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TALAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION

Talawanda High School- May 11, 2020

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:00 p.m. Public Session

BOE Meetings will be videotaped.

Mr. Chris Otto, President, Dr. Mary Jane Roberts, Vice President, Dr. Rebecca Howard, Dr. Kathleen Knight-Abowitz, Mr. Patrick Meade

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Roll call

2. Executive Session

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3. Reconvene in Open Session

A. Approval of Agenda- Approved 5-0

- Amendments include an additional recognition, elimination of elementary summer school, change in EA's due to internal moves, we will have a teacher on special assignment, and the pre-K admin will not have a supplemental.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Reports

A. Butler Technology & Career Development School Report - Mr. Meade

- BT and other career tech schools will not receive budget cuts, due to prior legislation. Funding will be reduced for higher ed, and will impact adult ed funding. There will be a key

focus at BT on essential jobs. Next month there will be enrollment data available on THS students at BT.

B. Legislative Liaison Report - Dr. Knight-Abowitz

- Budget cuts from the state will be shared by Mrs. Tafelski.

C. Arts & Athletics Liaison Report - Dr. Howard

- OHSAA has issued a period of time that does not allow any in-person meetings. Virtual meetings and workouts are allowed. More information to come regarding Fall sports. Tryouts for fall have proved difficult. THS & TMS basketball teams volunteered to help TOPPS move into their new facility. She was pleased by the conversations she had today with Mr. Marston regarding fine arts. They are doing amazing work. A big shout out to all staff and coaches who continue to engage students!

D. Student Achievement/Academic Liaison - Mr. Otto/Dr. Roberts

- Student Leadership Team meetings did occur virtually, and she indicated that the pandemic is impacting teaching and learning. The whole child approach is so important. Maslow before Bloom is important to remember now. It's important to foster a community environment and community engagement and understand our families. She thanked Mrs. Gregg for the important professional development.
- Mr. Otto gave a statement regarding the safety and wellbeing of our students. He praised the administration and staff for their work and leadership, and supported the responsible decision to hold a virtual graduation. He greatly supported the Class of 2020 and the entire BOE wishes them the very best.

5. Resolutions/Presentations

A. Butler County MHARS Grant & Coalition Partnership - Amy Macechko

- Mrs. Macechko shared Ohio Programs have partnered to build programming to build support and prevention services for all students k-12 in Ohio. Talawanda completed a needs assessment to better understand what gaps may be in the community, so that prevention efforts can be evaluated. They submitted an action plan based on this. They are also interested in drug use survey results, along with mental health needs. The grant is over \$41K.
- Specific focus areas
 - More PD for staff as a follow up to student crisis
 - Compassion programming (also for staff)
 - Expanding the Second Step programming
 - Social/emotional K-1 screening
 - Mindfulness instruction for faculty to use with students
- Coalition for a Healthy Community- tagline "Make the healthiest choice...the easiest choice". The group dates back to 1997. A video is being shown.

B. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- Mrs. Morrish to share a food program update- TSD feeds 4500 breakfasts and lunches every week to students in need.
- Question from Jasher32 wanted to know why the board would not allow the TMS parking lot to be used as a staging site for a parent planned parade for seniors?
 - The Talawanda Administration did in fact give permission for TMS parking areas to be used as a staging site for a parade. We understand that the parent group is applying for a permit from the city of Oxford.

6. Report of the Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes- Approved 5-0

B. Approval of Gifts

Oxford Community Foundation	\$3,753.66	Glen Helen Transportation
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C. Approval of Appropriation Modifications- Approved 5-0

D. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases - Block D&E Approved 5-0

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

F. Approval of Financial Report for April 2020- Approved 5-0

G. Approval of Five-Year Forecast- Approved 5-0

- Financial Reports will be discussed in more detail at a future work session.

H. Approval of 1-Year Contract with Forecast 5 Analytics, Inc.- Approved 5-0

I. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Payment of Certain School Staff During Pandemic- Approved 5-0

J. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Payment of Supplemental Contracts During Pandemic- Approved 5-0

K. RFP Discussion Concerning Transportation for Special Education, Homelessness, and Other Special Transportation Requirements

- The district is mandated to transport students that are homeless or that is required through an IEP.
- Petermann Transportation may be able to provide service, but an RFP must go out.
- The current provider would require a 30 day notice if TSD would discontinue with the current provider (UTS).
- Examples of the types of transportation needed for certain situations were provided.

L. Other Matters

- The BOE will work on scheduling a work session.
- TSD will receive money through the CARES ACT, and more information will be available at a later date when the money comes through (we hope approximately \$280K).
- \$106K was received through Workers Comp in TSD.

7. Report of the Superintendent

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel- Block 7A-C Approved 5-0

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel

D. Approval of Resolution Regarding Evaluations of Teachers, Staff & Administrators for the 2019-2020 SY - Approved 5-0

E. Approval of Classified Employee Evaluation MOU with TCSA Due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency BLOCK 7E&F Approved 5-0

F. Approval of Certified Employee Evaluation MOU with TEA due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

G. Approval of Preschool Handbook for the 2020-2021 SY - Stephanie Jones- BLOCK 7G&H Approved 5-0

H. Approval of Preschool Tuition Based On Federal Poverty Guidelines

I. Approval of Affiliation Agreement with Miami University for School-Based Mental Health Services- Approved 5-0

J. Approval of Behavior Management Services Agreement- Approved 5-0

K. Approval of SRO Contract with the Butler County Sheriff Office for the 2020-2021 SY- Approved 3-2

- Dr. Roberts asked if a delay in approval is possible?
 - Dr. Theroux indicated that if we did that, the current officers could be released.
 - Mr. Meade is also questioning whether an approval should wait.
 - Members agreed that relationships with families are important.
 - Mr. Meade emphasized that school administrators are in charge of school discipline, and he's interested in records regarding arrest/citations at the secondary level for our students.

L. First Reading of Fee Schedules for 2020-2021 SY - Lindsey Gregg

- Fee schedule shared on video

M. Second Reading of World Language, THS & TMS Social Studies, and Preschool Adoptions - Lindsey Gregg- (Slides shown via video presentation) -Approved 5-0

N. Second Reading of New and/or Revised Policies - Dennis Malone- Approved 5-0

po1520	Revision	EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS
po2464	Revision	GIFTED EDUCATION AND IDENTIFICATION
po3120	Revision	EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF
po3120.04	Revision	EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
po3120.05	Revision	EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL IN SUMMER SCHOOL AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS
po3120.08	Revision	EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
po4120	Revision	EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF
po4120.08	Revision	EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
po4124	Revision	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
po5460	Revision	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
po5460.02	New	STUDENTS AT-RISK OF NOT QUALIFYING FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
po6107	Revision	AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND DISTRIBUTE ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND TO USE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

O. Information Regarding Amtrak, Nelson Morrow Building, and BCRTA Facility- Tabled until the June BOE meeting.

- When the Amtrak project begins (Amtrak station behind the TSD Nelson Morrow Bldg), and the city of Oxford is interested in an easement for a sidewalk. There is also interest in the Nelson Morrow facility itself. The current BCRTA facility is looking into developing a transportation hub in the location where Petermann Transportation for the district and TSD Facilities is located.

P. Information Regarding Later Start Times for THS/TMS (30 minutes later for THS/TMS) and Elementary (15minutes later start and dismissal) - Feedback Requested- expectation to take action at the June BOE meeting.

- Research from 2 years ago and survey data will be shared with the BOE.

Q. Approval of Student Handbooks- Approved 5-0

R. Informational Items

- Dr. Theroux shared information about the cap/gown distribution today, covered by Fox 19 news. <https://www.fox19.com/video/2020/05/11/talwanda-high-school-seniors-collect-graduation-gear/>
- Dr. Theroux shared details regarding the virtual graduation ceremony scheduled for may 21, 2020. He shared the need for safety measures, and reminded the community of the recent loss of a leader in TSD due to the COVID-19 virus.
- Dr. Theroux shared that the district is preparing for potential school scenarios for next year.
- The Finance Committee will be scheduling a virtual meeting soon (waiting on one last person to confirm, but has been unavailable due to illness).
- Enrollment for Kindergarten will take place through scheduling through the main office at each elementary. All other new enrollments will be completed by appointment through the Central Registration Office.

8. Items From the Board Members

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- Dr. Roberts shared a positive poem for teachers, written by a former student.
- Dr. Knight-Abowitz is thankful for the work of TSD staff and their hard work. She is glad Dr. Theroux could share the reasoning behind graduation plans. She is thankful to community members for going the extra mile for students.
- Dr. Howard thanked the Tincher family for their efforts during the THS May 11th cap/gown distribution.
- Mr. Meade is thankful for all of the community and school efforts for seniors! 17 of the students were his former students.
- Mr. Otto congratulated seniors and shared his admiration for them.

9. Close of Meeting

A. Future Board Events

May 21, 2020 – Special Session/Graduation

June 15, 2020

July 9, 2020

August 17, 2020

September 21, 2020

October 12, 2020

November 16, 2020

December 14, 2020

B. Adjournment- Approved 5-0 Adjourn 10:01pm