

*Taylor Preparatory High School
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 6, 2015 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	
Mary Jo Boruta – Director	X	

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- 2) Cheryl Edwards-Cannon – Field Representative, GVSU
- 3) Michelle LaFata – Assistant Principal (Student Behavior), Taylor Prep
- 4) Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- 5) Aquan Miles – Principal, Taylor Prep
- 6) Erica Sharp – Assistant Principal (Academic Intervention), Taylor Prep

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dinnan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Ms. Edwards-Cannon administered the Oath of Office to Mary Jo Boruta for a three-year Board term through June 30, 2018.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Roll call was taken.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments on agenda items were given.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Ms. Miles described the School Leadership Team structure for 2015-16, consisting of herself as Principal and two veteran teachers each with part-time administrative duties. She introduced Ms. Sharp as the Academic Intervention specialist, who will assist with teacher observations and coaching, as well as facilitating teacher-to-teacher observations and mentoring. Ms. LaFata shared about her role as the Student Behavior specialist, describing the positive reinforcement measures that will be maintained and expanded in 2015-16. The team answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Miles reported on results from the recently-concluded Summer Academy credit recovery program, and provided the Board with a summary of the GVSU Summer Camp that was well-reviewed by Taylor Prep students. She also described the upcoming New Student Enrichment Camp to be held on-site in August for new incoming students to orient them to the Taylor Prep culture and expectations.

The Board reviewed and discussed the NWEA assessment and Advanced Placement exam results presented by the School Leadership Team.

Ms. Miles reported on bullying/harassment incidents from 2014-15, stating that per school policy any allegations of bullying/harassment are documented, investigated, and responded to appropriately.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the Board Fund Report showing activity through June 30, 2015.

c. Charter School Grant Report

Mr. McAnally reported that purchases are underway for new items for 2015-16.

d. Michigan School “Early Warning” Law

The Board discussed an update from PrepNet on the new series of laws passed relating to school finances.

5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Ms. Edwards-Cannon provided an update on new school openings for schools authorized by GVSU.

She also commented on the GVSU Summer Camp held at the GVSU campus.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2014-15 Audit Engagement Letter

The Board reviewed the 2014-15 Audit Engagement Letter from BDO.

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b. 2015-16 Curriculum Updates

The School Leadership Team and PrepNet reported on updates to the PrepNet Curriculum for 2015-16; specifically the transition of several 11th grade courses to Standards-Based Grading. Board approval of a charter amended to reflect the annual revisions was requested.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the June 5, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Holloway and supported by Ms. Mulligan to approve the June 4, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2015-16 Curriculum Updates

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Spalding to approve the incorporation of the 2015-16 PrepNet Curriculum updates via charter contract amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

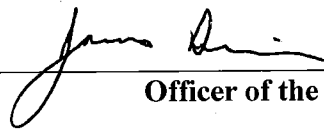
Ms. Spalding stated this would be her last Board meeting, as her husband has taken a new job in California. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to be a part of the school's successful establishment and opening years, and appreciated seeing the very positive results in the data reports. The Board thanked her for her service and dedication and wished her well.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Mulligan and supported by Ms. Holloway to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.



Officer of the Board Signature