

TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
1605 S. Washington Street
Lockport, Illinois 60441
December 11, 2025 6:30 p.m.
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

President Lane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members answering present: Colella, Bruss, Jelinek, Brzuszkiewicz, Strote, Scanlan, Lane
Also Present: Mr. James Calabrese
Members Absent:

3. CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Jelinek at 6:30 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, Strote, Scanlan, Colella, Jelinek, Bruss, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:51 p.m.

Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

4. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: Mr. Burger was presented to address the board regarding TPAA basketball schedule and conflicts.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

Board Member updates: N/A

6. COMMITTEE REPORT: N/A

7. PRINCIPAL REPORT- N/A

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Calabrese discussed the FOIA we received. The FY25 tax levy was reviewed and the current school fees were discussed. Reflected on attending the Tri-Conference with Jelinek. Board workshop discussion and was recommended to have a hybrid meeting. More information will be sent out soon.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

9.1. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of November 20, 2025.

9.2. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the 1st Closed Session minutes of November 20, 2025.

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

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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

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

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

11. 2nd CLOSED SESSION – not held

12. ACTION ITEMS:

12.1. Motion made by Board member Scanlan and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to authorize the Superintendent to pay all regular bills for the month of December.

Discussion:

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

NAY: Bruss

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12.2. Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Jelinek to approve the FY25 Tax Levy at 4.99% and Authorize Superintendent to submit the Certificate of Tax Levy as presented.

Discussion:

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

NAY: Bruss

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12.3. Motion made by Board member Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Colella to authorize the Superintendent to submit the proper waiver documentation for the school breakfast program.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12.4. Motion made by Board member Colella and seconded by Strote to approve to reimburse Christine Jelinek for travel expenses to the Tri-Conference in the amount of \$82.41.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN: Jelinek

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12.5. Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Jelinek to approve the reimbursement to student #02094 in the amount of \$170.40 for registration fees.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Strote and seconded by Jelinek to all adjourn at 8:07 PM

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried



BOARD PRESIDENT

Nicole Lane



BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Christine Jelinek

Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak