

Taylion High Desert Academy

Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 14181 US Highway 395, Suite 202, Victorville, CA

Google Meeting Number: 406-640-3195 PIN: 390-556-705#

Meeting ID

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A. Preliminary

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm on April 27, 2023 by Kimberly Tucker.

2. Board Roll call

Current	Present	Absent
Tadios Belay	X	
Elizabeth Hulsey	X	
Kimberly Tucker	X	
Destiny Irons	X	

Additional Attendees: Brenda Congo, Shannon Smith, Zach Wolfe, Jodie Radford, Kelly Marble, Karen Ruffner

Items Scheduled for Action

1. Public Hearing

- a. Open Public Hearing – Kimberly Tucker
- b. The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of the members of the public regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2023/2024 school year.
- c. Open for discussion – Brenda Congo presented Taylion’s LCAP. While the LCAP is similar to the previous years, a few changes and updates are being made. Goals – 1) student achievement data and demographics with focus of tailoring interventions for math, reading, and writing. Since students have been underperforming, Taylion’s focus is on growth in these three subjects by providing specific interventions and supports. 2) Develop and implement comprehensive professional development plan so as to provide all students

with high quality curriculum and instruction. Curriculum, SEL, and student engagement will be some of the PD. 3) Focus on parent/guardian engagement will be a priority. Various approaches of including families to obtain their input and welcome them in the school while also providing a safe school environment are key.

Next steps – surveys are being distributed with staff, parents, students and this information will be compiled and presented to the board.

2. Approve Minutes from February 23, 2023 Board Meeting – Kimberly Tucker

Motion: **Belay**

Second: **Irons**

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved to 4 to 0

3. Approve 2022/23 2nd Interim Report and Budget– Zach Wolfe: The report is a check-in of THDA’s current financial standing with an updated budget to be presented at next meeting in June. 2022-23 budget highlights: Generated revenues have been based on enrollment from P1 ADA. Revenues will scale back a bit due to P2 ADA. However, a healthy margin remains as a surplus. Hiring was a priority. Shifts are expected as enrollment oscillates. Since this is not in a funding determination year, building up the current reserves will be helpful in years to come. As a non-classroom based school, we need to meet certain state requirements for spending within the 23-24 school year by adding more staff during the start of the year and providing students smaller teacher/student ratios. Discussion continued with the challenge of finding and hiring qualified teachers and counselors.

Motion: **Irons**

Second: **Husley**

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

4. Approve CBO Financial Report – Zach Wolfe:

Overview of Governor’s May Revise presentation: 8.22% COLA will be the main state aid for SPED and other supports. The Art/Music state grants will be revoked and will not be forecasted in Taylion’s budget. LCFF equity grant will generate a strong amount of funding that is tailored to disadvantaged students from which Taylion will benefit. Projection of more LCAP requirements will be added. The arts/music/drama is being supported with new funding (Prop 28) which will be added into Taylion’s 2023-24 curriculum. Cash through the April 30th period saw increases from last year’s fiscal year due to a jump in enrollment. Consolidated Application, Title I, 2, & 4 will be presented at the June meeting. Money allotted during Covid period is being spent throughout this year and upcoming.

Motion: _____ **Husley** _____
Second: _____ **Irons** _____
Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X
Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

5. Approve 2023/24 Student Calendar – Brenda Congo: The 2023-24 calendar mirrors much of the current school year with three tracks, A, B, & C. However, the school year will bring in more scheduled breaks for teachers/staff with supports still being provided for student during these breaks. The calendar will be a more traditional vs the past year’s calendar which focused on Covid recovery.

Motion: _____ **Belay** _____
Second: _____ **Irons** _____
Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X
Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

6. Approve DASS Application Presentation – Karen Ruffner: A review of the DASS program was given showing that the application for this status will help our Grad Rate measurement on the CA Dashboard as well as the receiving of CSI funding.

Motion: _____ **Hulsey** _____
Second: _____ **Belay** _____
Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X
Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

7. Approve Taylion Employee Benefits – Zach Wolfe: Team collaborated to create a more competitive benefit package as well as salary increases. The medical/eye/dental allotment will be increased per month and the 401 package will be raised to a 100% match effective July 1. Ms. Smith added that there will be a more thorough review of the offered benefits so staff can better understand their options.

Motion: _____ **Belay** _____
Second: _____ **Irons** _____
Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X
Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

Communications

1. Principal Report – Brenda Congo: Many events are occurring at the end of the year which include: hiring is ramping up, two of the three tracks have finished, the WASC

visit has concluded. Ms. Congo shared a comment from the WASC president who mentioned that it was obvious how much the staff and teachers care about Taylion's students. Additionally, Ms. Congo presented at the Adelanto's board meeting and included invitations to their board members to our upcoming graduation. Invitations also enthusiastically extended to Taylion's board members to visit all sites and/or graduation. Kindergarten promotion will take place on 5/25/23 as well as the 8th grade/High School graduation on 6/15/23. Dr. Jodie was recognized as a huge support for the WASC visitation as well as with the LCAP.

Dr. Jodie reflected on the LCAP and WASC with goals aligning on a focus on strengthening Taylion's ELD program as well as various other areas of growth. Dr. Jodie will be presenting WASC results in future meetings.

2. Next Regular Board Meeting Date May 25, 2023, at 6:00pm. This may be canceled if there are no agenda items requiring approval or rescheduled if needed. Special meetings may be scheduled as needed.

C. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 **p.m.** by Kimberly Tucker.

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