

TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
1605 S. Washington Street
Lockport, Illinois 60441
November 20, 2025
6:15 p.m.
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

President Lane called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. with the following members answering present: Colella, Bruss, Jelinek, Brzuszkiewicz, Lane

Also Present: Mr. James Calabrese

Members Absent: Strote, Scanlan (arrived to meeting at 7:00pm)

3. CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Board member Colella and seconded Brzuszkiewicz by at 6:15 p.m. to go into Closed Session for the purposes of: (A) Student Issues; (B) Personnel-Resignations/Dismissal/Employment; (C) Litigation, (D) Legal Counsel, and (E) Review of Closed Minutes.

Discussion:

AYE: Brzuszkiewicz, Colella, Jelinek, Bruss, , Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strote, Scanlan

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Board member Colella and seconded by Jelinek

AYE: Jelinek, Colella, Bruss, Brzuszkiewicz, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Scanlan, Strote

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

4. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: no one present to address the board

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PTA update: Mrs. Rose reviewed past and future events.

Taft Foundation update: Mrs. Jelinek reviewed upcoming events.

Board Member updates: N/A

6. COMMITTEE REPORT:

6.1. Finance: Jelinek reviewed the meeting held on 11/17

7. PRINCIPAL REPORT- Mrs. Thompson acknowledged and Thanked the Board for their service with cards from classrooms. She reviewed IAR data for ELA and Math.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Calabrese discussed the FOIA's we received. Reviewed the need for a board workshop and consensus was to look into Goal Setting workshop. Will reach out to see when this can be scheduled. The FY25 tentative tax levy was reviewed and the current school maintenance grant option. A discussion for a policy meeting was reviewed for memo 120. Dates will be emailed.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 9.1. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of October 23, 2025.
9.2. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the 1st Closed Session minutes of October 23, 2025.
9.3. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2nd Closed Session minutes of October 23, 2025.

Motion made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to approve the minutes listed above.

Discussion:

AYE: Jelinek, Scanlan, Bruss, Brzuszkiewicz, Colella, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strote

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

- 10. CONSENT AGENDA –Action.** Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Board
Motions: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

10.1. Approve Treasurer's Report

10.2. Authorize to pay bills/payroll

10.3. Accept Investment Report

10.4. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the facilities rental agreement from Lockport Baseball Team winter training as presented.

10.5. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract from Carefree Lawn Maintenance for snow removal for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Hires:

10.6. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Emma Grahovac as lunch room/recess monitor for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Bruss to approve the Consent agenda as presented above.

AYE: Bruss, Brzuszkiewicz, Colella, Jelinek, Scanlan, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strote

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

11. 2nd CLOSED SESSION – not held

12. ACTION ITEMS:

12.1. **Motion** made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to approve the 2025 tentative Tax Levy at 4.99%.

Discussion:

AYE: Colella, Scanlan, Brzuszkiewicz, Jelinek, Lane

NAY: Bruss

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strote

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12.2. **Motion** made by Board member Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Colella to Authorize Superintendent to apply for the School Maintenance Project Grant and set aside the necessary district matching funds (\$50,000).

Discussion:

AYE: Bruss, Scanlan, Brzuszkiewicz, Jelinek, Colella, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strote

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Scanlan to all adjourn at 8:33 PM

AYE: Brzuszkiewicz, Scanlan, Colella, Jelinek, Bruss, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strote

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried



BOARD PRESIDENT

Nicole Lane



BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Christine Jelinek

Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak

ABSENT: Strote

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried