



TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 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

Approval of Agenda

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- Amy Shaiman, Kramer parent, shared information regarding the research of continued use of Native American mascots and how this harms both Native American students and other students. She is aware that our vision statement uses the word "empower", and she asks our district to rise to this. She is concerned that this representation of "pride" should no longer continue and she requests that TSD move away from the current mascot image.
- Kathy McMahon-Klosterman, district resident, and she reminded the board that the district has been informed of harm that occurred to a Native American student in the past, and that a current Native American student has indicated that he does not want participate in activities that uses the current mascot. She encourages the district to stop using the current image.
- Ashley Engle, MU student, and she is representing a university student group, interested in bringing support to our students examples like...ACT/SAT prep, city trash pick up, carnivals...etc. They hope to forge a bond and positive relationship with community members. There is a scholarship available for TSD students.

- Ann Wengler, district resident, she is concerned about the use of the Native American mascot, and she urges to district to move away from the current mascot. She shared a personal story regarding her daughter who has since passed away, but was African American, and had special needs, She shared a story of how her daughter suffered some poor treatment during her school years. She also shared that her other daughter (and friends) brought forward some research that was provided to the board, and she is now asking the board to reconsider the use of the current mascot.
- George Ironstrack, local resident, and member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, he shared information regarding research about the harmful impact of the use of Native American mascots. He urges the board to take the recommendations they have been given. He is worried about students "not belonging".
- A community member shared- "American Indians mascots, considered racist propaganda, cannot continue." She shared her personal story as living in our society and being "mocked" due to her race. She wants Talawanda to make a change.
- Linda Musmeci-Kimble, district resident, she shared some research regarding "intent" when doing things. She is worried about labeling people as "trouble-makers" to people who are interested in motivating change regarding the use of the current mascot. She quoted Dr. Piardi. She is worried that we are "tolerating and desensitizing" our children in our schools.
- Janice Dutton, district resident, interested in minutes and miscommunication, she would like meetings to be taped and shared with the public. She shared information regarding what she declared was a mistake in the June minutes. She is concerned about the civil rights of children.
- A resident is thankful for the opportunity to speak and hear others, but he is concerned about the Native American mascot. He wanted to know if the board is aware how many Native American students are in TSD. He reported its less than 5%. He is concerned that the current mascot is not well represented to know or understand what a "Brave" is...students are left to believe what they might learn from television. He indicated that some organizations may not want to do business with a school district that has a Native American mascot.
- Shawn Vanness, alumni, and TSD resident is concerned that the district is valuing tradition over inclusion. She is worried about bigoted behavior. She would like the board to stop using the current mascot.
- Hugo, TSD resident, he reported he knows what it is like to be a minority. He is concerned about the current image used as the mascot. He feels the image is grotesque.

4. Resolutions/Presentations

A. Primary Prevention Grant - Amy Macechko

- The coalition has been awarded a \$75K grant from the state of Ohio to be focused on youth drug/alcohol prevention. The programming will include both TSD and MU. The goal is to identify gaps, create a youth led prevention plan, and create a network within the community. There is a goal to expand the "PAX" plan and this is currently being delivered at Bogan & Marshall. The hope is to approve a supplemental person to help with this in TSD.

B. Introduction of SRO's - Ed Theroux

- THS- Rick Butler
- TMS- Matt Wagers
- Kramer- Jim Squance
- Marshall- Don Garrett
- Bogan- Amanda Dixon

C. Athletic Committee Report - Holli Morrish & Bonnie Norris

- A summary of the work completed by the Athletic Advisory Group was shared along with the funding package requests for sports/extra-curricular activities.

5. Reports

A. Legislative Liaison Report - Dr. Roberts

- SB 264, has been signed and the bill supports PBIS beginning in 2020 (we have this already), prohibits expulsions/suspensions K-3, and provides training for SRO's.
- Homeland security requested school security audits, and TSD has already begun the process. THS is not without areas of concern, but received a good report.
- SB216 addresses issue with OTES, and career readiness, and college prep requirements. The CCP language regarding cost of textbooks is changing.

B. Student Success - Dr. Crowder

- The start of the year has been very good.

6. Report of the Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes- Block 6A-6F Approved 5-0

B. Approval of Gifts

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C. Approval of Financial Report for July 2018

D. Approval of Appropriation Modifications

E. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases

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

G. Resolution to Approve BCESC Omnibus & Preschool Contracts for FY19- Approved 5-0

H. Approval of MOU with Southwest Water Association Regarding Water Main Project for Marshall Elementary Fire Suppression- Approved 5-0

I. Resolution to Approve Mutual Facilities Leasing Agreement with the City of Oxford for FY19- Approved 5-0

J. Approval of Contract for Transportation Services with UTS for the 2018-2019 School Year (Est. Cost \$253,334)- Approved 5-0 (Mr. Butterfield would like the activities to be monitored moving forward)

K. Resolution to Approve Custodial Contract Through 6/30/19- Approved 4-1 (Mr. Meade was concerned about how long, 7 meetings, to come to a decision about these services. He is worried

about the board working well together on initiatives like this. He would like to someday hire our own people and feels that is best for safety.)

L. Project Updates

- Bogan LED retrofit went well, as did the Kramer project.
- Marshall construction is in the schematic design phase.

M. Sequester Update on Build America Bonds- This is part of the stimulus from the recession, and the government will be reducing their aid.

N. October Forecast- Mr. Davis will attend a workshop later this month to start the process for 2023.

O. Request for BOE Nomination of Delegate to the OSBA Annual Business Meeting, November 2018

- Dr. Roberts, and Mr. Otto is an alternate.

P. Butler Advantage LLC Update-

- There is a flyer out for members of BHP for the new clinic. A ribbon cutting will take place in September.
- BHP rates may go up at a mx of 2%

Q. Other Matters

- TSD has been named in a will, and more information will come at a later date.

7. Report of the Superintendent

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel- Block 7A, B, E ONLY Approved 5-0

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel- 7C1 Approved 5-0, and 7C2 Approved 4-0 and 1 abstain

D. Approval of Consultant Contract with Pat Stephens for 2018/2019 School Year- Approved 5-0

E. Supplemental Review Proposal- (One of the positions is a live stream event for athletic programs/and other activities ext. Mr. Meade wants to know if we are doing this why we cannot stream board meetings? He questioned whether we are worried about behavior.)

F. First Reading of Policy Revision - 6605 (Crowdfunding) - Dennis Malone- Mr. Malone shared the details about the prohibition of crowd-funding in this new policy.

G. First Reading of Proposed Dates for the 2019 BOE Meetings

Dates- The third Monday typically except for a few national holidays.

H. Communication Update - Holli Morrish

- A summary of the 2017-18 school year regarding the communications department. Key areas of focus included the new website, Final Forms, social media engagement, satisfaction survey results, TSD-MU Partnership.

I. Informational Items

- Reminder for students to be ready at bus stops.
- On August 31 we will run a bus safety drill.
- 3123 students in TSD this year.

- Open enrollment is closed at THS, also closed in nearly every grade level at the elementary level.
- Preliminary report card is ready and was shared and the final rating will come in September.
- The Branding Committee is being developed, and meetings will be scheduled soon. The group will recommend a process.

8. Items From the Board Members

A. Approval of Resolution Regarding HB 512- Ohio State School Board Association join districts across the state in opposing the Governor's office in appointing positions that might have been elected positions in the past. Approved 5-0

B. Approval of Athletic Recommendations

- PTP to be voted on alone- 2 abstain- Approved 3-0
- Motion for increasing uniform funding fails without a second.
- What was considered...Strength Coach, Uniform Budget, Marketing Budget, Teacher?MASTERS Coaches pay rate above 3, Cover OHSAA Certificate Cost for Volunteer Coaches

C. Items From the Board Members

- Dr. Roberts thanked TSD for a great start and also thanked the Athletic Department and Boosters for a great event this past Friday.

9. Close of Meeting

A. Future Board Events- September 17, 2018

B. Adjournment- 9:43pm

