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March 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. Oxford Citizen of the Year - Braelynn Wagers

- Miss Wagers was recognized earlier this year for her countless hours of service to our community (in a variety of projects) and other communities near and far. One of the signature service projects led by Miss Wagers was to bring resources to families impacted by the wildfires in the Gatlinburg, Tennessee area. She led a team of 22, and organized the deliveries (personally) to Gatlinburg. Thank you and congratulations to Miss Wagers for her service!



B. Talawanda Middle School Update - Mike Malone

- Mrs. Todd shared details regarding curricular options for TMS students. She emphasized the many opportunities for electives in the arts, languages, and technology. She indicated that teaching focuses on differentiation, and techniques that provide multiple ways that students can learn information is critical to their education. Group collaboration teaching teamwork is also important. Students are learning how to work individually, as part of a group, and how to participate in discussion groups this year.
- Cindy Kettlewell, along with 8th grade students shared information regarding educational opportunities involving getting out in nature, hosting experts to share information with students, participating in the art show at OCAC, and also a whole project with a focus on climate change. They talked about the way art was used to express what students were learning in the area of science. There is a plan to collaborate more with local farmers regarding corn growth, and maple trees at Hueston Woods, and they want to also bring purple martin houses to TMS so they can study their migration.
- Dr. Theroux thanked the TMS students for their presentation.

C. Oxford Literacy Team Presentation - Rebecca Howard

- Ms. Howard wanted to thank the district, board, and administration for allowing Kramer to be used as last year's site.
- *Super Summer Readers* is hosted for TSD students, and the key is bringing the reading programs to the different community neighborhoods in the community so it is accessible to students. Every day begins with a healthy breakfast.
- Each child selects 3 books a session, and as the children move through the program over the summer they can have up to 20 books to keep.
- There was an increase of over 40% more students served this past year.
- The community helps to keep students from avoiding "the summer slide", while cultivating a love for reading.
- They also manage 4 "little library locations", and this is ran by volunteers, many retired and current teachers.
- Storage in the near future will be needed to house supplies, and if there is a space that TSD can provide they would be grateful.
- They are always looking for volunteers!!!

D. Winter Athletics Update - Wes Cole

- Mr. Cole, THS A.D., shared some highlights from winter sports, and brought a few student athletes along to represent their sports.
- 163 total athletes, 33% had a 4.0 GPA, and 61% had a 3.5 GPA or higher
- League Champs, Girls/Boys Swim & Dive Teams, second place THS Ice Hockey, third place finishes for bowling and all academic team. The competition cheer team qualified for the state meet. Kyra Koontz qualified for the state indoor track meet. Emma & Grace Steigerwald qualified for districts and state. Ben Crowder and Mercy Patterson also qualified for the state swim meet. Steve Pasquale was all SWOC Coach of the Year. Sean Mondello qualified for state (placed 8th) meet for the second year, and also set the record for the

most wins. Swim/Dive had 15 qualify for districts, and 7 for state. Sean Mondello, Mercy Patterson, and Sam Hool qualified for the state meet in diving as well. We had multiple state qualifiers. Congratulations to all of the winter sports athletes!

- Going into spring there are 193 spring sport athletes...and Kyra Koontz already broke the school record in the long jump.
- There are many youth camps that will be promoted for summer...coming up soon.
- There is a proposal for a “performance room” to support strength training. The funding would come from the athletic budget and donors.

E. First Reading of Policy Revisions - Dennis Malone

po5113.02	School Choice Option	Revision
po5610	Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students	Revision
po5610.03	Emergency Removal of Students	Revision
po6320	Purchasing and Bidding	Revision
po6325	Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds	Revision
po6605	Crowdfunding	Revision
po7540.02	Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services	Revision
po8400	School Safety	Revision
po8500	Food Services	Revision

F. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- A Marshall parent shared that he came to the PTG meeting last week and was concerned about the presentation on the new Marshall construction and the size of the building potentially not being large enough. He is interested to know if there are discussions regarding operating systems being large enough for down the road if the building must be enlarged. A primary concern is over the boiler and chiller systems.
- Stephanie Ruehl, and she is a Marshall parent, and she is interested in the Marshall construction project. Her son is interested in a water fountain for the recess area. She is concerned about the aesthetics of the design of the new Marshall, and that it will not be very appealing.
- Mrs. Dittman, a tax-payer from Hanover Twp, and she shared some documents with the BOE. She is concerned regarding some statements made last month regarding information shared about the PPE (per pupil expenditure) costs between Ross and TSD made by the superintendent. She is concerned about potential discrepancies made by numbers on the ODE site. She believes that the only reliable report is the CUPP Report, and is concerned that the PPE is higher than Ross. She wants the district to undergo an audit.
- Mr. Lykins and Mr. Annable representing TEA wanted to thank our teachers for what they do every day to support students and education in TSD. Mr. Lykins shared that TSD students are “worth every penny” the district contributes to their education.
- Mr. Dittman, Hanover Twp, is concerned there is an ongoing problem that the BOE doesn’t respond to his concerns. He wants all employees to undergo drug testing, and asked the BOE to implement this rule.

5. Reports

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

- The BT Board met last Tuesday, and they are working on curriculum, have been highlighted in the news recently for their updates to programming. They received a grant of \$225K for

education expansion. She shared that BT students are very excited about the new opportunities. There will be future opportunities for students to showcase the programs and what they are doing. There are also many good opportunities in adult education. She shared that Mr. Graf, BT superintendent would be happy to share more information on new programs in the future. The BOE will invite Mr. Graf to a future meeting.

B. Legislative Liaison Report - Pat Meade

- The Governor’s budget indicates support for at risk students...good news. There may be more support for students living in poverty in the future.

6. Report of the Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes - February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting- **Block 6A-6G- approved 5-0**

B. Approval of Minutes - March 11, 2019 Work Session

C. Approval of Gifts

Oxford Community Foundation	Talawanda Parent Education & Support	\$2,000.00
Oxford Community Foundation	ABC Promise Partnership Bottle Cap Project	\$875.00
Oxford Community Foundation	Miami Hamilton Trip to College	\$1,000.00
Oxford Community Foundation	Annual Sandy Hormell Book Celebration	\$1,520.00
Oxford Community Foundation	Gimbals for THS Digital Productions	\$518.00
Oxford Community Foundation	Online Math Programs: IXL + Wowzers	\$812.00
Oxford Community Foundation	Buckeye Boys & Girls State	\$275.00
Oxford Community Foundation	8th Grade Class Trip to Washington DC	\$3,500.00
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Oxford Community Foundation	Stock Market Game	\$220.00
Oxford Community Foundation	Talawanda Middle School Yoga	\$865.00
John & Marilyn Curry	TMS Media Center Books In Memory of Barbara Urell	\$250.00

D. Approval of Financial Report for February 2019

E. Approval of Appropriation Modifications (Different FUNC/OBJ)

F. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases (Same FUNC/OBJ)

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

H. Approval of Resolution Accepting the Amounts & Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission (for FY20) and Authorizing Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor

- Mr. Davis will be in Columbus working on the forecast.

I. Forecast Update

- Mr. Meade asked Mr. Davis if he can look at past spending when looking at the forecast. Mr. Davis indicated that he can, but he is not sure it will provide relevant information moving forward.

J. BHP Update

K. Marshall Project Update

- An RFP for design services for the water main will begin, and the design development drawings are due back very soon.

L. Auditor Update

- Roger Reynolds has requested an opportunity to network with the board.

M. Other Matters

- Mr. Sokol, transportation, has 9 new buses that are coming to TSD and will be ready to be used soon. 22 buses total have been replaced.

7. Report of the Superintendent

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel-

- Lindsey Gregg was approved as the NEW Director of Teaching & Learning- Congratulations!



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B. Approval of Classified Personnel- **Block B&C Approved 5-0**

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel

D. Resolution to Approve MOU with Butler Behavioral Health- **Approved 5-0**

E. Oxford Area Trail/Easement Discussion

- FYI- the Oxford Trails is expanding and will cross TSD property, and TSD has already provided the approval. Dr. Theroux just reminded everyone that work will begin.

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F. Second Reading of Policy Revision - Dennis Malone

- Revision regarding board members and district email accounts to use for communication purposes whenever possible. **Approved 5-0**

G. Informational Items

- Primary Health, Tri-Health, and Oxford Pediatrics have all offered to partner with TSD to help serve students in need.

- AIR Testing begins soon...a high stress time...and he wants to remind everyone to take care of each other.
- Dr. Roberts was recognized for 10 years of service recently.
- The Strategic Plan is coming along, with input from students, staff, parents, and citizens.
- He shared that we had a TMS student severely injured last week, and we all wish him well.

8. Items From the Board Members

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- Mr. Meade thanked everyone for adopting the new email policy to increase transparencies. He also recognized that the Destination Imagination Teams have performed well. He also shared that he gave a presentation to the K-Kids about board work at Marshall. He and Dr. Roberts met with HS students recently as well. He thanked Marshall parents for speaking up on concerns. He also shared that he believes it is time to evaluate Mr. Davis, the Treasurer this year. Dr. Roberts shared that the BOE missed giving Mr. Davis his evaluation last June, but they will rectify that this year.

9. Close of Meeting

A. Future Board Events- April 15th at THS

B. Adjournment- 9:22pm adjourn