



# TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## October 2017- Board of Education Meeting Summary

### 1. Opening of Meeting

A. Roll Call- Mrs. Vollmer had to leave due to a family emergency.

### 2. Executive Session

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### 3. Reconvene in Open Session

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Pledge of Allegiance

### C. Welcome to Visitors and Public Participation

- *Bill Bowers and Tom York read a heartfelt tribute about former educator, coach, mentor, and THS Principal Marvin Wilhelm. They made a request that the football field/athletic complex be named after Mr. Wilhelm.*
- *Tom Holmes (former teacher and coach) currently has an exchange student from France and the student and his mother reported he has never liked school, but he loves THS! Tom complimented the district.*
- *Richard Kornylak is a parent in the district, and he wanted to report a concern regarding a school employee.*
- *Andrew Offenburger is a parent in the district, and also wanted to report concerns regarding the same school employee.*
- *Donna Danoff is a parent in the district, and also wanted to report concerns regarding the same school employee.*
- *Holli Morrish shared a quick announcement about the THS Project Civility- part of the anti-bullying programming at THS. The program focuses on recognizing random acts of kindness, and spreading goodwill among the THS community. Wooden tokens have been designed to commemorate each random act of kindness and to be passed on from person to person.*
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### 4. Resolutions/Presentations

A. Athletic Storage Facility Update - Wes Cole

- ***Mr. Cole shared photos of the new storage facilities and it's contents.***
- ***Mr. Cole shared an update on the progress of fall sports and SWOC League results.***
- ***Vincent Whitehead was named Athlete of the Year for Boys Golf.***
- ***October 19th is the Athletic Hall of Fame Event.***
- ***The THS field turf is in year 6. The turf is in good shape and the life of a field can be up to 13 years.***

B. Middle School Innovative Practices - Joan Stidham & Mike Malone

- ***TMS Science Ms. Kettlewell and Mrs. Otto and Luke West-Poley and Aslynn Wetzel shared that on August 21st "The Solar Eclipse" was an amazing event that was enjoyed by all. Staff rounded up solar eclipse glasses for every student/staff member. Teaching is about making information relevant to students, and this event provided a great opportunity to learn about this amazing natural phenomenon. The students reported about all of the safety training they learned so that everyone could participate in this learning experience.***

## 5. Reports

A. Academic Liaison Report - ***Dr. Crowder and Dr. Roberts- Dr. Crowder wants to remind the board of the Strategic Plan (3 parts) and a key component is Teaching & Learning. He wants us all to remember that we need the state to allow our professional teachers to do their jobs, and he also was complimentary of the STEM program and the 1:1 program. He is proud that we have invested district resources in these areas. He also emphasized the importance of relationship building led by Mrs. Spivey to contribute to school climate. He is concerned about relations on a national level. He emphasized that the new website is ADA compliant. The Community Advisory group is working on awareness about legislation and how it impacts public schools. Dr. Roberts shared information about T-CAPE is a new facebook page where families/citizens can (led by Kathleen Abowitz/community volunteer) learn about the issues facing schools and the legislation associated with this, and also contact information for elected officials at the state level.***

B. Athletic Liaison Report - Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Otto- ***No report***

C. Butler Technology & Career Development School Report - Mrs. Vollmer- ***No report***

D. Legislative Liaison Report - Dr. Roberts- ***HB176, requests state BOE to replace the current academic content standards with the 2010 Massachusetts standards. HB181, proposing changes in standards, changing the third grade guarantee and the retention component (this component is negative for students). SB82, would require calls from public schools to call parents within 60 mins of the start of school if a child is absent and the school has not been informed by the parent.***

E. Moody's Investor Services Rating Presentation & Bond Refunding Update - Scott Stubbins, Stifel- ***Mr. Stubbins reported that the district's is refinancing bonds from 2007 series to save money for taxpayers. Talawanda received an Aa2 rating (just 2 notches below the US government rating, and considered an excellent rating).***

## 6. Report of the Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes- **Block 6A-6H- approved 4-0**

B. Approval of Gifts

Oxford Area PFLAG	Elementary School Libraries - Book donation	\$2,234.16
Oxford Community Foundation	Morgan Fund Annual Distribution	\$1,482.21
Greater Cincinnati Foundation	Kramer - Come Explore the World with Us	\$1,000.00
Oxford Presbyterian Women	Kramer School Fees for Families in Need	\$300.00

- C. Approval of Financial Report for September 2017
- D. Approval of Appropriation Modifications
- E. Approval of Appropriation Increases/Decreases
- F. Approval of Then & Now Over \$3,000
- G. Resolution to Approve the Five-Year Forecast
- H. Resolution to Approve New Student-Managed Funds (Called 200 Funds)

I. New Marshall Elementary Update- **Progress is moving forward and going well on this potential project, and a final decision will need to be made in the coming months. Building code may change to develop the standards of a storm shelter as a requirement on November 1st. The predicted TOTAL cost is \$11.2 million. The state of Ohio is responsible for 24% of the total.**

J. OHI/BHP - Clinic Update- **Mr. Davis shared that this facility may become part of the BCESC.**

K. Other Matters- **Kramer walk through will occur this week. Applied for 51 LEED points to reach LEED Silver status. Mr. Davis has been appointed to the City of Oxford Income Tax Review Board.**

**7. Report of the Superintendent**

A. Approval of Certificated/Licensed Personnel- **BLOCK A 1-5, B, C- approved 4-0**

B. Approval of Classified Personnel

C. Approval of Supplemental Personnel

D. Approval of Overnight Student Fundraiser at Marshall Elementary- Diabetes Fundraiser- **Approved 4-0**

E. Discussion of Additional Reading Teachers for Grades 4-5-

F. First Reading of New and Revised Policies - Dennis Malone

Policy	Status	Subject
2271	Revision	College Credit Plus Program
4120.05	New	Employment of Sub. Educational Aides
5136	Revision	Personal Communication Devices
5136.01	Revision	Electronic Equipment
5200	Revision	Attendance
5330	Revision	Use of Medications

5530	Revision	Drug Prevention
6233	Revision	Amenities for Participants at Meetings and/or Other Occasions
6680	Revision	Recognition
7300	Revision	Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property
7540.03	Revision	Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.04	Revision	Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.05	Revision	District-Issued Staff E-Mail Account
7540.06	New	District-Issued Student E-Mail Account
8600.04	Revision	Bus Driver Certification
9141	Revision	Business Advisory Council

G. Informational Items- ***BASA Update- that the group developed a draft statement/belief statement regarding their goals as a group and will use this to guide conversations with legislators around unfunded mandates. New Bill- to deregulate some items currently under law. The additions/requests:***

- 1. K-8 license to be available.***
- 2. Remove growth measures from the teacher evaluation systems because they are not equitable across the board.***
- 3. Remove K-3 literacy grade if the benchmark is made.***
- 4. Grades 3-5 can use a paper assessment.***
- 5. Reporting measures on attendance.***
- 6. CCP is 50% should be funded by the parent unless the student is on F&R.***
- 7. License can be reduced from a 4 yr to a 2 yr for the mentorship program.***

***Thank you to Dr. Roberts and Mr. Otto for attending the TEA/BOE dinner. A discussion was had to develop more resources for mental health issues in schools.***

## **8. Items From the Board Members**

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- ***Dr. Roberts is concerned about the shortage of substitute teachers and would like to consider better solutions to address the shortage and the needs.***

## **9. Close of Meeting**

A. Future Board Events- ***November 20, 2017- THS @7:30pm***

B. Adjournment- ***9:29pm***