

Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Special Meeting of the  
Tecumseh Local Board of Education

**November 10, 2020**

The Tecumseh Local Board of Education met in special session on November 10, 2020 with board president Corinne Scott presiding. Mrs. Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Tecumseh High School Arrow Conference Room, 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.

**New Business**

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - PERSONNEL

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

Employment

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

William Gruber, Assistant Percussion Instructor for Marching Band effective for the 2020-2021 school year. Salary to be paid from Marching Band funds.

Employment – Supplemental – Athletic

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

Winter Sports

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| Varsity Wrestling (1)                         | Corey Mollette               |
| Varsity Wrestling Volunteer                   | Michael Herbert              |
| Head Varsity Swimming (1)                     | Tom Stafford                 |
| Head Varsity Boy's Bowling (1)                | Noah Burns ½, Jason Rhodes ½ |
| Middle School Girl's Basketball 7th Grade (1) | Kendra Cuellar               |
| Middle School Boy's Basketball 7th Grade (1)  | Jim Dinwoody                 |

Winter Sports Positions Still Open

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| Assistant Varsity Girl's Basketball (1) | Pending certifications |
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Employment – Supplemental – Department Head

to approve the following individual for the department head supplemental for the 2020-2021 school year, salary as per the Negotiated Agreement.

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

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## **Planning and Discussion**

The board conducted a work session to discuss business relevant to the operation of the school district.

A Board of Education needs assessment and self-analysis has been postponed because the forms received from Ohio School Board Association to be used for this purpose were outdated. New forms have been requested.

### Superintendent Paula Crew

- Recognized Mr. Priest for Veterans Day.
- COVID-19 Update – We are investigating the use of bus drivers from Northwestern Local Schools as substitutes for Tecumseh. Testing was held yesterday at Sacred Heart Church; there were 451 people tested, the highest number than the last three sites in Clark County. Those test results are going to be back Thursday and Friday. It is unknown if all those tested were from the local area. Positive results, estimated at 30-50 for those in the district, will result in quarantine in the schools. Mr. Patterson indicated the numbers are not rising, but they are high. All schools today reported difficulty finding substitutes, except CTC and Southeastern which is likely due to their size and being able to social distance. Hospitalization in Clark County has stabilized with 38 individuals currently in Springfield Regional Hospital down from 52 a couple weeks ago. Clark County Combined Health is having trouble keeping up with all the quarantines and they are going to start having individuals contact their own close contacts to advise them of the quarantine. As of October there have been 48 COVID-19 related deaths in the county. We continue to not see a spread within the district buildings. A teacher and class at Park Layne Elementary are quarantined. The ESC units throughout the county have been closed and went virtual. Northwestern is now virtual. Tecumseh buildings are able to cover with substitutes or staff and administrators so far; we are playing it day by day.
- Mrs. Crew expressed appreciation to everyone in the district for their efforts.

### Treasurer Denise Robinson

- Substitute House Bill 305 – It is going to the House and the Senate at the same time hoping to push it through quicker. It looks at a district's ability to generate dollars, through property values and resident income to have people pay their fair share. Estimates reflect a \$2 million increase in aid per year for Tecumseh. A date for implementation has not been determined. This would be a \$2 billion difference for the state overall.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Martin at 5:58 p.m. to recess into Executive Session to discuss: Personnel Matters - dismissal of a public employee or official.

Second by Mrs. Brents.

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

The meeting reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

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Termination of Employee Contract

Motion by Ms. Martin to terminate the employment contract of Amber Crew, Bus Aide at Tecumseh Local Schools, effective November 11, 2020.

Second by Mrs. Slagell.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Priest at 6:09 p.m. to recess into Executive Session to discuss: Personnel Matters - employment of a public employee or official.

Second by Mrs. Brents.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

**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 7:35 p.m.



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President



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Treasurer

