

Minutes of the January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Tecumseh Local Board of Education

January 5, 2021

The Tecumseh Local Board of Education met in regular session on January 5, 2021 with Board President Corinne Scott presiding. Mrs. Scott called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. The meeting was held virtually at <https://youtu.be/80ONVBuOgLk>.

Roll Call: Present — Members Scott, Slagell, Brents, Martin, and Priest.
Absent — None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Brents and second by Mr. Priest to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes, Members Brents, Priest, Martin, Slagell, and Scott.
Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Martin made special notation that the Superintendent contract that was approved was put into place without a salary increase.

Communications

Written Communications – None at this time.

Other Communications – Paula Crew spoke regarding January being School Board Recognition Month. She expressed her gratitude, especially this year for the way the Board has met the challenges faced during a pandemic.

Reports:

Paula Crew:

- COVID-19 Update – Reported on Tecumseh numbers, and indicated that we are in the same area with our dashboard numbers as the surrounding districts.
- Absentee rates, since returning to school from break, are considerably down from where we had been, but are still higher than a non-pandemic year. Staff absenteeism is relatively low, but of course could change at any time.
- The first meeting of the new year was held with the Clark County Combined Health Commissioner and all of the Clark County Superintendents. Mr. Patterson shared that vaccines have started to be given to Group 1A, emergency responders and EMA personnel. Group 1B will include teachers and staff in our school system, for those who wish to receive it. The estimated timeframe for that is late February – early March.
- Per Governor DeWine, and endorsed by Mr. Patterson, our quarantine protocol has changed. If we are doing social distancing to maximum extent possible, and everyone is wearing a mask or face covering, there will be no quarantining. Letters will still be sent to a classroom, but they will now state that your child may have had contact, keep an eye out for symptoms. This does not apply to athletics, and lunch, and may or may not apply to recess. We will still do contact tracing in these settings. We must continue to remain vigilant and cautionary in all areas.
- Studies are showing that after testing positive for Covid immunity seems to last 6-9 months. The vaccine will cover the new strand as well.

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- Updates were given on students who have elected to go or remain virtual. This impacts class sizes for those who attend in-person. We will continue to look at dashboard numbers when considering bringing students back full time.
- A question was raised regarding mask compliance in the classrooms, especially in the upper grades. Aaron Oakes spoke to that and reported that overall the kids are doing well with wearing masks, but there are mask breaks, and individual situations that have been addressed. Gymnasiums and stages are being used to increase distancing in the lunchrooms.
- Inservice day on January 15 will include Gerry Brooks as a guest speaker. He is a principal in Kentucky and a popular comedian on YouTube. This should be an enjoyable and uplifting presentation.
- We are looking at a resolution in regard to waiving state testing in the spring. Like all students in the nation, our students are behind due to Covid and testing seems unfair. Tests were waived last spring even though we had six months of in-person learning.

Records Commission:

We have no disposal requests at this time. There are currently no updates to the Records Retention Schedule, however there may be an update at the February or March regular meeting. Mrs. Slagell commended Dan Medve for the work he did at Medway getting the space ready for records to be stored there.

Public Comments:

- None at this time.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Priest and second by Mrs. Brents:

Resignations

Stephanie Koronich, Interpreter ASL at Donnelville Elementary School. Effective January 4, 2021. Reason – Personal.

Employment – Certified

None.

Employment – Classified

to approve the employment of the following individuals for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Morgan Mumma, Edmentum Assistant for Online Learners for Tecumseh Middle School. Effective January 4, 2021. To be paid a stipend: \$5,250 for 3rd Quarter, and \$5,000 for 4th Quarter (if needed). Payment will be made twice a quarter in equal installments.

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Chris McDaniel, Edmentum Assistant for Online Learners for Tecumseh High School. Effective January 4, 2021. To be paid a stipend: \$5,250 for 3rd Quarter, and \$5,000 for 4th Quarter (if needed). Payment will be made twice a quarter in equal installments.

Employment – Substitute –2020-2021

to approve the individual listed below to be employed as a substitute on an as-needed basis for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Timothy Sallie – Classified (aide, secretary)

Roll Call: Ayes, Members Priest, Brents, Martin, Slagell, and Scott.
Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution of Assurance

to adopt a resolution of assurance regarding compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment 1973, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1975, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and all regulations, guidelines, and standards under the above statutes lawfully adopted by the U.S. Department of Education.

Coordinator - Title VI, Section 504, and Title IX

to appoint coordinators for Title VI, Section 504, and Title IX:

Mrs. Susan Wile – Coordinator Section 504

Mrs. Paula Crew – Coordinator Title VI and Coordinator Title IX

Appoint Designee

to appoint Paula Crew, Superintendent, as the trained Ohio Public Records designee, as required by HB 9, on behalf of the Tecumseh Local School Board members for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, as presented.

Service Fund

to approve the board service fund for the fiscal year 2021-2022, \$20,000, in accordance with ORC 3315.15 Service Fund Set Aside.

Roll Call: Ayes, Members Scott, Priest, Brents, Martin, and Slagell.
Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – FINANCIAL

Motion by Mrs. Slagell and second by Mr. Priest:

Financial Reports

The financial reports for December, 2020 will be available at the January 19th Board Work Session.

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Fund Advances

to approve the following, as presented.

Negative fund balances covered by unencumbered general fund balance for December 31, 2020.

001-0000	\$131,113.91
505-9021	(\$224.80)
507-9020	(\$14,418.13)
516-9021	(\$54,872.64)
536-9021	\$0
551-9021	(\$3,801.52)
572-9021	(\$48,523.77)
572-9921	\$0
587-9021	\$0
590-9021	(\$9,014.05)
599-9021	(\$259.00)
461-9021	\$0

This information is to notify the Board of Education and show there are sufficient funds in the general fund to cover the negative grant funds.

Amend Estimated Resources and Appropriations

None.

Advance of Property Taxes

to approve the request for the Clark County Auditor to distribute advance payments of tax dollars to the Tecumseh Local School District for the calendar year 2021.

Tax Budget

to adopt the tax budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, as presented at the Annual Budget Hearing held January 5, 2021, at 4:45 p.m., which is to be submitted to the County Auditor on or before January 20, 2021, as presented.

Donations

to accept the following donation made to Tecumseh Local Schools.

Donnelsville Marathon	Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$60.00
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Roll Call: Ayes, Members Slagell, Priest, Brents, Martin, and Scott.
Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL

High School Academic Planning Guide

Motion by Mrs. Brents and second by Mrs. Scott to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Planning Guide for Tecumseh High School, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes, Members Brents, Scott, Martin, Priest, and Slagell.
Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

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ATHLETIC

None.

POLICY

Policy Review

2021 Motion by Ms. Martin and second by Mr. Priest to approve revision of the following policies, as presented.

6114 Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds

6325 Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds

Roll Call: Ayes, Members Martin, Priest, Brents, Slagell, and Scott.
Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

Further New Business

None at this time.

Planning and Discussion

- A Calendar Hearing will be held preceding the special meeting on January 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
- A Federal Grant Hearing will be held preceding the regular meeting on February 23, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.
- Discussion regarding resuming Board Visits/Tours, possibly in May.

Reports

- The Treasurer reported on the status of Food Service funds.

Information Items

January 12	Grade Cards Go Home
January 13	2-Hour Delay, Staff Inservice
January 15	Staff Inservice, No School
January 18	Martin L. King, Jr. Day, No School
January 19	Calendar Hearing / BOE Work Session – 5:30 p.m.
February 2	Interims Go Home
February 9	Parent Conferences – NC, TMS
February 10	2-Hour Delay, Staff Inservice
February 11	Parent Conferences – NC, TMS
February 12	Conference Make-up Day, No School
February 15	President’s Day, No School
February 23	Federal Grants Hearing 5:45 p.m. immediately followed by BOE Meeting

Comments and Questions from Board Members

- Mrs. Slagell – Eager for the kids to come back to the buildings.
- Mrs. Brents – Nothing at this time.

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- Ms. Martin – The OSBA is offering an on-demand 6-part virtual series. It looks like a good resource for information on levy and tax options; and webinars on levy success.
- Mr. Priest – Thank you to everyone as we try to get through these challenging times.
- Mrs. Scott – CTC started back in the same hybrid plan as second quarter. January and February are when we normally go through OSBA training, there are more training opportunities this year both in person and remote. Looking forward to being able to meet in person again. Thanks to teachers, parents, staff and students. Adaptability is key during these times.

Public Comments

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Brents to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Mr. Priest

Roll Call: Ayes, Members Brents, Priest, Martin, Slagell, and Scott.
Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



President



Treasurer