

*Taylor Preparatory High School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 9:00 am*

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Meeting held at:

Taylor Preparatory High School  
9540 Telegraph Rd  
Taylor, MI 48180

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PRESENT	UNABLE TO ATTEND
James Dinnan – President	X	
Tonishia Holloway – Vice President	X	
Karen Mulligan - Secretary	X	
Audrey Spalding – Treasurer		X

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Zavian Allen – Student, Taylor Prep
- 2) Michael Cousins - GVSU
- 3) Ernita Jones – Guest
- 4) Sean McAnally – Board Relations Representative, PrepNet
- 5) Aquan Miles – Principal, Taylor Prep
- 6) Melissa Ng – Teacher, Taylor Prep
- 7) Jason Pater – President, PrepNet
- 8) Randy Remenap – Field Representative, GVSU
- 9) Jovan Wright – Student, Taylor Prep

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dinnan called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments on agenda items were given.

4. BOARD APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Holloway and supported by Ms. Mulligan to approve the agenda as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. School Leadership Report

Taylor Prep students Jovan Wright and Zavian Allen shared with the Board about the Moral Focus virtue of encouragement, and answered questions from the Board about their experience with multiple assessments under standards-based grading. The Board thanked the students for sharing.

The Board was introduced to Ms. Ng, a math teacher at Taylor Prep. Ms. Ng shared her background and passion. She also shared examples of a student tracking sheet by which she and the student can monitor the students' progress. The Board noted the dual advantage of building the content knowledge and skills while building organizational skills and instilling in students a sense of responsibility and empowerment for their own learning. The Board thanked Ms. Ng for sharing.

Ms. Miles shared with the Board about current enrollment and applications to date, the mentoring programs underway for both boys and girls, the Recapture Academy program for students who came to Taylor Prep behind in credits or who may have missed some skills in their classes, and upcoming events.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the Board Fund Report for activity through February 2015. Ms. Miles proposed a use for the remaining \$486.93 available for new allocations. Specifically, she requested dividing the amount equally between transportation expenses for upcoming student trips, and providing incentives for students in Recapture Academy to stick with the additional workload.

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Holloway to amend the agenda to add the approval of the Board Funds Request as Action Item 9g. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Charter School Grant Report

The Board reviewed the latest Monthly Progress Report for the charter school start-up grant. Mr. McAnally answered questions from the Board about the grant.

6. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Remenap stated that GVSU has engaged AdvancEd to accredit GVSU as an authorizing body.

He also reminded Board members of an upcoming opportunity to attend a Detroit Tigers game for Board members and school leaders in June.

Mr. Cousins introduced himself and asked for a few minutes of the Board members' time at the end of the meeting to interview for an upcoming GVSU publication where Taylor Prep is being featured.

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Revision to the Medical Health Policy  
The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the Medical Health Policy, which were prepared by the Board's legal counsel Joe Urban and reflect recent changes to state law regarding the use of epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens).
- b. Lease Amendment  
The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement. Mr. McAnally and Mr. Pater answered questions from the Board.
- c. Board Member Reappointments  
The Board discussed the upcoming term expirations for Mr. Dinnan and Ms. Holloway. Both Mr. Dinnan and Ms. Holloway indicated their interest in continuing to serve on the Taylor Prep Board.
- d. Board Member Vacancy  
The Board discussed its current vacancy.

Ms. Mulligan introduced Ms. Ernita Jones, a friend and former colleague. Ms. Jones and the Board discussed her desire and availability to serve if nominated and appointed. The Board thanked Ms. Jones for taking the time to meet the Board and school leadership team.

## 8. ANTI-BULLYING POLICY HEARING

Mr. Dinnan opened the hearing at 10:05 a.m.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the Anti-Bullying Policy as prepared by the Board's legal counsel, Joe Urban. The changes reflect provisions of state law that go into effect on March 31, 2015. Specifically, cyberbullying is included in the written policy as had been the school's practice to-date. Additionally, language was added to the policy regarding the protection of student confidentiality throughout the investigation and reporting process.

Mr. Dinnan provided an opportunity for public comment on the proposed changes to the Anti-Bullying Policy. No public comments were given.

Mr. Dinnan closed the hearing at 10:10 a.m.

## 9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the February 5, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes  
A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Holloway to approve the February 5, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

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b. Approval of the Revision to the Anti-Bullying Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Holloway and supported by Ms. Mulligan to approve the Revision to the Anti-Bullying Policy as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Approval of the Revision to the Medical Health Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Holloway and supported by Ms. Mulligan to approve the Revision to the Medical Health Policy as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Approval of the Lease Amendment

A motion was made by Ms. Holloway and supported by Ms. Mulligan to approve the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Nomination of James Dinnan to Serve an Additional Term Expiring June 30, 2018

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Holloway to nominate James Dinnan to serve an additional term expiring June 30, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.

f. Nomination of Tonishia Holloway to Serve an Additional Term Expiring June 30, 2018

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Mr. Dinnan to nominate Tonishia Holloway to serve an additional term expiring June 30, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.

g. Approval of Board Fund Proposal

A motion was made by Ms. Holloway and supported by Ms. Mulligan to approve the Board Fund Proposal in the amount of \$486.93, comprised of \$243.46 for Transportation for Student Trips, and \$243.47 for Recapture Academy Incentives. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

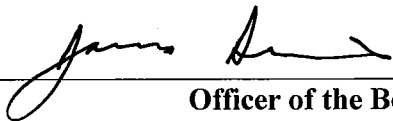
Ms. Holloway shared with the Board that the Parent-Teacher Organization has formed and looks forward to supporting the life of the school.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Holloway to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

  
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Officer of the Board Signature