

*Taylor Preparatory High School
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 9:00 am*

Meeting held at:

Taylor Preparatory High School
9540 Telegraph Rd
Taylor, MI 48180

| BOARD OF DIRECTORS | PRESENT | UNABLE TO ATTEND |
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| James Dinnan – President | X | |
| Tonishia Holloway – Vice President | | X |
| Karen Mulligan - Secretary | X | |
| Mary Jo Boruta – Director | X | |

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Michelle LaFata – Assistant Principal, Taylor Prep
- 2) Aquan Miles – Principal, Taylor Prep
- 3) Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- 4) Jason Pater – President, PrepNet
- 5) Randy Remenap – Field Representative, GVSU

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dinnan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Bortua to approve the agenda as amended to add Election of Board Officers as Discussion Item 6b and Action Item 7d, and the Criminal History Record Information Resolution as Action Item 7e. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments on agenda items were given.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Ms. LaFata reflected the first few days of school, describing some new and expanded initiatives to further support a positive school culture such as hall sweeps at the start of each period,

maintaining high expectations about the dress code, and continuing to implement positive behavior supports.

Ms. Miles reported a higher-than-expected drop in returning 10th graders into 11th grade. The Board discussed the factors and Ms. Miles described the school's efforts to contact the families to better understand the circumstances for choosing to leave Taylor Prep. The effort is part of an increased focus this year on engaging parents so families feel supported with the more rigorous curriculum, particularly in 11th grade with college-entrance exams and multiple AP courses.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the Board Fund Report for activity through August 2015.

i. 2015-16 Board Funds Budget

Ms. Miles presented her proposed 2015-16 Board Funds Budget, which the Board discussed.

c. Charter School Grant Report

Mr. McAnally provided a verbal report that purchasing is winding down and all expenditures are on-track to be completed prior to the October 10 grant end date.

d. Background Check Process Update

The Board reviewed the guidance memo from the Michigan State Police and discussed options for designating the Authorized Recipient for Criminal History Record Information. Mr. McAnally and Mr. Pater provided additional details and updated the Board on conversations between PrepNet and the Board's legal counsel on possible solutions.

5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Remenap provided the Board with a report of 2014-15 Academic Grant funds earned by Taylor Prep for use in the 2015-16 school year, with a large portion contingent on the public release of 11th grade ACT data in October.

He also provided an outline of 2015-16 Academic Grant activities to earn funding for 2016-17.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Board Vacancy

The Board acknowledged its current vacancy and committed to seeking qualified and interested candidates for nomination.

b. Election of Officers

The Board discussed a new slate of Board Officers.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the August 6, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Boruta to approve the August 6, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Approval of the 2015-16 Board Fund Budget
A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Boruta to approve the 2015-16 Board Fund Budget as presented totaling \$30,000, comprised of \$21,500 for Athletics, \$1,000 for Music, \$2,000 for Art, \$1,000 for Student Clubs, \$1,000 for Student Incentives, \$2,000 for Field Trips, and \$1,500 for Graduation. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Approval of the Charter Contract Resolution (Curriculum)
A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Boruta to approve the Charter Contract Resolution for the 2015-16 Curriculum as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d. Approval of the Election of Board Officers
A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Boruta to approve a slate of Board Officers comprised of:
 - James Dinnan as President
 - Tonishia Holloway as Vice President
 - Karen Mulligan as Secretary
 - Mary Jo Boruta as Treasurer
- e. Approval of the Criminal History Record Information Resolution
A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Boruta to designate Mr. Dinnan as the school's Authorized Recipient for Criminal History Record Information, and also authorizes Mr. Dinnan to serve as the school's authorized representative for purposes of negotiating and executing an agreement with an approved Authorized Recipient, should the school identify and enter into an agreement with an approved Authorized Recipient. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

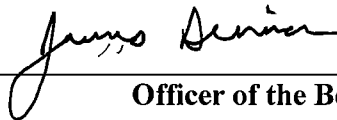
Mr. Dinnan commented on the very positive school and staff culture that has been cultivated at Taylor Prep.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Pater congratulated Ms. Miles, Ms. LaFata, and Ms. Sharp on a great start to the new school year. The Board echoed Mr. Pater's comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Boruta to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.



Officer of the Board Signature