. Roberts appreciated the community support for the John Meece family for their loss. She also thanked Kelly for her service.
- Mr. Butterfield shared some great stories about Mrs. Spivey and her years of service.
- Mr. Otto thanked Kelly for helping him adjust to the board.
- Mr. Meade shared concerns about the following...
 - Concerned about the letter from NARF- Ed Theroux will consider next steps.
 - Concerned about the TSD custodial services issues- MACC will serve on an extended contract until July 31 until new companies can be interviewed for possibly taking services in a new direction.

8. Close of Meeting

A. Future Board Events- *August 20, 2018*

B. Adjournment-8:57pm

