

*Taylor Preparatory High School
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 9:00 am*

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) Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- 2) Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- 3) Aquan Miles – Principal, Taylor Prep
- 4) Randy Remenap – Field Representative, GVSU
- 5) Student 11435
- 6) Mother of Student 11435

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. DISCIPLINE APPEAL #1

The family did not appear. The Board reviewed the material, including the initial behavior referral, minutes of the student discipline hearing, and parent appeal letter.

A motion was made by Ms. Spalding and supported by Ms. Holloway to uphold administration’s decision and deny the appeal. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. DISCIPLINE APPEAL #2

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Spalding to enter Closed Session pursuant to Subsection A of the Michigan Open Meetings Act [MCL 15.268(a)]. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered Closed Session at 9:08 a.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Holloway to end Closed Session and re-enter Open Session at 9:46 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Spalding and supported by Ms. Holloway to uphold administration's decision and deny the appeal. Student 11435 and the mother of Student 11435 excused themselves.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Remenap commented on the discipline appeal process and spoke about the importance of the ability of the administrator to foster a sense of trust in the school community.

6. BOARD APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

The Board received the school leadership report from Ms. Miles. The Board discussed upcoming school promotion and marketing initiatives, including Taylor Prep representation at area middle school high school nights, college representative visits to Taylor Prep, and athletics visits. Ms. Miles informed the Board that additional paraprofessionals will be hired for the second semester to further support the school's academic intervention program.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the Board Fund balance and activity through December 1, 2014.

c. Charter School Grant Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Final Progress Report for Taylor Prep's Combo 1 startup grant. The first allocation was fully expended within the grant period. The Combo 2 budget was reviewed and discussed at the previous meeting and is now being implemented.

8. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Remenap provide the Board an update on the ongoing conversation with the Department about authorizer accountability.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Appointment of Audit Firm for 2014-15 Audit

The Board discussed the re-appointment of BDO as the audit firm for the 2014-15 school year financial audit.

b. Board Member Discussion

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The Board discussed its current vacancy on the Board and ways that current Board Members could leverage their personal and professional networks for potential candidates.

10. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the November 6, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Ms. Holloway and supported by Ms. Mulligan to approved the November 6, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Appointment of Audit Firm for 2014-15 Audit
A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Holloway to appoint BDO as the audit firm for the 2014-15 financial audit. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

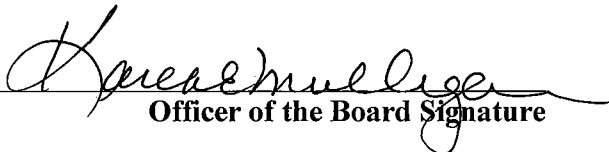
Ms. Holloway shared positive feedback on several of the school's recent events.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Angerer shared about the recent Mackinac Center high school ranking study that takes into account school demographics. Taylor Prep would be analyzed in the next biennial report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Spalding to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.



Officer of the Board Signature