

Tawas Area Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
January 10, 2024

A special meeting of the Tawas Area Board of Education was called to order by President Klenow at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in the boardroom at the administration office.

Mrs. Edmonds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Bruning, Jenkins, Klenow, Edmonds

Absent: Ulman, Lentz, Butzin

Tardy: None

Administrators Present: Klinger.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Mrs. Klenow asked if anyone had comments on agenda or non-agenda items. There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

The board began their work session with Ms. Deborah Macon who presented on the topic of Dealing with Difficult People.

Mrs. Macon led the group through a collaborative discussion that focused on meeting the governance team's needs regarding establishing board norms, addressing the norms when not followed and creating board operating procedures. Mrs. Macon also introduced the board to the seven patterns of difficult behavior, gave insights on how to effectively handle difficult behavior, and concluded with a discussion on how the governance team can practice self-care strategies to better prepare ourselves to address challenging situations.

The meeting concluded at 7:03 p.m. with an understanding that the board will think about implementing self-care practices in their own lives, creating a possible committee to work on board norms, and consider scheduling another CBA class that will support that creation of board operating procedures.