

TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
1605 S. Washington Street
Lockport, Illinois 60441
August 21, 2025
7:00 p.m.
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

President Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members answering present: Colella, Bruss, Jelinek, Strote, Brzuszkiewicz,, Lane
Also Present: Mr. James Calabrese
Members Absent: Scanlan

3. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: no one present to address the Board.

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

PTA update: Mrs. Burger reviewed past and future events. Reviewed financials and assets.

Taft Foundation update: Mrs. Jelinek reviewed past meeting and discussed fund balances. Reviewed Grants that came through and future planning ideas.

Board Member updates: Jelinek would like to discuss closed session timing during board meetings. Will be topic on next months agenda.

5. COMMITTEE REPORT:

5.1. Finance: Mrs. Jelinek reviewed the meeting held on 8/18/25.

6. PRINCIPAL REPORT- Mrs. Thompson reviewed the new 3rd & 4th grade curriculum recommendation

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Calabrese reviewed the enrollment numbers for each class. Discussed the tentative FY26 budget approval and reviewed the December Board meeting date and consensus was to move to 12/11/25 and Finance meeting to 12/8/25 and will be action item on next month's agenda. Also discussed the idea of moving board meeting dates and locations due to building rentals and conflicts but consensus was to keep meetings as is.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

8.1. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of July 24,2025.

8.2. ~~It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Closed Session minutes of July 24, 2025.~~

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

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Scanlan

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

9. 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.

9.1. Approve Treasurer's Report

9.2. Authorize to pay bills/payroll

9.3. Accept Investment Report

- 9.4. It's recommended the Board of Education accept the following policies: 2:260, 4:15, 4:80, 5:10, 5:20, 5:60, 5:100, 6:150, 6:235, 7:10, 7:20, 7:60, 7:70, 7:180, 7:185, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:250, 7:270, 7:310, 7:340, 7:255, 2:265, 2:80, 2:130, 7:140, 7:300, 8:80, 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:240, 3:30, 4:50, 4:90, 4:180, 5:20, 5:270, 7:40, 7:90, 7:130, 7:325, 8:110
- 9.5. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the facilities rental request from Lockport Jr. Porter Cheer from 9/2/25-11/6/25 as presented.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Hires:

- 9.6. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Pete Howard as Athletic Director for the 2025-2026 school year at \$5,871
- 9.7. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Pete Howard as 7th Grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year at \$4,223
- 9.8. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Pete Howard as 8th Grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year at \$4,223
- 9.9. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Kathleen Campbell for 8th Grade Sponsor Stipend for the 2025-2026 school year at \$1,751
- 9.10. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Jan Gura for BETA Club Stipend for the 2025-2026 school year at \$1,854.
- 9.11. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Melissa Mattas for BETA Club Stipend for the 2025-2026 school year at \$1,854.
- 9.12. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Stephanie Haas for Yearbook Stipend for the 2025-2026 school year at \$927
- 9.13. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Alicia Smorynski for Band Stipend for the 2025-2026 school year at \$1,957.
- 9.14. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Alicia Smorynski for Choir Stipend for the 2025-2026 school year at \$1,957

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

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Scanlan

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

10. 2nd CLOSED SESSION – not held

11. ACTION ITEMS:

- 11.1. **Motion** made by Board member Strote and seconded by Colella to approve the Tentative FY26 Budget.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Scanlan

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

- 11.2. **Motion** made by Board member Bruss and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to place on display the FY26 Tentative Budget and sets Thursday September 25, 2025 at 6:10 p.m. for the annual Budget Public Hearing.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Scanlan

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

11.3. Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Colella to keep closed session minutes from 3/20/25 through 7/24/25 closed to the public.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Scanlan

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Strote and seconded by Colella to all adjourn at 7:54 PM

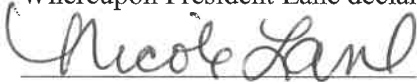
AYE: Brzuszkiewicz, Colella, Jelinek, Bruss, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Scanlan

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried



BOARD PRESIDENT

Nicole Lane



BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Christine Jelinek

Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak