

Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Tecumseh Local Board of Education

January 14, 2020

The Tecumseh Local Board of Education met in regular session on January 14, 2020 with board president Corinne Scott presiding. Mrs. Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Arrow Conference Room at Tecumseh High School, 9830 W. National Road, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344.

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

Mrs. Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mrs. Scott recognized guests.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mr. Priest and second by Mrs. Brents to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting, as presented.

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

Communications

Written Communications – None at this time.

Other Communications – Mrs. Crew recognized board members for Board Member Appreciation Month and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation.

Reports:

- Lisa Burleson with Walter | Haverfield, Attorneys at Law – Food Service Legal Opinion: Presented information on Child Nutrition Services policies and procedures and the need to be detailed as to the district policies and practices. Child Nutrition Services is under the purview of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Ohio Department of Education. Donations made to the district become district funds and can only be used to pay bad debts that are uncollectable, not something that is delinquent. Uncollectable bad debt becomes an operating loss of Child Nutrition Services. Donated funds must be used to benefit all students proportionately. Donations cannot be earmarked for specific students. The district can work through PTO organizations (501c3) to accept donations, and donors can write off their donations. The donations can be used to pay delinquent meal charges once they are proven to be uncollectable and become bad debt. The Free and Reduced Meal Program is the safety net that should be used to prevent delinquent meal charging when possible.
- Paula Crew – Ed Choice: Information was presented regarding HB166 budget bill amendments. Students in grades 9-12 who never attended a public school in their district of residence can receive a voucher if that school is on the Ed Choice list. Students in grades K-8 must attend the public school for a certain period of time before receiving a voucher; districts can determine that length of time. Ed Choice diverts tax dollars away from our school system sending it to private and parochial schools. A recent Springfield News-Sun article reported that Tecumseh is on the Ed Choice bad school list; a phone call was made to share our disagreement. Twenty-Two

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Clark County schools were included on the list. Schools get on the “bad list” due to performance, graduation rate, lowest 10% in Ohio, literacy, and overall district performance. Ed Choice providers - 496 nonpublic schools have applied to be ED Choice providers. Concerns regarding Ed Choice: reduction in funding, selective admission policies by private schools (not inclusion), private school are not subject to testing standards public schools follow, and private schools do not have to share their test scores. This equates to unfunded mandate. There is a training on January 30 to walk through the process. Impact on budget planning is undetermined.

Public Comments:

- Ed Lyons: Regarding Ed Choice, asked a question about the number of students that are transported to Catholic Central, and state funding per pupil for those students and their transportation.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Annual Library Levy Report

Tabled at this time.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Brents and second by Mrs. Slagell:

Resignations

Jeannine Camp, bus aide at Tecumseh Local Schools. Effective December 20, 2019. Reason – to accept another position within the district.

Nancy Young, Bus Aide at Tecumseh Local Schools, and Child Nutrition Services at Donnelsville Elementary School. Effective January 10, 2019. Reason – Personal.

Employments – Certified

None.

Employments – Classified

to approve the employment of the following individuals for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Jeannine Camp, Child Nutrition Services Six (6) Hours at Tecumseh Middle School. Effective January 6, 2020. Step 3, \$14.88 per hour.

Employments – Tutor

to approve the employment of the following individuals for after-school tutoring, as needed, for specific students at the rate of \$28.05 per hour.

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Patrick Antinori
Cynthia Miller

Employments – Substitute 2019-2020

to approve the individuals listed below to be employed as substitute on an as-needed basis, as presented.

Terri Hansel – Certified
Daniel Mullen – Certified
David Barnett – Certified
Michael Herbert – Certified
Travis Lawson - Classified

Employments – Supplemental – Athletic

to approve for the 2019-2020 school year, salary as per the Negotiated Agreement.

Winter Sports

Assistant to Head Varsity Coach Wrestling Michael Herbert

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion by Mr. Priest and second by Ms. Martin:

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
Mr. Ivan Gehret – 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, 2020 through December 31, 2020, as presented.

Service Fund

to approve the board service fund for the fiscal year 2020-2021, \$20,000, in accordance with ORC 3315.15 Service Fund Set Aside.

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

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Resolution Opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarships (Voucher) Program

Motion by Ms. Martin and second by Mr. Priest to adopt the Resolution Opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program, as presented.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO
EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Tecumseh Local or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Tecumseh Local or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, Tecumseh Local's state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the loss of revenue to the Tecumseh Local School District would devastate the District's finances, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public-school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public-school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Tecumseh Local School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

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Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – FINANCIAL

Motion by Ms. Martin and second by Mrs. Brents:

Financial Reports

to review and approve the financial reports for December 2019.

Fund Advances

to approve the following, as presented.

Negative fund balances covered by unencumbered general fund balance for December 2019.

001-0000	\$132,554.81
505-9020	(\$3,025.59)
516-9020	(\$50,792.04)
536-9020	(\$490.67)
551-9020	(\$5,148.32)
572-9020	(\$54,677.42)
572-9920	\$0
587-9020	\$0
590-9020	(\$9,158.03)
599-9020	(\$9,262.74)
461-9020	\$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

to amend estimated resources, as presented.

Tax Budget

to adopt the tax budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, as presented at the Annual Budget Hearing held January 14, 2020, at 4:45 p.m., which is to be submitted to the County Auditor on or before January 20, 2020, as presented.

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 2020.

EPC Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program

to approve the purchase of two (2) new school buses, one (1) handicap bus, and one (1) regular bus (pending confirmation of grant approval) as per the EPC Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program.

Donations

to accept the following donations made to Tecumseh Local Schools.

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Senior Citizens Luncheon	New Carlisle Rotary	\$200.00
Senior Citizens Luncheon	New Carlisle Optimist Club	\$50.00
Senior Citizens Luncheon	Security National Bank	\$200.00
Choir Donation	VFW Post 9966	\$300.00

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

INSTRUCTIONAL

None.

POLICY ADOPTION

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

Policy 5113 – Inter-district Open Enrollment

Policy 5113 F1-4 – Inter-district Open Enrollment Application/Notification/Parent Agreement
to adopt Policy 5113 – Inter-district Open Enrollment (including 5113 F1 thru 4) for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Policy Revision

to approve revision to Policy 2412 Homebound Instruction Program, as presented.

Policy Revision

to approve revision to Policy 0165.1 Regular Meetings, as presented.

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

Further New Business

None at this time.

Planning and Discussion

- A Calendar Hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m. preceding the regular meeting on February 25, 2020.
- A Federal Grant Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. preceding the regular meeting and the Calendar Hearing on February 25, 2020.

Board Visits/Tours

Motion by Mrs. Brents and second by Mrs. Slagell to set special meetings dates, times and places for building tours.

- Tour 1: February 28, 2020, 7:30 a.m., place CO, BG, TMS, THS, Athletic Building
- Tour 2: March 6, 2020, 7:30 a.m., place CO, NC, PL, Med, Donn

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

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REPORTS

Superintendent

- Update on 2-5 buildings. Staff members were informed of which building they will be in next year, and will be notified later of the specific classroom.
- Ivan Gehret will meet with staff on specific moving plans.
- Working on transportation plans with about 60% attending New Carlisle and 40% Donnelsville. Working to make the boundaries permanent to avoid changes year-to-year.
- Held a district leadership meeting and a mental health meeting. Leah Crook, the third mental health counselor, is scheduled to start after Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- Stats for School Resource Officer Deputy Loney were shared.

Treasurer

- Fiscal year 2019 financial audit is underway; auditors are at the high school
- In the middle of fiscal year 2019 Medicaid audit. They are catching up from 2011.
- Working on excess costs for students attending Tecumseh while living in other districts. In the past two years we have netted \$100,000. The amount fluctuates by students attending.

Assistant Superintendent

- Child Nutrition Milk – We are not with Prairie Farms out of Huber Heights. When Borden Dairy quit service abruptly on a Friday, Stacy Reynolds contacted Prairie Farms who stepped in and provided milk that following Monday and continues to serve Tecumseh. There may be an outstanding invoice to Borden for the last deliveries.
- Child Nutrition Services provided the following meals in December 2019: nearly 12,000 free lunches, 2,600 reduced-price lunches, 6,500 free breakfasts and 1,264 reduced-price breakfasts.

Director of Special Education

- The last full day inservice is on Friday. The Dean of Education at Purdue University will present. Will start instruction on Explicit Instruction.
- The second LPDC meeting of the year was held.

School Resource Officer

- Shop with a Cop program went wonderful; there were seven kids from our district. State Patrol and Sheriff's office were there.
- One of the deputies who is assigned to ODOT sponsored a family from Tecumseh.
- Drug Take Back is coming up in the spring.
- Think Fast program will be coming to Tecumseh. It is a quiz show where schools compete.
- Continue to stop drivers who run bus lights.

Student Liaison

- Spirit Week – a lot of people went to the basketball game; Tecumseh won.
- FFA had leadership day and went to Mad River Mountain.
- FFA 9 total people working on the top award
- Kevin Willardson will be performing at the Victoria Theater in Muse Machine.
- Student Council is doing dodgeball.

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Information Items

- January 17 Teacher Inservice - No School
- January 20 Martin L. King Day - No School
- January 22 New Carlisle Elementary Grades 4-5 Grandparents Day
- January 22 Donnelsville Elementary Bingo for Books, TMS 6:30 p.m.
- January 23 Elementary Skate Night, Orbit Fun Center (Huber) 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- January 27 Board of Education Joint Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 29 Tobacco/Nicotine Class at THS, 2:30 p.m.
- January 31 TEF Mini-Grant Recipients Recognized at Boys Basketball Halftime
- February 3 Elementary PTO Meeting, TMS, 7:30 p.m.
- February 4 Interims Go Home
- February 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences - TMS 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- February 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences - PL 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- February 11 Parent/Teacher Conferences - THS & TMS 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- February 11 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Donn & NC 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- February 12 2-Hour Delay - Inservice
- February 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - PL 3:30-6:30 p.m., THS 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- February 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Donn & NC 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- February 14 Conference Make-Up Day, No School
- February 17 Presidents' Day - No School
- February 24 Park Layne Elementary Spring Picture Day
- February 25 Mass Casualty 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- February 25 Board of Education Regular Meeting, NCES 6:00 p.m.

Comments and Questions from Board Members

- Mrs. Slagell – Asked about Park Layne site appraisal; it is not yet received. Asked about pay to participate in regard to the musical, parents can't pay online yet; there will be further discussion. Medway bussing – hearing preschool buses are arriving really late. Jaden Macik received a recommendation to the Air Force Academy from Mike Turner.
- Ms. Martin – There is a mass casualty exercise on the last Saturday, January 25, at Soin Medical Center Fairfield Commons.
- Mrs. Brents – Nothing at this time.
- Mr. Priest – Smoking cessation: are referral numbers starting to drop? Mr. Gehret responded they are dropping.
- Mrs. Scott – CTC, things are quiet, no issues. They have a school resource officer and get similar reports.

Public Comments

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Martin at 7:39 p.m. to recess into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters – Appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation, and/or investigation of charges or complaints of a public employee or officials; and Security – specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of the law; and Negotiations.

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Second by Mrs. Brents.

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Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

The board toured the athletic building.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Martin to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Mrs. Brents.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



President



Treasurer

