

Minutes of the November 13, 2019 Special Meeting of the Tecumseh Local Board of Education

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The Tecumseh Local Board of Education met in special session on November 13, 2019 with Board President Corinne Scott presiding. Mrs. Scott called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Tecumseh High School Arrow Conference Room, 9830 West National Road, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Re-employment

Public hearing was held on the issue of the re-employment of Dan Medve by the Tecumseh Local School District Board of Education. There were no comments.

Questions were asked:

Can classified staff be re-hired to begin working immediately following retirement or do they have to wait a period to begin? – Classified staff must forego one month of retirement if they wish to begin right away following retirement.

Has the position been opened internally? – The position was posted externally, and both internal and external persons can apply.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Swank Movie Licensing, USA

to approve using Swank Movie Licensing, USA for public performance site licenses for all buildings. The cost is \$2,292. This is an increase of \$211 over the prior year. The District has been using this company since 2009. Increase last year was \$101.

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

Planning and Discussion

The board conducted a work session to discuss the following:

- Robert Griffin, represented by Alicia Burcham and Philip Francis - NCES Field/Baseball Field in memory of Collin Griffin
 - Because of the ground grade, cost to put in field at Park Layne site is not feasible;
 - Now looking at the field at New Carlisle Elementary;
 - The group is looking to invest \$60,000 to \$70,000, including installing the field, moving the walking track, new diamond dirt, new fencing, new dugouts, signage with Collin Griffin's name, lights, all to be maintained by the group;
 - Discussion included design, plans, liability, zoning, and other sites;

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- Intention is to start playing on the field in March.
- Grade K-1 Shuttle Run or Separate Buses – A special module for the Transfinder is being used for more in-depth for routing and allows us to determine routes trying to eliminate shuttle bussing all students go directly to their home school. Buses picking up students in grades K-5 who reside in the Park Layne area would stop at Park Layne Elementary first to drop off K-1 students, then proceed to New Carlisle Elementary or Donnelsville Elementary to drop off grades 2-5 students. Buses picking up grade K-5 students in the New Carlisle area or Donnelsville area would drop off grades 2-5 students at those buildings then proceed to Park Layne Elementary to drop off grades K-1 students.
- Grade 2-5 Building Option – Next steps: meet with a team, communicate with staff take into consideration special education gifted title I principals, communicate with community.

Motion by Ms. Martin to approve the grade 2-5 building option for two of the elementary buildings, as presented.

Second by Mrs. Brents.

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

Nays, none. Motion carried 5-0.

- Later Start time at high school – Proposed law that all school districts in Ohio not be permitted to start school until 8:30 a.m.; this is an unfunded mandate. Tecumseh starts the earliest in Clark County. Concerns about transporting students to after-school (athletic) events in timely manner.
- Recommendation for GPA eligibility – An incomplete grade would affect only a small number of students. Information was requested from other districts. One district allows a one-time, one-quarter waiver throughout high school for low GPA. High school is working on all kids, not just athletes, through PRIDE Period where a group of students grades 9-12 have a period with the same teacher all four years of high school. Twice a week the PRIDE Period teacher is going over grades and assignments with the students. First look at results shows a decline in the number of failing grades. Also, it is anticipated that the new mental health therapist will free up time for guidance counselors to work with all students at least twice a year.
- Athletic Building – Being added to the capital outlay plan as it is not in good shape. The building is structurally sound. Need to allocate \$30,000 to \$40,000 over two years to bring the building up to code. Work will start on the roof immediately and we have bids on the building work. Historically, money has not been allotted from the permanent improvement fund to the athletic building.
- Liability, Fleet and Property Insurance - Tabled
- Outstanding Fees Breakdown - Tabled

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- Food Service/Meal Magic/Free Meals – A spreadsheet is being generated each week and we are sending out weekly calls to parents for students who owe \$2.00 or more for charged meals. The weekly lists are being monitored.
- Meeting Locations – The following locations are assigned so building principals and staff can prepare accordingly:

January	Donnelsville
February	New Carlisle
March	ACR – Tecumseh High School to present
April	ACR

Comments and Questions from Board Members

None.

Public Comments

- Sherry Priest on behalf of TEA – Grade 2-5 buildings: The Negotiated Agreement Article 17 addresses transfers and would like that to be noted for all the certified staff. As a teacher with GPA eligibility we do all kinds of interventions to pass tests and academic subjects. Concerned that Springfield City has a higher GPA eligibility than we do. We need to raise the standards. Kids need to be held accountable for their grades to participate.
- A parent expressed concerns that the bussing described for the Grade 2-5 buildings is still shuttling only in that her child will still be on the bus a long time.
- Impact Bethel has offered to make an anonymous donation or prepare packed lunches to each building. Discussion ensued regarding legal issues regarding this.
- PTO Treasurer noted they had been told they have to do their spirit wear sale in connection with the middle school and requested verification.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Brents at 8:08 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 matter discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of the law.

Second by Mrs. Slagell.

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

Nays, none. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Martin to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Mrs. Brents.

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Roll Call: Ayes, Members Martin, Brents, Priest, Slagell, and Scott.
Nays, none. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



President



Treasurer