

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School

Regular Meeting Minutes 5-18-11

Those in attendance: Board Chairman Clegg, Board Vice Chairman Adams, Board Secretary Kammerman, Board Treasurer Saxton, Board Member Shippen, Board Member Radford, Board Member Judy, Superintendent Dr. Meyer and Board Clerk Lords.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. **PRAYER**

Erica Radford offered the prayer.

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. **ROLL CALL**

Board Chairman Clegg	Present
Board Vice Chairman Adams	Present
Board Treasurer Saxton	Present
Board Secretary Kammerman	Present
Board Member Shippen	Present
Board Member Judy	Present.
Board Member Radford	Present

V. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Secretary Kammerman that the Board approve the agenda as provided. The motion was seconded by Board Vice Chairman Adams. Board held discussion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VI. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Judy that the Board approve the minutes as provided. The motion was seconded by Board Member Radford. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Treasurer Saxton that the Board approve the consent agenda as provided to the Board. The motion was seconded by Board Member Judy. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **School Improvement Committee**

Mr. Emfield presented the Board with a School Improvement Committee Summary. This has been attached to the minutes.

IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **2011-2012 Budget Update**

Angela Lords presents the Board with a power point presentation of the proposed 2011-2012 budget. This has been attached to the minutes.

X. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Tony Borland addressed the Board stating that he is only interested in his son's education. What can they as parents do to help? Are there any options to increase the revenue for the school? Board held discussion.

Dawn Deichman stated that she would like to be able to tell her children what electives and classes that will be available to them for the upcoming year. She stated that she approached three administrators at the school to offer her services free of charge in order to begin a debate team for the school. Board held discussion.

Myrna Guthrie asked the Board when the restructuring of the high school was voted on. There are no items in the meeting minutes where it showed that this was voted on. She stated that it was her opinion that it was unprofessional to send out a letter to the public about the restructuring of the high school without first notifying those who would lose their jobs. These people have found out by their peers that have been offered their jobs. Board held discussion.

Lane Barber asked if we could use certified teachers from other schools and colleges to teach these classes that are electives in order to save money.

Christine Baird stated that she had to coach several children through their online classes. She asked how TCPCS plans on handling this situation. Dr. Meyer stated that the days that they are not taking those classes they will be able to use that time to get their online class work completed. There will be a staff member in the room as they take their classes to assist them as well.

Denise Serr stated that her child was devastated that he was told of the teachers that would be let go. They were the best teachers in the school and she is very upset by that. She asked the Board what they would do if all of their High School students were to withdraw and go to a neighborhood school because we are not offering the classes they wanted. Dr. Meyer stated that there will be some restructuring done in the High School. The school cannot support the salaries that are currently being paid. Therefore, cuts have to be made. Board held discussion.

Morgan Deichmann asked the Board how many teachers TCPCS plans on having next year. Dr. Meyer stated that that had not been decided yet. Morgan asked what the plan would be for classes. Dr. Meyer stated that there will be approximately 6-7 FTE's, for the High School, decisions have not been made as to which classes will be offered.

Jarrod Cook stated that he could go to Bonneville and get the electives that he wants. He asked what to school is willing to do to keep their students. Dr. Meyer stated that we have Harbor here, that is something unique that other schools cannot offer. If you are looking at the elective program that can be offered at a traditional public High School we cannot compete. But at TCPCS you will receive a Harbor education. Jarrod asked the Board about the Wrestling program that has been offered free of charge to the school. Dr. Meyer stated that this is being worked on at this time.

Louise Larson stated there is a surplus of money from taxes this year but the legislators do not plan to put it back into education. She stated that all of our families need to contact our legislators and let them know that we want that money put back into education.

Lane Barber stated that the portion of the taxes that he pays every year should go toward whichever school they would like to attend. As parents can they contribute financially? Can the Charter be changed to be a fee based school? Dr. Meyer stated that we unable to charge fees for an education. They are looking into a foundation that parents will be able to donate to for a tax credit.

Camy Rish stated that she has worked on the budget for the school before. All the schools are having these issues it is not unique just to our school. She stated that she would like to see us ride this out, be patient and know that this too shall pass. Camy stated that she was grateful that the Board is looking into a more Harbor focused school.

Chris Newell stated that he is grateful for the smaller classes in this school. He felt that he has learned more in the school due to that fact.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

1st Reading

1. **Temporary IT service agreement**

Susan Nielsen stated that it cost Liberty Charter School \$2,000.00 for the year. They would like to see the school have volunteers to do this job for the school. Jared Emfield stated due to the state of the server for the school that would be next to impossible for this upcoming school year. Perhaps the school could look at that in the future. MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Judy that we accept the temporary IT service agreement as provided to the Board. The motion was seconded by Board Vice Chairman Adams. The Board held discussion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. **Summer Lunch Program**

Dr. Meyer presented the Board with the agreement for the Summer Lunch Program.

Jana Porter stated that District 93 does this program right now. Jana also asked if we would run into health violations having volunteers serve.

Linda Rice stated that she has done this program before in Iona. Linda stated that the hallways were a nightmare and there were children running everywhere. Linda stated that the Board should check with the other schools who have offered it to get their opinion.

Nancy Hansen stated they school that her children attended Green Willow and there were sack lunches available there, and it worked well. The schools that offered the hot lunches have daycares, t-ball teams, etc. that show up. And it is a good publicity item.

Myrna Guthrie stated that she was very concerned that our library is open and children would be able to be in the library.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Radford that we approve the Summer Lunch Program. The motion was seconded by Board Vice Chairman Adams. Board held discussion. Motion fails.

2nd Reading

1. **School Calendar**

Myrna Guthrie stated that the P1 calendar gives teachers less time off. These calendars showed not changes that were spoken of by the staff, parents and patrons.

Linda Rice stated that as a teacher that has children that go here, they would be unable to do anything as a family. The teachers need to have those breaks in order to refresh themselves to come back strong. Terri Porter stated that this is an accelerated learning school, the students need to have those breaks. Terri also stated that these calendars show none of the changes that were taken into consideration.

Tami Barber stated that starting in August is too early. There is a lot going on in the community they are unable to participate in because of the calendar.

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Member Judy that we accept calendar P1. The motion is seconded by Board Secretary Kammerman. Board held discussion. Motion failed. MOTION: The motion is made by Board Vice Chairman Adams that the calendar be taken back to the staff to decide. The motion does not carry with a second. Motion fails. MOTION The motion is made by Board Member Shippen that we accept calendar S1. The motion is seconded by Board Secretary Kammerman. Five votes for the motion (Board Chairman Clegg, Board Secretary Kammerman, Board Treasurer Saxton, Board Member Radford and Board Member Shippen), two votes against (Board Vice Chairman Adams and Board Member Judy), therefore motion carries.

XII. **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

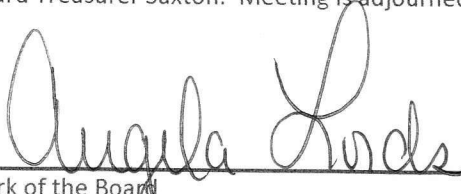
June 8th-Budget Adoption
July -no meeting
August 10th-Annual Meeting

XIII. **BOARD TRAINING**

Dr. Meyer asks to be excused from Board training as his wife has recently had surgery. The Board excuses Dr. Meyer.

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Vice Chairman Adams that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Saxton. Meeting is adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Clerk of the Board
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