

Theftord Town School District

Regular Board Meeting

Date: **June 11, 2024**

PRESENT:

School board: Mary Chin, Nic Cook, Stephanie Hareld, Jeff Jamele, Greta Marchesi

Administration: Caitlin Toleno

OESU: Nicole Bell

Community: Barrett Williams

Agenda

Welcome

Meeting called to order by Cook at 6:02 pm.

Board Business

a) Agenda Review/Approval

- Toleno would like to add discussion of hiring a school counselor. Move to approve amended Agenda (Chin/Marchesi). Unanimous.

b) Approve Minutes: [05/14/24](#). Motion to approve as is (Hareld, Jamele). Unanimous.

c) Review Orders - There was nothing unexpected.

d) Correspondence

- Marchesi received communication from Green Mountain Power about the proposed EV chargers for employees. This might have a cost to TTSD of approximately \$1,600 of the total approximately \$32,000 cost. Question: Will employees have to pay for the electricity? Marchesi will ask Nolan Reigler.

Public Comment : None.

Reports:

A. Principal's Report

Welcome aboard:

- Wesley Smith will be joining the TES custodian crew on July 1, 2024. He will be a great asset to TES.
- Tori Benson will be joining the TES staff on July 1, 2024 as the SEL Coordinator/Dean of Students.

Art Show/Concert

- I am delighted to share that the annual TES Art Show and Concert was a resounding success. The event, held on Thursday, May 30 was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present.
- The Art Show featured a diverse array of creative works from our talented students, showcasing their dedication and artistic prowess. From intricate paintings to stunning sculptures, the exhibition truly reflected the incredible talent within our school community.
- The Concert was equally impressive, with performances that captivated the audience from start to finish. Our students demonstrated their musical skills and passion, delivering renditions that ranged from classical pieces to contemporary hits.
- The enthusiasm and support from our attendees made the event even more special. The positive energy and sense of community were palpable, and it was heartwarming to see everyone come together to celebrate our students' achievements.
- A special thank you goes to Kathy Hollander, our dedicated music teacher, and Alexandra Mathis, our exceptional art teacher, for orchestrating such an amazing art show and concert. Their hard work,

creativity, and commitment to our students' growth and success were evident in every detail of the event.

- We extend our deepest gratitude to the staff for all they did to help make this event possible.

Field Day

- I am delighted to share that despite the rain, our Field Day was a great success! Students had a wonderful time engaging in a variety of indoor games, yard games, board games, watching short movies, and enjoying delicious ice cream sundaes.
- A special thank you goes out to Phil, Sara, Kate, and all the parent volunteers who helped us make the day a success. Your support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.
- Thank you once again for your contributions and for making Field Day an enjoyable experience for everyone.

B. TA Updates- Jamele

- Board is finalizing recruitment of additional members (list to come in the next meeting).
- Push for additional policy regarding cell phone use in school that will need to be resolved before the end of July to meet deadlines for rolling out in the upcoming school year.
- Discussion on the TA Policy Committee of class size.

C. School Counselor:

With the retirement of Cindy Dale, a school counselor/504 position was posted for 80%. The candidates that applied were not interested in 80%, so Toleno reached out to Metcalf about making it a 100% position. Metcalf stated that with our excess monies put aside, it could go to 100% without seeing a change in the budget. Toleno will repost the position at 100%.

TAN Authorization (Tax Anticipation Notice)

This has to do with receiving federal funds.

The TES board authorizes the SU to borrow short term on behalf of the TES Board to cover expenses in the event the state revenue does not come in on time. Motion to authorize the borrowing on the Tax Anticipation Note as needed (Marchesi/Jamele). Unanimous.

Strategic Plan update- Toleno

- First off, thank you to the following people who worked on this plan including: Bernice Mills- TES Principal, Kate Dalpra- Nurse, Ben LaRoche- $\frac{5}{6}$ teacher, Kate Hill- $\frac{1}{2}$ teacher, Sarah Cavin, Marissa Donovan, Phyl Macomber- Moderator, and many others along the way.
- Toleno shared the completed strategic plan. It will be added to the meeting documents, and it will be put on the TES website.

Policy Committee Update

Policy update on E21 regarding distribution of non-school literature on school grounds is out of review at the OESU level. The committee is waiting to hear the results.

Executive Session- Designation Exception Appeal

1. Motion to move into executive session, as the discussion we are about to have may identify a student (Marchesi/Jamele). Unanimous.

2. Motion to go into executive session at 6:48 pm (Jamele/Cook). Unanimous.

Exit executive session at 7:33p.

Move to vote on the exemption exception appeal (Jamele/Marchesi).

Motion to approve grant designation exemption based on appeal. Motion does not pass.
Unanimous.

Action item: Set up TTSD annual planning retreat date and reserve Town Hall.

Minutes Prepared By:

Ginni Balch, Board Clerk

Future Meetings:

Regular School Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month during the school year.

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These minutes are not official until they are approved by the School Board.