



# TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## May 2017- Board of Education Meeting Summary

### Public Participation:

- Greg Cawein thanked the Board for their working relationship. He announced that Matt Lykins will be the new Co-President with Jody Clemens for next school year. He shared that he has received an “education” in education during his time as President, because we are focus on relationships in our district and we are able to collaborate and solve problems that arise. The opportunities to network with the Board and discuss concerns and the future have been rewarding. He shared that neighboring districts would like to model the relationship that exists here in Talawanda. He thanked (and indicated he deeply respects the Board and Administration) the entire administration, with a special thank you to Kelly Spivey and Dennis Malone.

### Presentations:

- Recognized Sarah Roche- Teacher of the Year for the American Chemical Society Cincinnati Division.
- Recognized Sharon Gregory, who was nominated by a student, for the “Spirit of Advising”, and will be recognized in July by the state organization for FCCLA. Brailynn Wagers (student) shared her reasons for nominating Mrs. Gregory.
- Recognition of the THS FCCLA students for state competition awards.
- Joan Stidham 2017 Course of Study Options
  - English Language Arts- presented by Jaime Jackson & Christine Alfonsi shared there is a greater emphasis on writing in the new materials, and they will be incorporating more from Google. There is a greater understanding of the standards today and they worked with a consultant from Hamilton County to focus on nonfiction, writing skills, and alignment so each grade’s materials builds towards the next grade.
  - Music- presented by Mike Marston explained the two tiers K-5 vocal music, and 6-12 have vocal and instrumental music. The most recent revision of the standards have greatly improved for music, and there is a focus on creativity and learning, the performance piece, and reflection.
  - ELA and music will both move into the adoption phase for next year.
- Class Rank is determined for students who have been enrolled for at least 3 semesters, and taking THS courses as well as Honors and AP. Students can/are also taking

College Credit Plus (CCP) courses, as mandated by the state. Class rank supports students in their pursuit of college admission. Other top factors that are important in addition to class rank are GPA, strength of curriculum, test scores. A great deal of research and collaboration has gone into the suggested change to move to Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude for graduating seniors. Recognition will be based on the GPA at the end of the 7th semester. More students can be recognized under the new program, and universities can still request class rank if needed for a scholarship purpose.

- Student Registration Software Service- Recommendation for the provider Final Forms- presented by Holli Morrish and representatives from Final Forms. The implementation of a student records/registration software will increase security for student records, lower risk and liability, save time (for families and staff) and paper (environmentally friendly), provide internal tracking/reporting, centralized data management, and updated data every 24 hrs. It was recommended the BOE consider this for the June meeting.

#### **Board Reports:**

- Butler Tech Report- No report, but a reminder that Butler Technology will host graduation this Wednesday evening in Fairfield.
- Legislative Report - Dr. Roberts continues to track ESSA and any changes associated with that. ESSA stands for Every Child Succeeds Act and this replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, she will also monitor HB 49 which deals with funding for children with medical handicaps.

#### **Report of the Treasurer: See Board Docs for itemized agenda items**

- Block items A-F BOE Minutes, Gifts, Financial Reports. Passes 5-0 (see Board Docs)
- Gifts: LaRosa's has donated \$2485 to the Marshall SOAR Program.
- G. MOU with BCESC for substitute Teacher Services, an agreement that addresses substitute teachers and licensure. Passes 5-0
- Block items H-I- Contracts for Butler County Sheriff and Oxford Police for SRO services. Passes 5-0 (See Board Docs)
- J. Contract for St. Aloysius for one seat. Passes 5-0

#### **Informational items-**

- HB49
- Photos from the New Kramer and how the old building has been demolished. The project should be completed early.

- Information from OSFCC could impact funding for a new or renovated Marshall, and more information will be presented to the Board in the next few weeks. A direction of renovation versus new construction must be made this evening for a discovery phase. The BOE indicated they are interested in exploring a new construction versus a renovation.
- The THS athletic storage barn will move forward soon and it takes approximately 10-12 days to construct.

**Report of the Superintendent: See Board Docs for itemized agenda items**

- Approval of contracts Block 7A 1-10 (items 2 and 11 pulled out) Passes 5-0  
7A 2 & 11- Two BOE members must abstain- passes 3-0
- Resignation & Termination Block B 1-2 Passes 5-0
- Fees Schedule/Student Agreements/CCP with MU- Block D,E,F Passes 5-0
- G. First Reading of CCP changes and Class Rank Policy- vote will take place in June.
- H. Second Reading Curriculum Adoption Health, Art, Family Consumer Science Passes 5-0

Informational Items-

- Thank you to the Community Advisory Committee for the advocacy for public education and assistance in informing the public on legislation impacting public schools.
- District officials met with OPD, BC Sheriff regarding immigration issues and the law.
- Greg Cawein was the Excellent Educator of the Year for TSD!
- THS parking issues from last month; it has been reported internally and externally that the issues during morning drop off have improved.
- The THS Graduation is May 25th, Millett Hall at 7pm.
- TEA/BOE dinner on May 24th.

Informational Items from BOE-

- Dr. Crowder- Science Week this week at MU!
- Dr. Roberts- FFA Banquet was hosted Saturday and went well, and she also attended the Diabetes Lock-In where 42 5th graders raised money for Juvenile Diabetes.

Adjourn 9:32pm