

**TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90**  
**1605 S. Washington Street**  
**Lockport, Illinois 60441**  
**October 23, 2025**  
**6:15 p.m.**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Mr. James Calabrese

Members Absent: Lane

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion** made by Board member Strote and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz 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, Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Strote, Jelinek

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Lane

Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:15 p.m.**

**Motion** made by Board member Strote and seconded by Scanlan

AYE: Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Brzuszkiewicz, Jelinek

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Lane

Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried

**4. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: N/A**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**PTA update:** Mrs. Ruzzini reviewed past events and future events.

**Taft Foundation update:** Mrs. Jelinek reviewed the last meeting held and upcoming events.

**Board Member updates:** N/A

**6. COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**6.1. Building & Grounds:** Brzuszkiewicz reviewed the meeting held on 10/6/2025.

**6.2. Finance:** Jelinek reviewed the meeting held on 10/20/2025

**7. PRINCIPAL REPORT-** Mrs. Thompson reviewed the NWEA Trend Data Report.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Calabrese discussed the 2 FOIA's we received. He discussed the update for Psychological Evaluation Services with the extension of current contract and the additional services for the rest of the year. FY26 Capital Improvement Grant was discussed and possible ideas to take advantage of it.

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**9.1.** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of September 25, 2025

**9.2.** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of September 25, 2025

**9.3.** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Closed Session minutes of September 25, 2025

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

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Lane

Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried

#### **10. 2<sup>nd</sup> CLOSED SESSION:**

**Motion** made by Board member Colella and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz at 7:75 p.m. to go into 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Strote, Jelinek

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Lane

Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried

#### **MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:13 p.m.**

**Motion** made by Board member Bruss and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz

AYE: Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Brzuszkiewicz, Jelinek

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Lane

Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried

- 11. 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.

**11.1** Approve Treasurer's Report

**11.2** Authorize to pay bills/payroll

**11.3** Accept Investment Report

**11.4** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the facility rental agreement from Taft Parent Athletic Association for the Main Gym and Stage from October through February as presented

**11.5** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the facility rental agreement from Elite Dance Academy for the Main Gym and Stage on 12/13/2025.

**11.6** It's recommended that the Board of Education declare the old social studies books as surplus

#### **PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Hires:

**11.7** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Riley LaFoon for Psychological Evaluation Services, not to exceed 3 evaluations, as presented.

**11.8** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Deborah Anderson for Psychological Evaluation Services, not to exceed 9 evaluations, as presented.

**11.9** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Emily McGraw as Volleyball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year pending background check.

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

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Lane

Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried

#### **12. ACTION ITEMS:**

**12.1. Motion** by Scanlan and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to Authorize Superintendent to finalize payment to Tori Construction for \$2,500 for the 2022 Roof Replacement Work due to insurance deductible reimbursement

AYE: Brzuszkiewicz, Scanlan, Strote, Colella, Bruss, Jelinek,  
NAY:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Lane  
Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Strote to all adjourn at 8:16 PM

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Lane

Whereupon Vice President Jelinek declared the motion carried



**BOARD PRESIDENT**

Nicole Lane



**BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**

Christine Jelinek

Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak