

Minutes of the September 22, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Tecumseh Local Board of Education

September 22, 2020

The Tecumseh Local Board of Education met in regular session on September 22, 2020 with board president Corinne Scott presiding. Mrs. Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Auditorium at Tecumseh High School, 9830 W. National Road, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344.

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

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mrs. Brents and second by Mr. Priest to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting, as presented.

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

Communications

Written Communications – None at this time.

Other Communications – None at this time.

Reports:

- Paula Crew, Superintendent – Mrs. Crew reported on considerations for second quarter.
 - Planning has included: consulting with Clark County Health Commissioner regarding masks, social distancing, cleaning, the very nominal spread of COVID within districts that have already been attending in-school and cases in school aged children have been from exposure from outside the school setting, contact tracing; requiring testing and/or quarantine. Tecumseh has had one student, on the soccer team, with COVID. It has been a team effort as we work together to educate our students. A staggered start during the last week of the first nine weeks is being considered.
 - A Google doc has been shared with staff members inviting them to share their input. Responses showed feelings of the staff run the gamut the same as it does out in the community. A survey will be disseminated to parents later this week soliciting their intent of returning their children to in-school learning or remaining on remote learning.
 - The State of Ohio and General Assembly and House of Representatives, along with Representative Kyle Koehler, prepared a proclamation thanking the district and staff for their hard work during the pandemic.
 - Teachers have been assigned to remote teaching at the elementary level through Google classroom. The middle school and high school will transition to a program called Edmentum, a self-paced program for students to work independently, that will be supplemented with other digital curriculums and personnel to check on the students. Our curriculum coordinator is working on standards and alignment and setting up classes for these students.

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- We have been advised that the anticipated delivery of Chromebooks have been pushed back again to potentially late November. Kudos to Donnelsville Elementary and New Carlisle Elementary staff who welcomed 2nd graders on Monday for state testing, utilizing the cafeterias and gymnasiums to allow for social distancing.
- Athletic Department has lost a lot of revenue due to COVID. The Coke contract funds, \$40,000 (not general fund), will be used to support the athletic fund.
- Ivan Gehret, Assistant Superintendent – Stacy Reynolds, Director of Child Nutrition Services, filed a waiver with the State and USDA to obtain a waiver which lasts from a couple weeks ago until December 31, which will give every student at Tecumseh Local access to free breakfast and lunch. These meals are currently being distributed by transportation department and child nutrition services employees on the lunch bus, throughout the district at 6-8 stops each week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students receive an entire week's-worth of meals at one time and then return the following week for more. When we return to school, the free meals will transition to in-school. Extra meals are available on the bus in case a student hasn't previously signed up. About 280 students signed up for the program, but that has increased every week. We are hoping to be able to apply for a waiver for an extension to continue this program past December 31, 2020. USDA is using CARES Act money to supplement this program. There is also a Pandemic EBT card that was available for schools who were remote, and we were able to get our eligible students qualified for that program.

Public Comments:

- Kerry Cassell: commented on the staggered start, custodian staffing, timing of Chromebook delivery, quarantine, social distancing, and masks/supplies.
- Michelle Chaplin, parent: shared concerns about remote learning and effect on honors diploma, and continuity and quality of education.
- Teacher Tia Stryker inquired about whether parents were notified about the waiver for free meals.
- Dana Monroe, parent: shared that her son thrives on the Google classroom platform and is concerned about changing to Edmentum.
- Laura Sharbaugh, parent asked for clarification on re-opening plan: back-to-school plan accompanying survey; class size if virtual students can return to in-person at any time; metrics used to mandate another closure.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - PERSONNEL

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

Resignations

Mary McKinley, Title I Aide, at Donnelsville Elementary School. Effective August 14, 2020. Reason - Personal.

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Alice Berner, Bus Driver, at Tecumseh Local Schools. Effective November 1, 2020.
Reason - Retirement.

Jessica Benner, Child Nutrition at Park Layne Elementary School. Effective September 11, 2020. Reason - Personal.

Brandy Triplett, Secretary Assistant at New Carlisle Elementary School. Effective September 14, 2020. Reason - Personal.

Heather Campbell, Child Nutrition at Park Layne Elementary School. Effective October 2, 2020. Reason - Personal.

Employments – Certified

None.

Employments – Classified

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

Andrea Herren, Title I Aide, at New Carlisle Elementary School. Effective August 31, 2020. Step 2, \$14.22 per hour.

Employments – Substitute 2020-2021

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

Helen Rickert - Classified (aide, CNS, custodian)

Tracey Volmert - Classified (secretary)

Michael Frost - Classified (bus aide)

Theresa McFry - Classified (custodian)

Employments – Supplemental – Athletic

to approve for the 2020-2021 school year, salary as per the Negotiated Agreement.

Winter Sports

Site Manager (1)

Faculty Manager (2)

Winter: Mike Husic

Christi Leggett

These are the only Winter recommendations at this time.

Employments – Home Instruction

to employ the following individual for the purpose of home instruction, as needed, for specific students at the rate of \$28.05 per hour. Home instruction services will not exceed 5 hours per week for any one student unless required by law.

Melissa Fogt

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Employments – Homework Room 2020-2021

to employ the following individuals for the purpose of homework room, at the rate of \$28.05 per hour, to be paid from the 507 ESSER Fund. The Homework room will be 1 hour per day, 4 days per week (Monday through Thursday), per teacher.

Annie Huffman	TMS
Deb Cash	TMS
Amanda Wheeler	TMS

Employments – Resident Educator

to approve the following individuals for the position as listed for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the Negotiated Agreement.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
Sue Howard - 2	Juliah Biller, Kristin Carman
Patrice Setterfield - 2	Chelby Dye, Valerie Johnson
Lisa Wells - 3	Scott Knapke, Bradi Baumann, Adrienne Werling
Stacy Hampshire - 3	Madelyn Myers, Andrew Tincher, RESA Facilitator
Nicole White - 2	Cecilia Belvo, Gabe Winans
Kathy Quarls - 1	Kayla Hall
Annie Huffman - 1	Meagan Wise

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE

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

School Bus Stops 2020-2021

to approve school bus stops for the 2020-2021 school year. As per Section 3327.01 of the Revised Code, it shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee to determine the location of all school bus stops and routes which shall be approved annually by the Board of education as an integral part of the school bus routing plan. Authority to designate or relocate subsequent school bus stops shall be delegated by the Board of Education to the superintendent or designee.

Contract with New Carlisle Community Garden

to approve the one-year lease agreement between the New Carlisle Community Garden and Tecumseh Local School District. The lease is for the site of the former Westlake Elementary School. This is the third year for this lease.

National School Lunch Week Resolution

to adopt a resolution designating October 12-16, 2020 as National School Lunch Week, as presented.

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NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Act was adopted in 1946 “as a measure of National security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation’s children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities and other food”; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has brought nutritious meals to millions of school-age children, thereby fostering their physical and intellectual development and helping to ensure that every student enters the classroom ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, wholesome, well-balanced lunches are served to over 930,000 students daily in the State of Ohio in order to promote learning and achievement by giving children the energy and stamina that they need to pay attention and participate in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, National School Lunch Week recognizes the individuals including food service professionals, school administrators, teachers, parents and many volunteers, who help ensure the success of the National School Lunch Program in more than 4,000 schools and residential child care institutions in the State of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tecumseh Local Board of Education does hereby designate October 12-16, 2020 as National School Lunch Week throughout the Tecumseh Local School District in recognition of the contributions of the School Lunch Program to the health and well-being of children. The Tecumseh Local Board of Education recognizes and commends the dedicated and hard-working individuals who contribute to the success of the School Lunch Program and urges all citizens to observe this week in all ways significant to its importance.

National School Bus Safety Week Resolution

to adopt a resolution designating October 19-23, 2020 as National School Bus Safety Week, as presented.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, National School Bus Safety Week has been adopted as a measure to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children and promote active cooperation of schools, students, and parents for school bus safety; and

WHEREAS, school bus safety is an important factor in the Tecumseh Local School District; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of school bus safety procedures is essential to providing maximum security for our school children; and

WHEREAS, National School Bus Safety Week recognizes the individuals including transportation personnel, school administrators, teachers, parents, and others who help to ensure the safety of our school children;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tecumseh Local Board of Education does hereby designate October 19-23, 2020 as School Bus Safety Week throughout the Tecumseh Local School District. The Tecumseh Local Board of Education recognizes and commends the dedicated and hardworking individuals who contribute to the safety of our school children and urges all citizens to observe this week to promote school bus safety.

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Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item J was removed from Consent Agenda-Administrative and voted on separately, as follows:

Springfield/Clark Career Tech Center Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Slagell and second by Ms. Martin to appoint Tecumseh's representative to the Springfield/Clark Career Tech Center Board. The current cycle for Corinne Scott ends December 31, 2020.

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – FINANCIAL

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

Financial Reports

to review and approve the financial reports for August 2020.

Fund Advances

to approve the following, as presented.

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

001-0000	\$124,112.23
505-9020	(\$38,235.68)
507-9020	(\$12,307.84)
516-9020	(\$20,372.12)
536-9020	\$0
551-9020	\$0
572-9020	(\$44,931.62)
572-9920	\$0
587-9020	\$0
590-9020	(\$8,264.97)
599-9020	\$0
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 and appropriations, as presented.

Permanent Appropriations

to approve a resolution for the permanent appropriations for FY21 and the corresponding 412 certificate, as presented.

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Donations

to accept the following donation made to Tecumseh Local Schools.

Tecumseh Athletic Dept.	Jim & Sharon Leathley	\$500.00
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PNC Bank Purchasing Cards (P Cards)

to approve the use of PNC Purchasing Cards (P Cards). This program is sponsored by BASA, OSBA, and OASBO. These cards will replace district credit cards.

Direct Placement for 2013 Bond Series

to approve the following resolution to refinance up to \$5,545,000 of the Series 2013 Various Purpose UTGO Refunding Bonds that are callable 12/1/2020 through a private placement. Closing of the private placement will occur sometime after 09/1/2020 (90 days prior to the call date).

SAA Budget

to approve the following SAA Budget for fiscal year 2021, as on file in the Treasurer's office.

200 9902 Junior Optimist Club

Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program

to approve the cooperative purchasing administrative fee of \$100 with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for the period November 1, 2020 through November 1, 2021. This fee requires annual approval.

Transportation – Payment In Lieu Of

to approve payment in lieu of transportation for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Kelly Summers - St. Christopher (gr. 6) - \$250.00

Reduction of Pay to Participate Fee and Activity Fee

to approve a 50% reduction of the Pay to Participate Fee to \$75 and the Activity Fee to \$70, for the 2020-2021 school year for Marching Band, as presented.

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

INSTRUCTIONAL

None.

ATHLETIC

None.

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POLICY

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

Policy Adoption

to adopt the following policy, as presented.

2266 Title IX – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in District Programs or Activities

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

Further New Business

None at this time.

Planning and Discussion

REPORTS

Superintendent

- None at this time

Treasurer

- OSBA Capitol Conference, November 7-10, 2020, will be virtual. Registration is required. Board members should respond to the Treasurer by October 2 regarding attending the Conference.
- The district received the Auditor of State Award for excellence in financial reporting for fiscal year 2019.
- Received notice today that we passed our auxiliary services audit with flying colors.

Assistant Superintendent

- None at this time

Information Items

Oct. 2 Staff Inservice, No School
Oct. 6 BOE Work Session, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 2-Hour Delay, Staff Inservice
Oct. 16 End of 1st Grading Period
Oct. 27 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 28 2-Hour Delay, Staff Inservice
Nov. 3 Election Day, No School
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 17 Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Comments and Questions from Board Members

- Mr. Priest – Asked about plans for basketball and wrestling. (*Mrs. Crew responded we are waiting on the OHSAA and the governor's office and will get that out as soon as we can.*) Thanked staff members and teachers for their hard work educating the children.
- Mrs. Brents – Echoed Mr. Priest's comments.

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- Mrs. Scott – CTC plan was 2 days academics, one day for lab class and intervention, 2 days of labs; it is going okay. Students enter and exit the same door. Enrollment is still higher than it has been, ahead of last year. Several seniors had to drop out of CTC because they are taking College Credit Plus classes and could not attend full-day lab classes. There are more Tecumseh students at CTC than any other school in the county. Kudos to all the teachers, everybody thinking outside the box. Overall everybody has been open-minded despite hiccups. You make improvements and move on. Overall the decision of what we have done was best for the kids.
- Ms. Martin – Was really impressed with the lunches that are distributed and the kids were excited to go get them. Was worried about the first nine weeks but has been really pleased with what the teachers have been able to do. Middle school parent drop-off may need some etiquette training.
- Mrs. Slagell – Echoed the good words for the hard work everyone has done. Very proud of our district. Appreciates the transparency and the hard work of everyone.

Public Comments

- Kerry Cassell (TEA) – Word is going around on Facebook that we are cutting all pay to participate not just marching band. Not all families are on the app, Facebook, or Twitter to receive the upcoming survey; will we be doing paper/pencil or something for those families? (*Mrs. Crew responded we will be doing a call-around to notify families.*) Inquired about Agenda Item P, whether that comes back to the district or to the taxpayers. (*Mrs. Robinson responded that is taxpayer savings over the life of the debt to 2026.*) Commented about upset over the virtual and shared that teacher's are working extremely hard to make it work and have really stepped up.
- Regina Jones, Title I Aide in the District – Second grade testing yesterday went as well as could be expected. They did very well leaving their masks on. Will the staff lounge be opened back up when we return to in-school? (*Mrs. Crew responded with recommendations to not group together for lunch and likely will not open the lounge; perhaps staff could eat in a classroom where they can social distance.*) Mrs. Jones offered kudos to the staff but also to our parents and our students; it hasn't been easy for them either.
- Emmy Bilbry – Inquired as to whether the staff are prepared for the influx of anxiety, the mental health, the children are surely going to experience returning to in-school? (*Mrs. Crew responded we have a district mental health committee, guidance counselors meet routinely as a district, and we have mental health counselors to help with those concerns.*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Martin at 8:22 p.m. to recess into Executive Session to discuss: Negotiations.

Second by Mrs. Brents.

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

Mr. Priest left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

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Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Martin to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Mrs. Scott.

Roll Call: Ayes, Members Martin, Scott, Brents, and Slagell.

Nays, none. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



President



Treasurer