TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING #9 (FY'27)
Taylor County Middle School
Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Schedule and Link to the Live Stream can be found at: www.taylorcountyboe.net. If you wish to address the Board, please be at the location of the meeting and complete the delegation form by 5:45 p.m. and give it to: the Superintendent or his/her Secretary.

(It is the practice of our Board of Education to precede our meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. We invite you to bow your heads for prayer and stand to join us in the pledge if you so choose.)

INVOCATION /PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND/OR AGENDA ADDENDUM**

The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of the agenda as presented.

Recommendation: Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Yeas___ Nays___

27-9-1000 INFORMATION

Delegation

Presentations

- **Mrs. Tracey Fluharty-Godfrey, Principal Taylor County Middle School**
  - **STAR Group TCMS Students**
  - **Mr. Andrew Moore, Assistant Principal**
  - **Mrs. Alyssa Waters, Assistant Principal**
  - **Ms. Morgan Williams – Data and Literacy/Math Updates**
  - **Mrs. Tracey Fluharty-Godfrey - Library**
  - **Mrs. Tracey Fluharty-Godfrey - Faculty Senate**
  - **Mrs. Kathy Cochran - LSIC**
  - **Ms. Milisa Thorn and Casey Cox – CIS**
  - **Mrs. Kathy Cochran and Ms. Renee Salom – Counselors Report**

Superintendent's Update

- Review of update of October Enrollment Data and projected staffing.

Board Members Update

Board Committee Meeting Report

27-9-2000 MINUTES – POLICIES – CONTRACTS – AGREEMENTS

MINUTES

The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2026.

Recommendation: Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Yeas _____ Nays ___

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

2041 The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with **Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers, Inc. dba: Dental Center of Taylor County/Mobile Unit** and **Taylor County Schools** for the purpose of providing students with school-based dental services in an effort to improve oral health, at no cost to the Board.

2042 The superintendent respectfully requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the **Region 8 Foster Grandparent Program** and **Taylor County Schools** for the purpose of providing support to students from 5-40 hours per week. This is a continuation of a previous MOU in cooperation with our Child Nutrition Department and is at no additional cost to the Board.

The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of items **2041-2042** in the 2000 series.
Recommendation: Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Yeas ___ Nays ___ Item pulled _____ **TAB 2**

27-9-3000 CONSENT CALENDAR

3047 ANNA JARVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHAPERONES

Robert Arthur	JoEllen Arthur	Christopher Fazio	Nichole Fazio
Adrianne Ford	Bayley Freeman	James Jeffries	Nikki Jenkins
Aaron Jenkins	Jessica Johnson	Shannon Joyce	Aaron Joyce
Katrina Lipscomb	Robert McCartney	Tonya Moats	Charles Moats
Emily Muller	Justin Peters	Christopher Puchalski	Shannon Riffle
Amanda Robbins	Tiffany Stalder	Megan Stemple	Brittanie Stone
Shelley Streets	Tonya Umbel	Edith Wagner	Courtney Watkins
Samantha Welch			

3048 FLEMINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHAPERONES

Joyce Henderson	**Lorie Howdyshell**	**Jennifer Maley**	**Amie Shaffer**
Wendi Robb	**Lacey Frey**		

3049 TAYLOR COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPERONES

Crystal Criss	**Kleena Marcano-Jabire**	**Tiffany Shipp**	

OUT OF COUNTY/OVERNIGHT TRIP

3050 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **West Taylor Elementary School Teacher, Mrs. Amelia Halstead,** to take **eighty-four (84) students, accompanied by six (6) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **WVU Hope Coliseum in Morgantown, WV** to attend **the WVU Women's Basketball Education Day** on November 17, 2026. While there, students will participate in learning stations related to Science and Health education, along with exploring the fundamentals of living an active, healthy lifestyle, identify critical elements and components that basketball athletes exhibit, observe rules and etiquette related to the game and identify examples of fair play through discussion. The students attending will travel by County bus. Funding source: There is no admission fee to attend this event.

3051 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **West Taylor Elementary School Teacher, Ms. Kristen Parrish,** to take **fifty-four (54) students, accompanied by six (6) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **WVU Campus Planetarium in Morgantown, WV on** December 11, 2026. During the visit the students will engage in a hands-on learning experience that helps them have a better understanding of the solar system and other objects in space. This trip will allow them to connect what they learn in the classroom with a visual and interactive experience, while encouraging curiosity, observation, questioning, and interest in science. The students attending will travel by County bus. Funding source: There is no admission fee to attend this event.

3052 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Barbara Watkins,** to take **forty (40) students, accompanied by four (4) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **WVU Engineering Building in Morgantown, WV** on October 30, 2026. Students attending will be provided with the opportunity to apply concepts taught in their science courses to real-world engineering challenges while attending the West Virginia University 37th Annual Pumpkin Drop, hosted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). Students will use science concepts to design, construct, test, evaluate, and refine a solution to an authentic problem. The event will provide a strong application of gravitation acceleration, free fall, velocity, momentum, impulse, kinetic and potential energy, force, air resistance, and collision for the Physics students. Trip will also give the student the opportunity to visit and experience the Statler College of Engineering at WVU. The students attending will travel by County bus. Funding source: Travel

3053 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mr. Victor Iapalucci,** to take **forty (40) students, accompanied by six (6) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Robert C. Byrd Band Competition/Spectacular in Clarksburg, WV** on October 17, 2026. This trip will assist the students with their college and career readiness (CCR), along with the art of choreography with music and drill design, as well as the responsibility of readiness for a performance to include dress, music, mental preparation, endurance, physical fitness, and conditioning. The students attending will travel by County bus. Funding source: Travel

3054 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Brenda Bolyard,** to take **one (1) student, accompanied by one (1) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **WV FBLA Fall Leadership Conference, to be held at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV,** departing on October 28, 2026 and returning on October 30, 2026. The student attending will be serving as WV FBLA Historian and needs to arrive one day prior to the start of the event. The FBLA goals are to create competent, aggressive business leaders that contribute to improvements of home, business, and community. The student will be traveling, along with the chaperone, by County car. Funding source: Travel

3055 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Brenda Bolyard,** to take **sixteen (16) students, accompanied by two (2) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **WV FBLA Fall Leadership Conference, to be held at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV,** departing on October 29, 2026 and returning on October 30, 2026. While at the conference, students will be attending workshops, networking with other like-minded business students, and learn more about FBLA and the opportunities it presents. The students will be traveling by County bus. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3056 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take **thirty-four (34) students, accompanied by three (3) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Robert C. Byrd High School Show Choir Competition in Clarksburg, WV** on February 20, 2027. While competing the students will demonstrate musical skills and concepts developed in the classroom, such as vocal technique, musical expression, rhythm, harmony, diction, choreography, and ensemble skills, while performing in a live setting. The students will be traveling by County bus. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3057 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take as many as **four (4) students, accompanied by one (1) previously Board approved chaperones,** to **Charleston, WV** on March 4, 2027 through March 6, 2027. During the two and half days experience students will participate in intensive rehearsals, sectionals, professional instruction, and performance instruction that develops vocal techniques, tone quality, diction, intonation, rhythm, musical expression, ensemble balance, and blend. Professional feedback will be provided to improve their performance. The students will be transported via staff vehicle. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3058 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take **thirty-five (35) students, accompanied by five (5) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Robert C. Byrd High School Show Choir Competition in Clarksburg, WV** on March 20, 2027. Show choir competitions directly support the State music standards by providing students with an authentic opportunity to apply the musical skills and concepts developed in the classroom with real world experience. The students will be traveling by County bus. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3059 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take **thirty-five (35) students, accompanied by one (1) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Isle of Flags in Grafton, WV** to participate in the American Legions flag raising ceremony on November 7, 2026. Students will connect their music education with a sense of citizenship and civic responsibility while honoring our Veterans. The students will be parent-transport. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3060 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take **thirty-five (35) students, accompanied by two (2) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Light Up Night in Downtown Grafton, WV** on December 4, 2026. Students will sing Christmas Carols downtown giving them an authentic opportunity to apply their music education while sharing their talents and bringing holiday joy to the community. The students will be parent-transport. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3061 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take **thirty-five (35) students, accompanied by five (5) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Hurricane High School, in Hurricane, WV to compete in the Red Hot Show Choir Competition**, February 26, 2027 through February 27, 2027. Show choir competitions directly support State music standards, along with building confidence, leadership skills, and an understanding of the commitment required to help students succeed. The students will be traveling by County bus. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3062 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take **thirty-five (35) students, accompanied by one (1) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Senior Center and area nursing homes in Taylor County** on December 11, 2026. Students will sing Christmas Carols for the County's senior residence, while honing their musical talents. The students will travel by bus. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3063 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mrs. Melissa Garvin,** to take **thirty-five (35) students, accompanied by five (5) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Martinsburg High School Show Choir Competition, in Martinsburg, WV** March 12, 2027 through March 14, 2027. This trip, along core content, supports college and career readiness by developing transferable skills that students need in postsecondary education and the work place. The students will be traveling by Charter bus. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3064 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mr. Creed Ammons,** to take **six (6) students, accompanied by one (1) previously Board approved chaperones,** to the **Sportsman Club in Pine Grove, WV** to participate in a chili cook-off, trunk or treat, and stocked pond fishing on October 31, 2026. Students, along with other FFA chapters from around the state, will participate in this fun event, while working toward their FFA degrees. The students travel by County car. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3065 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Grafton High School Teacher, Mr. Creed Ammons,** to take **four (4) students, accompanied by one (1) previously Board approved chaperones,** to **West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV** to participate in the FFA Agricultural Sales Career Development Event on December 4, 2026. Students will have the opportunity to "pitch" to a set of judges the agricultural product that they have invented. The students will travel by County car. Funding source: School Level Fundraising

3066 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for **Taylor County Teacher, Mr. Victor Iapalucci**, to take **twelve (12) students**, along with **two (2) previously Board approved chaperones**, to **the WVU Creative Arts-Percussion Ensemble Concert in Morgantown, WV** on November 2, 2026. This engaging and educational musical experience will teach students rhythm, timing, coordination, and teamwork that comes together to create a performance. The students will be traveling by County bus. Funding source: Travel

REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES

3067 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for the **"Rebecca's Dance Studio"** to use the **Grafton High School Auditorium, Band and Choir Rooms, and Bathrooms** on June 9th & 10th, 2027, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.., as well as June 11th & 12th, 2027, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Principal has approved.)

3068 The Superintendent respectfully requests permission for the **"Reign Dance Academy"** to use the **Grafton High School Auditorium, Band Room, and Choir Room** from June 17th – 19th, 2027, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Principal has approved.)

3069 The Superintendent respectfully requests approval for the **"Grafton Youth Wrestling Club"** to use **Grafton High School (gymnasium)** November 9, 2026 through April 1, 2027 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for wrestling practice. (Principal has approved)

3070 The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of **Taylor Count 4-H**, requests permission to use Camp Towles (All Facilities) for County 4-H Camp from June 9, 2027, beginning at 8:00 a.m. through June 18, 2027, concluding at 5:00 p.m.

The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of items **3047-3070 in** the 3000 series.
Recommendation: Motion: _____ *2nd:* _____ *Yeas* ___ *Nays* ___ Item pulled ___ **TAB 3**

LEGAL

3071 The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of the creation and finalization of the required Impact Statement and setting of related Public Hearings pertaining to a proposed closing of Flemington Elementary School and merger into West Taylor Elementary School.

The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of item **3071 in** the 3000 series.
Recommendation: Motion: _____ *2nd:* _____ *Yeas* ___ *Nays* ___ Item pulled __

27-09-4000 FINANCIAL

Finance-related documentation is available in the Taylor County Schools Finance Office for public review by appointment at: (304) 265-2497

Budget Supplements
Vouchers Payable
FY'26 Financial Statement Presentation

The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of the items in the 4000 series.
*Recommendation: Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Yeas ___ Nays ___*Item pulled ___ **TAB 4**

27-09-5000 STUDENT MATTERS – PERSONNEL – LEGAL MATTERS

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

5235 APPROVAL OF 3-STEP PAYROLL INCREASE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
Special Education Classroom Teacher, certified with that endorsement and employed as a full-time special education teacher, is considered to have three additional years of experience only for the purposes of the salary schedule, effective for the 2026-2027 school year only.

Britney Nix	*Taylor County Middle School*

EXTRACURRICULAR/ EXTRA DUTY

5236 Angela McDaniel, *SAT Coordinator, West Taylor Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Job# FY'27-E-032.*

5237 John Norris, *eSports Sponsor (as needed and not to exceed 60 hours), Grafton High School, effective October 19, 2026. (Rehire)*

5238 Brenda Bolyard, *After School Tutor, (as needed and not to exceed 200 hours), Grafton High School, effective October 19, 2026. (Rehire)*

5239

Mentor	Mentee	School	Job #
Stephanie Musgrove	**Brittany Nix**	*Taylor County Middle School*	*FY27-E-027*

5240 Morgan Williams, *Writing Contest Coordinator, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026. Job# FY'27-E-045.*

5241 Joseph Dawson, *Science Fair Coordinator, Taylor County Middle School, effective October 19, 2026. Job#FY'27-E-042.*

5242 Karey Maier, *Unpaid Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Taylor County Middle School, effective October 19, 2026.*

SUBSTITUTES

5243 **Kathy Noble,** *Substitute Teacher, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026.*

5244 **Mary Pearson,** *Substitute Teacher, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026.*

5245 **Elizabeth Cunningham,** *Substitute Teacher, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026.*

EXTRACURRICULAR/ EXTRA DUTY RESIGNATION

5246 **Zachary Shumaker,** *Head Wrestling Coach, Grafton High School, effective September 28, 2026.*

SUBSTITUTE RESIGNATIONS

5247 **Savanna Davis,** *Substitute Teacher, Taylor County Schools, effective October 5, 2026.*

CREATE

5248 **1.0 In-School Tutor** *(as needed but not to exceed 440 hours), Anna Jarvis Elementary*

5249 **1.0 Yearbook Advisor,** *Anna Jarvis Elementary*

5250 **1.0 After School Tutor** *(as needed but not to exceed 140 hours), Taylor County Middle School*

5251 **1.0 Lego Builders Club** *(as needed but not to exceed 20 hours), Taylor County Middle School*

5252 **1.0 Knights Stitch Studio** *(as needed but not to exceed 20 hours), Taylor County Middle School*

SERVICE PERSONNEL

EMPLOYMENT

5253 **Kristy Pisino**, *Secretary II/III (220 Days, Fulltime), Anna Jarvis Elementary School, effective October 19, 2026. Job# FY'27-S-032.*

EXTRACURRICULAR/ EXTRA DUTY

5254 **Shelia Nestor**, *Bus Aide, Bus 90 AM/PM (M-Th), Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026. Job# FY'27-E-03.*

SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

5255 **Stephanie Toth,** *Substitute Aide, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026.*

5256 **Jamie List,** *Substitute Cook, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026.*

5257 **Rebecca Dilsworth,** *Substitute Aide, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026.*

5258 **Tiffany Shepphard,** *Substitute Aide, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026.*

5259 **Hayley Wyckoff,** *Long-Term Substitute Bus Operator, Bus 92, Taylor County Schools, effective October 19, 2026, until the return of the regular employee or change of position status. Job# FY'27-S-033.*

CREATE

5260 1.0 Extracurricular Bus Aide, Bus 20, AM and PM, Monday-Friday (as needed), *Taylor County Schools*

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5261 Eric Smith, *Bus Operator, Taylor County Schools, respectfully requests a paid/unpaid leave of absence that began on September 21, 2026, in accordance with TCBE Policy 4430, through December 21, 2026.*

The Superintendent respectfully requests approval of items **5235-5261** in the 5000 series.
Recommendation: Motion: _____ *2nd:* _____ *Yeas* ___ *Nays* ___ Item pulled __ **TAB 5**

27-09-8000 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

27-09-9000 FUTURE MEETINGS

October 27, 2026	6:00 p.m.	TCBE
November 10, 2026	6:00 p.m.	**GHS**
November 17, 2026	6:00 p.m	TCBE
December 1, 2026	6:00 p.m.	**AJES**
December 15, 2026	6:00 p.m	TCBE
January 12, 2027*Calendar	6:00 p.m.	**FES**
January 26, 2027	6:00 p.m.	TCBE
February 9, 2027 *Calendar	6:00 p.m.	**WTES**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ to adjourn the meeting, all members concurring therein the meeting adjourned at _____p.m.