



TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Resolutions/Presentations

A. Wellness Assessment Update & Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Grant - Amy Macechko

- Health Coordinating Council (HCC- made up of a variety of community partners interested in health) are looking at non-academic barriers to learning, and helping students find success by supporting them being ready socially/emotionally to learn.
- HCC met and evaluated each building separately, data for physical activity and nutrition, and with the bulk of the data developed a list of goals to improve overall well being.
- One example of an activity is the TMS Yoga program instead of detention (an option).
- Some areas that could be improved, recess is a time that students can make poor choices and activities to keep student positively engaged in healthy activities have been explored.
- Summer programs are another area, and they are working to provide information to families of programming that support healthy activities.
- HCC is working on incentivizing healthy choices.

- HCC received a renewal of the \$75K grant to support substance abuse prevention education.
- Continued use of 40 developmental assets is a primary objective.
- A youth action team has been developed, they will focus on vaping.
- PAX- good behavior game will also be utilized (providing self regulation tools).
- A wide variety of wellness initiatives have been developed or expanded this past year through both local and regional partnerships.
- We will conduct the substance use survey again this year.

B. Athletics Department Update - Wes Cole

- 641 participants last year
- 6 league championships earned last year
- Girls Soccer MOST WINS in league history- 12 wins
- 7 SWOC Athletes of the Year
- 9 state qualifiers (at least one each season)
- Sam Robinson- D1 All State Second Team (UC Soccer Team in 2019)
- 9 Seniors signed to go on to college athletics
- 250 youth participation in TSD summer camps
- NEW weight room as of July 2019
- Fall Sports- 318 athletes (increase of 51 athletes)
- Fall athletes will be introduced on the field THIS FRIDAY- Scrimmage/BBQ/FUN NIGHT- many activities with games/food/scrimmage game- ALL COMMUNITY WELCOME!!!
- The field turf in year 8 of its warranty
- Tennis courts need to look at resurface/paint
- Baseball infield- 2 inch lip-looking at the repair work (dirt work)
- FYI- Little Miami is leaving the SWOC after this year

C. Strategic Plan Presentation - Dr. Theroux

- Mrs. Gregg, Ms. Norris, Mrs. Morrish, and Dr. Theroux shared the Strategic Plan.
- <https://www.talawanda.org/media/superintendent/Talawanda%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf>

D. Introduction of SRO Jake Hayes - Dr. Theroux

- NEW Kramer SRO Hayes

E. Presentation of the Teckman Award - Betsy Hope (OCF Board Member)

- Awarded \$42K in scholarships to TSD students- YEA!
- OCF funds many worthwhile programs in Talawanda Schools.
- Presentation to Kramer 5th Grade Team & Mr. Merz- Congratulations!



F. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- Mr. Patt representing Band Boosters- Hosted Band Camp on campus with new band uniforms. The kids are very excited about Friday's activities. This year's show features modern music...YEA!
- The foundation for band begins in middle school. This year over 300 band members, and 211 kids at TMS (91 in 6th grade alone).
- He mentioned that the elimination of the Pay-to-Participate is the reason for the increase. He praised the BOE for this support!
- Mr. Dittman, Hanover Twp., and he encourages the school district to change the income tax to an earned only income tax. He is concerned about seniors on fixed income. He referenced the January Organizational meeting, he indicated that the board said they would make decisions based on data, and he feels the board falls short of this. He made comparisons between TSD and the Ross District. He is concerned that the per pupil expenditure is higher than Ross. He is concerned that not all board members respond to his emails. He is concerned that board members have family members working in the district, and is concerned about the BOE taking action on items including those employees. He thanked the board for the opportunity to speak.

5. Reports

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

- August 12th was the first day, and the Niederman family hosted all sophomores for food and meetings. It was a great event.
- There are two ribbon cuttings with cosmetology and aviation programs.
- 39 students came to the LPN program last week.
- The Brian Dulle Memorial Ride- 329 cyclists and Butler Tech was a sponsor, and they raised a lot of funds through this event.

B. Legislative Liaison Report - Mary Jane Roberts

- Legislators are now in recess. Student Wellness funds are a highlight, along with mentoring programs and student liaison programs- over \$650 million in funding.
- The academic distress commission is still in place. There is a focus on revitalization for the future.
- There are changes coming to computer science licensure for certain teachers with completed professional development to teach the program.
- There is a replacement for the alternative administrator license with required professional development, there is recruiting for this from the business sector for urban schools.
- HB 305 pros/issues that Dr. Roberts passed out to the BOE.

6. Report of the Treasurer - passes 4-0 (1 abstain)

A. Approval of Minutes - July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Minutes - August 6, 2019 Special Session BLOCK 6B-6G passes 5-0

C. Approval of Financial Report for July 2019

D. Approval of Gifts-

Delta Theta Tau	Stem Bus	\$200.00
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E. Approval of Appropriation Modifications-

F. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases

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

H. Resolution to Approve Performance Audit Services with AOS-

- Cost is \$60K
- Approved 5-0

I. HB166 Update

- From a finance perspective for student wellness (\$242K this year) will likely not go through the general revenue fund or treated more like a grant. Dr. Roberts covered the types of services in her report.

J. Bogan LED ROI Update-

- The program saved 84% of the targeted savings predicted- or \$14K. (4 year payback).

K. IPA/GAAP Update

- Completed the field work on site- December is the final report.

L. \$26MM GOB Refunding Opportunity

- Possibility to lower the rate and create a savings.

M. Marshall Update

- A work session should be scheduled for BOE approvals. The date is yet to be determined.

N. Other Matters

- There is an issue with the boilers TMS. They are working with HEAPY to determine next steps.
- The ongoing funds from a will are still in the court system to be determined whether TSD will receive any funding.
- Mr. Davis mentioned Marna Evans who was a Talawanda supporter for many years, and was always interested in the district.

7. Report of the Superintendent- Block 7A-B passes 5-0

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel- passes 4-0 (1 abstain)

D. Approval of Resolution to Allow Local Control and Stop House Bill 210- passes 5-0

E. Approval of Calendar Revision for the 2019-2020 SY- passes 5-0

F. Informational Items

- The first week of school update includes the "soft start K-1", and last week and today made for a great start:-) Lots of parents taking first day photos at the bus stops:-) We are thrilled to have our students back with us!
- March 17th will be a PD day without students.
- Thank you Amy Macechko with her plan and new certification to work with students who will be transitioning back to TSD after a substance issue.

8. Items From the Board Members

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- Dr. Crowder thanked the team for informing parents regarding the delayed bus issue last week due to the US#73 closure due to an accident.
- Dr. Roberts is excited about the STEM Bus.
- Mr. Butterfield complimented the presentations tonight!

9. Close of Meeting

A. Future Board Events- September BOE meeting 9/16/19

B. Adjournment- Adjourn 9:41pm