

Meeting Minutes

Board Executive Committee

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Tompkins Boardman Administration Center

Conference Room C (2nd Floor)

412 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49686



Approved on June 1, 2023

PRESENT: Scott Newman-Bale (Chair), Flournoy Humphreys, Andrew Raymond, Dr. John VanWagoner (virtual), Ginger Smith, and Coni Taylor

ABSENT: N/A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Newman-Bale called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Newman-Bale offered time for public comment and no request was made.

3. VISUAL PERFORMING APPLIED ARTS PRESENTATION (PART 1)

The TCAPS Music Department presented Part 1 of the Visual Performing Applied Arts Presentation to the Board Executive Committee. This presentation was focused on areas of improvement for consideration in pre-bond planning. Wendee Wolf-Schlarf and Thomas Vieira presented on behalf of the TCAPS Music Department. Their presentation included information about how the current TCAPS facilities do not match the quality of the program being offered. Wendee and Thomas discussed a list of potential upgrades for the Music Department with Committee members.

4. SAFER KIDS, SAFER SCHOOLS PRESENTATION

Jay Berger, Co-founder of Safer Kids, Safer Schools Task Force, shared a report summarizing the group's findings to improve safety and security of schools, including feedback from community forums.

5. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

a. Draft Committee Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2023

The Committee discussed the Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2023. No changes were recommended and the Minutes from April 6, 2023 are to remain as posted.

b. Board Policy Review

i. Consent:

1. Board Policy 8510: Health & Wellness (Revised - Technical Change)

Associate Superintendent of Labor Relations and Legal Services, Coni Taylor, reviewed the revisions in Board Policy 8510 to reflect the name change of the Health and Wellness Committee to the Health and Wellbeing Team. Board Policy 8510 will be on the Consent Calendar at the May 8 Board of Education Meeting.

ii. First Reading:

1. Board Policy 5600: Student Discipline (Replacement Policy)

2. Board Policy 5600.01: Student Discipline - Due Process (New Policy)

3. Board Policy 5600.02: Student Discipline - Students with Disabilities (New Policy)

4. Board Policy 5600.03: Student Discipline - Reinstatement Following Expulsion (New Policy)

5. Board Policy 5600.04: Student Discipline - Enrollment Following Misconduct in Another Public or NonPublic School (New Policy)
6. Board Policy 5600.05: Student Discipline - Suspension from Class, Subject, or Activity by Teacher (New Policy)
7. Board Policy 8451: Pediculosis (Head Lice) (New Policy)

Associate Superintendent of Labor Relations and Legal Services, Coni Taylor, explained that the Student Discipline Policy 5600 is being replaced by several individual policies to cover legal requirements and TCAPS procedural practices, as recommended by Thrun Law. Additionally, Policy 8451 will address procedures for addressing pediculosis (head lice). These new Board policies will be on the May 8 Board of Education Meeting agenda as a First Reading under Discussion.

c. Social Media Litigation

Dr. VanWagoner advised the Board that he recommends participating in the lawsuit because the district spends a lot of resources to address issues that are targeted to minors through social media platforms as a moral statement by the district. Committee members agreed to place this under Discussion at the May 8 full Board Meeting.

d. Inter-District Open Enrollment for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 School Years

Dr. VanWagoner explained that the purpose of this agreement is to allow inter-district enrollment only among districts that are served by Northwest Education Services. This agreement has been in place for several years and allows the students in the region to benefit from the services provided by Northwest Education Services through taxpayer money that may not exist outside of the region. It was clarified that this agreement is for three (3) years school years, 2023- 2026.

e. Review of May 8, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Agenda

The Committee reviewed the May 8 Board Meeting agenda with administration.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Human Resources

i. Staffing Update

Coni Taylor provided an update on the elementary principal openings at Eastern Elementary and TCAPS Montessori.

ii. Recognition of the 2022-2023 District Retirees

Coni Taylor shared that a resolution to recognize this year's TCAPS retirees will be on the May 8 Board Meeting agenda. So far this year, there are 16 retirements. Retiree Reception will be on May 31 at West Middle School beginning at 4:30 p.m.

b. Communications Update

i. Save the Date: June 6 Ribbon Cutting

Ginger Smith, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications shared that an invitation will be going out this week for the TCAPS Montessori Ribbon Cutting on June 6 at 4:00 p.m.

ii. Pre-Bond Planning

Ginger Smith informed the Committee that the district website has been updated with pre-bond planning information, including locations and time for the community information sessions taking

place on May 1 and 2. Additionally, a survey will be released soon and available on the district website.

7. OTHER ITEMS

No other items were discussed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Stacey Hozak

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Acting Board Recording Secretary

Next Board Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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Executive Committee Members:

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Dr. John VanWagoner, Coni Taylor, and Ginger Smith***