

Tawas Area Schools  
Special Board of Education Meeting  
November 25, 2024

A special meeting of the Tawas Area Board of Education was called to order by President Bruning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2024 in the boardroom at the administration office.

Mrs. Bruning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Jenkins, Miller, Ulman, Bruning  
Absent: Edmonds, Lentz  
Tardy: Butzin

Administrators Present: Danek, Livingston

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

Mrs. Bruning asked if there were any public comments on agenda or non-agenda items. There were no comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Ulman, support by Jenkins to approve the consent agenda items which included two letters of resignation. The first letter is from middle school cheerleading coach, Kendra McClaine, effective November 19, 2024. A letter of resignation was also received from Mrs. Jerri Ureel, special education secretary, effective December 4, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Danek said that Mr. Mejeur is recommending that Mr. Andrew Challenger be hired as the varsity wrestling coach. Mr. Challenger has volunteered in the wrestling program for many years at both the you and high school levels. He was chosen as the top candidate for this position. Motion by Jenkins, support by Miller to hire Mr. Andrew Challenger as the varsity wrestling coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Danek said that Mr. Mejeur is also recommending Mr. Anthony Lesko be hired to fill the current wrestling assistant coaching position. Mr. Lesko has been a volunteer in the program for the past couple years and, during his high school wrestling career, was a 3-time division qualifier and 2-time state qualifier. He wrestled for four years at Alma College and was selected as the top candidate for this position. Motion by Jenkins, support by Miller to hire Mr. Anthony Lesko as the varsity wrestling assistant coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Butzin arrived to the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Jenkins, support by Butzin to go into closed session at 7:07 p.m. for a student discipline hearing. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenkins, support by Miller to return to open session at 7:28 p.m. after deliberation.

Motion by Ulman, support by Butzin to allow student 2024-2025-#3 to return to school after 10 days of suspension, under a social contract to be created by administration. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bruning explained to the student that the board was being lenient this time. Mrs. Ulman stated that everything a person says is meaningful and it is important to always be aware of your surroundings.

Motion by Jenkins, support by Ulman to go into closed session at 7:31 p.m. for a student discipline hearing. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenkins, support by Miller to return to open session at 7:49 p.m. after deliberation.

Motion by Ulman, support by Jenkins to expel student 2024-2025-#4 for 180 school days. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bruning stated that the administration team would be contacting the family regarding the next steps in the process.

The mother of the student asked if the board ever offers to help in situations like this, with a kid who clearly has a problem.

Mrs. Ulman explained that they could provide avenues for seeking help for the student, but the board did not have the resources available to provide these services.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jenkins, support by Ulman to adjourn at 755 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.