



Talawanda School District

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TALAWANDA EMPOWERS!

2020 Organizational Meeting- January 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Highlights

TALAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT-BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION

Talawanda High School

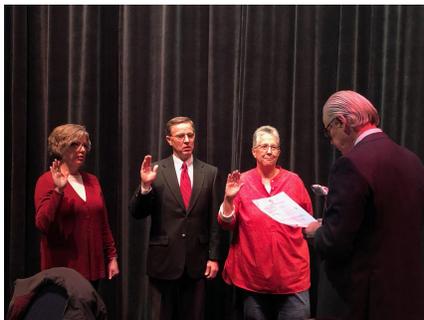
7:30 p.m. Public Session

Mary Jane Roberts, President Pro-Tem, Rebecca Howard, Kathleen Knight-Abowitz, Pat Meade, Chris Otto

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Roll Call

B. Swearing in of Re-Elected and Newly Elected Board Members: Chris Otto, Rebecca Howard, & Kathleen Knight-Abowitz



2. Organizational Meeting Procedural Items

A. Nomination and Election of Board President for 2020

- Nominations for Dr. Roberts & Mr. Otto for President.
- Mr. Otto was elected by fellow members to be the President of the Board in a 4-1 vote.

B. Nomination and Election of Board Vice President for 2020

- Dr. Roberts was nominated for Vice President.
- Dr. Roberts will serve as Vice President.

C. Oath of Office (Board President and Vice President)



D. Appointment of Board Members for 2020-

*Dr. Howard offered that she'd like to see the Board also have a liaison for the Fine Arts program or one of the academic liaisons could also cover this area. Mr. Meade agreed this could be a good idea, and Dr. Knight-Abowitz suggested that the Athletics liaison could do both. The liaison will now be Arts & Athletics.

- Student Achievement- Dr. Roberts
- Arts & Athletic Liaison- Dr. Howard
- Butler Tech Liaison- Mr. Meade
- Legislative Liaison- Dr. Knight-Abowitz
- Building Liaisons
 - Bogan- Dr. Roberts
 - Kramer- Mr. Otto
 - Marshall- Mr. Meade
 - TMS- Dr. Howard
 - THS- Dr. Knight-Abowitz

3. Organizational Resolutions and Actions-BLOCK 3A-D Approved 5-0

A. Resolution Establishing Service Fund for Board of Education Members

B. Resolution for Waiver of Reading Minutes

C. Renewal of Legal Services Resolution

D. Resolution Adopting Treasurer's Standing Authorizations for the Calendar Year 2020

E. Resolution Adopting Superintendent's Standing Authorizations for Calendar Year 2020- Approved 5-0

4. Regular Board Meeting Agenda Items

A. Approval of Agenda- Approved 5-0 with amendments to date and addition of a retirement

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- Mr. Dittman, Hanover Twp., he welcomed the new board members, and he reminded the group about the many discussions during the campaign season regarding fiscal responsibility. He is concerned about waste, and he is concerned that approximately \$50 million has been wasted over the past 10 years. He made some comparisons to Ross Schools because they have a good report card standing and have a lower per-pupil-expenditure than Talawanda.

5. Report of the Treasurer

A. Resolution to Approve District Tax Budget for the Year Commencing July 1, 2020 (FY21)- Approved 5-0

B. Resolution to Approve Renewal of OSBA Membership for Calendar Year 2020 at a cost of \$8,013- Approved 5-0

6. Report of the Superintendent- BLOCK 6A-C Approved 5-0

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel- see retirements below. Dr. Theroux, Mr. Meade, and Dr. Roberts thanked these teachers for their many years of service!

Name	Bldg.	Position	Effective	Yrs. In District
Terri Meyers	Bogan	First Grade	August 31, 2020	30
Judith Hathaway	Bogan	Fourth Grade	End of 2019-20 year	23
Sharon Oberschlake	TMS	Physical Education	End of 2019-20 year	30
T. Gail Hautau	Marshall	Special Education	End of 2019-20 year	26
Stephanie Johnson	Marshall	School Nurse	End of 2019-20 year	24
John Meece	THS	Math	End of 2019-20 year	33
Laura Haskins	Bogan	Fourth Grade	November 1, 2020	32

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel

D. Change in Calendar for Talawanda HS Due to ACT Testing-

- February 26th will be a THS/school day ONLY for those students taking the ACT (all other schools report to school that day)-Approved 5-0

E. First Reading of Two-Year Calendar Adoption

- Dr. Theroux summarized the DRAFT options of the calendars for a first reading to the board members. His recommendation is an August 19 start, an end date of May 27, last teacher day would be May 28, and Spring Break either last week of March or first week of April. The board will try to make a decision at the next meeting.

F. Approval of Overnight Field Trip Proposal for Mock Trial State Competition in Columbus, OH

- If the team wins their next competition they are eligible to go to this event. Approved 5-0

G. Approval to Commence With Video Taping of BOE Meetings

- The Digital Media team/students along with the IT Department has put together a plan to make the videotaping possible. The videos will be stored on a district youtube channel. Students will run the camera equipment and work with putting the footage on youtube. Dr.

Howard would like to table this until the NEW policy regarding videotaping board meetings can be reviewed properly and approved by the board members. The expectation is that this can be ready for approval by March. Mr. Davis mentioned that the videotape will be referred to in the official minutes, but the official minutes will not be transcribed as "every word spoken" during the meetings, but will cover all board actions and sentiments spoken. Motion to table and tabling is Approved 5-0.

H. Informational Items From the Superintendent

- Dr. Theroux shared that high school students from a variety of groups/clubs would like to bring forth their own ideas to the Board of Education regarding a mascot at Talawanda High School in the coming weeks.
- Bogan is scheduled to be an Ed-Choice building, several hundred districts find themselves in this position. Districts are very upset and oppose this. Legislators are promising to meet this month to discuss this further.
- Dr. Theroux shared that THS lost a student due to a car accident, and he wanted to share the district's heart felt concerns and prayers to the friends and family of the student.

7. Items From Board Members

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- Dr. Roberts congratulated the THS Girls Basketball coach for her 700th win!
- Dr. Knight-Abowitz thanked the Talawanda Boosters for the wonderful fundraising event from Saturday!

8. Close of Meeting

A. Future Board Events- January 27, 2020

B. Adjournment- 8:33pm