

Taylion High Desert Academy

Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: High Desert Church, 14545 Hook Blvd, Victorville, CA

Google Meeting Number: 224-442-3342 PIN: 674 634 269# Teleconference available at the following locations:

A. Preliminary

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:36pm pm on June 15, 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: Tim Smith, Shannon Creamer Smith, Aaron Ritter, Jodie Radford, Zach Wolfe, Brenda Congo, Karen Ruffner

Items Scheduled for Action

1. Approve Minutes from May 24, 2023 Board Meeting – Kimberly Tucker

Motion: Irons

Second: Hulsey

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved to 4 to 0

2. Approve 2022-23 EPA Expenditures– Zach Wolfe: 22-23 Taylion Resolution Act, Doc FY23 to be posted on website showing how funding was utilized from the state. Education Protection Act was also reviewed.

Motion: Belay

Second: Irons

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0.

3. Approve 2023-24 LCAP – Zach Wolfe/Brenda Congo: LCAP outlines what goals are for school as well as improvements- metric being the WASC report. Presentation from Ms. Congo included: school is a DASS school and has received CSI funding; program efficacy; state testing participation rate @ 95% and academic progress; grad rates for one year grad rate 97% (due to DASS standing); comprehensive professional development plan will continue in a strong fashion as well as expand due to the addition of Dr. Jodie, Director of Curriculum; plans for improved academic outcomes by including more parent/guardian participation; currently low expulsions; continued focus on improving services for foster youth, English Learners, low income students. Mr. Wolfe added by stating that the LCAP drives the school’s budget. Ms. Tucker asked about science curriculum: Labster was mentioned and explained that it allows for A-G standing.

Motion: _____ **Irons** _____

Second: _____ **Hulsey** _____

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

4. Approve 2023-24 Adopted Budget – Zach Wolfe: P2 ADA for 640 – a great improvement from the previous year. Anticipates continued growth for upcoming school year starting on Census Day in October which will begin a Funding Determination year. Focusing on staying on track with calculated predictions and spending. Current financial standing is \$862,000 and the goal is to build upon the resource as THDA moves into a financially unstable state/federal situation. Funds from Local Control funding formula, ADA property taxes, SPED federal dollars (Title 1,2 & 4), CSI funding, stimulus revenues, state block grant, Prop 28 Arts Grant (music, art, drama), and lottery funding are among the various incomes. Dr. Smith brought up with the funding exemption SB740 and the need to avoid being in the similar situation in 2025. Ms. Smith explained how she, Ms. Congo, and Dr. Jodie have been working together to set the stage to avoid this situation by hiring teachers to take care of all students with THDA’s expanding enrollment. Ms. Irons asked as to whether we are allowed to hire online teachers and it was explained that currently, we employ 8 online teachers who do not need to live within the district. Taylion is doing everything possible to attract new teachers through pay, health insurance, and retirement increases. Discussion included that there may be a need to limit enrollment so as to meet the teacher/ratio requirements. Mr. Wolfe continued to discuss the intent of hiring new staff as well as additional supplemental supports (EL teachers, SPED, etc.). New counselors are also being interviewed and this will continue if needed. Classified staff will also be hired from additional resources (enrollment team, registrars, etc.). Purchasing of school materials/textbooks, curriculum, general consumables, Chromes books, staff lap

tops, additional furniture, food services (snack or meal) – Mr. Wolfe will factor in growth rates as needed. Travel, conferences, business services, transportation, Special Ed, IT services, phone/Internet, and marketing will also be factored in as will general liability. Stated that THDA currently has a strong cash revenue which will be key as we move into the unstable financial year ahead.

Motion: **Belay**

Second: **Hulsey**

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

5. Approve Board Meeting Dates – Brenda Congo: Six meeting dates 8/2, 9/13, 12/13, 3/13, 5/13, 6/26. Board meetings will be either in person at the site, or by being on school business, or at a public location in San Bernardino County.

Motion: **Iron**

Second: **Hulsey**

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

6. Approve 2023-24 Revised Student Calendar – Brenda Congo

Motion: **Hulsey**

Second: **Belay**

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

7. Approve ACH Transactions – Zach Wolfe: Needed to add ADT for the school which will be monthly transactions to be paid.

Motion: **Belay**

Second: **Irons**

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

8. Approve Check Register – Zach Wolfe: Review of check register.

Motion: **Iron**

Second: **Belay**

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X Irons X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 4 to 0 .

9. Approve Board Member Term Extension for Tadios Belay – Zach Wolfe

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

10. Approve Board Member Term Extension for Kimberly Tucker – Zach Wolfe

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

11. Approve Board Member Term Extension for Elizabeth Hulsey – Zach Wolfe

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

12. Approve 2023/24 Student Handbook – Brenda Congo: presented the updated handbook including new retention, discipline procedures, other policies and procedures. Continued review of handbook can be ongoing if necessary.

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

13. Approve Local Indicator Report – Karen Ruffner: The Local Indicators are a part of the school’s CA Dashboard which align with the LCAP. Board approval is required for the school to meet the “standards met” classification on the 2023-24 Dashboard.

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

Communications

1. Principal Report – Brenda Congo: Since the senior graduation ceremony was about to begin, Ms. Congo limited her comments to inviting the board to take their places on stage for the event.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting Date August 2 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 4:47 p.m. by Kimberly Tucker.

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