



TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 2017- Board of Education Meeting Summary

Public Participation:

- Holli Morrish listed the benefits of electronic registration software.
- Charles Beckett, a parent at Bogan Elementary concerned regarding only have 2 teachers in the third grade there, and would like to encourage the board to keep 3 teachers.
- Pat Meade, a citizen concerned about carrying 260 days of carryover money in TSD. He complimented the Treasurer, Superintendent, and Board for fiscal conservatism, but he remains concerned. He is concerned also about outsourcing the custodial services at the NEW Kramer school. He indicated he is speaking for a larger group. He is also concerned about a trend of lowering pay for the lowest wage workers across the USA. He shared that performance is rumored to be the issue.
- Helen Shoemaker, a parent concerned about the outsourcing of Kramer custodial services. She is concerned and reported that the trend in school districts that adopt this are in fiscal distress and then when they recover they return to the model of having our own employees. She is concerned because TSD appears to be fiscally solvent.
- Nikki Chang, concerned Kramer parent and said the custodians at Kramer should be kept and is concerned that the removal of them will erode the school's climate and believe that these people are being devalued. She believes they should be
- Amy Shaimen, a Kramer parent and is also concerned about the outsourcing of the custodians. She believes that they provide a vital role to the school and community.
- Jennifer Fisher, a preschool parent at Kramer and she supports keeping the current Kramer custodians. She indicated that Oxford is a great community! She feels that outsourcing is the wrong thing to do, and that people working in careers like in custodial work are feeling devalued. She wants to embrace these workers and sees them as a very important part of the community.
- Mike Dittman, a Hanover Twp. resident concerned about the proposed cuts from a previous board meeting, and he is wondering why the board did not make the cuts. He shared some PPE (per pupil expenditure) from neighboring districts and TSD's PPE is higher. He is asking for some relief for senior citizens, and would like the 1% income tax to be changed to an earnings tax.
- Judy Morris, a Bogan teacher and parent concerned about the potential of only having 2 teachers in the third grade at that school. She read a letter about her son's fantastic

experience at Bogan, and wants the board to understand the pressure on teachers when the class sizes are large.

- Krista Hitchcock, a Bogan teacher shared an experience of when classrooms were overcrowded 2 years ago. The difficulty to select children to change classrooms when after school started a third room had to be added. Children were very upset. Children felt like they were 'given away". She hopes the board will consider 3 classrooms.
- Brenda Wright, a TSD employee and Classified Union President. She indicated the group has been fighting outsourcing for 2 years. She is worried about the employee morale. She reported that the survey done at THS indicated that employees are not happy with MACC. She is concerned that the principal does not have input to hire, fire, etc of those employees. She provided some information indicating that she does not believe that the initiative is a cost savings.

Presentations:

- Jarrod Patt, Eagle Scout-Marshall Ball-Field/Shed Project: Jarrod shared a presentation including photographs and an overview of the project. The sheds were completely revitalized.
- Parent/Teacher Satisfaction Survey Results: Trend data results will be shared on the district website.
- Gifted Identification, First Reading: The goal is to increase equity, and communication with families while maintaining standards.

Board Reports:

- Butler Tech Report- No report.
- Legislative Report - Dr. Roberts was invited to a meeting hosted by Warren Davidson to gather input on concerns, and she was able to share concerns about initiatives that impact TSD. There is potential to have some state testing eliminated and the district will keep an eye on that.

Report of the Treasurer: See Board Docs for itemized agenda items




- A. Approval of Minutes - May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting- Passed 4-0
- B. Approval of Minutes - May 25, 2017 Special Session- BLOCK B-G- passed 5-0
- C. Approval of Gifts
- D. Approval of Financial Report for May 2017

- E. Approval of Appropriation Modifications

- F. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases

- G.** Approval of Then & Now Over \$3,000
- H.** Approval of ESC Service Agreements for FY18- Passed 5-0
- I.** Approval of Resolution to Participate in the Classroom Facilities Program - Segment Two (Marshall)- Passed 5-0
- J.** Update on Kramer Project- A few photographs were shared. The parking lot is completed, some more trees to plant, dirt is moved and ready for seed. The project is ahead of schedule and on budget. August will be the grand opening.
- K.** Update on THS Pole Barn Project- The project started today. The project will be completed in under 3 weeks.
- L.** Update Substitute HB49 (Kasich Budget Bill)-TSD remains flat funded for 2018 and 2019. We are still under the guarantee, but the cut to transportation for next year is \$407K. Over 330 schools will experience transportation cuts in 2018.
- M.** Update on New Buses for FY18- We will receive 5 new buses in July.
- N.** Update on Moody's Annual Credit Ratings Report- The debt rating is AA2, which is considered very good.
- O.** Update on Anthem & Ohio ACA Exchange- Is pulling out of the exchange markets but NOT the group markets.
- P.** Update on Proposed Amtrak Project- The city of Oxford unanimously approved the Nelson Morrow site.
- Q.** Other Matters/Informational Items- Mike Davis will request a quick meeting coming up to request approval to close out the year. Mike has served as the Rotary President for 2 terms and his service in this area will end this month.

Report of the Superintendent: See Board Docs for itemized agenda items

- A.** Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel- BLOCK A1-6 passed 5-0
- B.** Approval of Classified Personnel- BLOCK B-C passed 5-0
- C.** Approval of Supplemental Personnel-
- D.** Approval of Two-Year Contract with TCSA- Passed 5-0
- E.** Second Reading of Graded Course of Studies (ELA & Music) - Joan Stidham- BLOCK E-F- passed 5-0
- F.** Resolution on Calamity Days

- G.** Final Forms - Electronic Registration System- Passed 5-0
- H.** Second Reading of College Credit Plus and Class Rank Policy Revisions - Dennis Malone- BLOCK H-K- passed

- I.** Approval of New Non-OTES Evaluation Forms - Dennis Malone

- J.** Resolution Authorizing Continued Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2017-2018 School Year



K. Approval of Student Handbooks



L. Proposed Dates for 2018 BOE Meetings



M. Informational Items- We are looking at professional development communities. Outlined the BC SUCCESS Coordinator and all of the services she provides to our needy families (Chrissy Rolfes). Third grade reading scores have arrived and we have a few more students that need to be assessed. All students passed with the exception of 4 students. We are currently .5% off of the benchmark.

Informational Items from BOE

- Dr. Roberts shared that a former student in our special needs program was featured in an article recently. He was given the key to Fairfield city for doing a wonderful thing...he made and handed out homemade cards to Kroger customers on Mother's Day!
- Dr. Crowder praised TSD for the wonderful graduation ceremony!
- Mr. Butterfield reminded us that the August meeting will be at Kramer.

Adjourn:9:20pm