

**TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90**  
**1605 S. Washington Street**  
**Lockport, Illinois 60441**  
**April 13, 2026 @ 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: Bruss, Jelinek, Scanlan, Brzuszkiewicz, Colella, Lane  
Also Present: Mr. James Calabrese  
Members Absent: Strote (Arrived at 6:20)

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion** made by Board member Colella 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: Bruss, Jelinek, Scanlan, Brzuszkiewicz, Colella, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Strote (arrived at 6:20)

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:05 p.m.**

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

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

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

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Board Member updates: NA**

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Calabrese reviewed the FOIA we received. Discussed that a policy committee meeting is needed for policy Issue 121. Acknowledged Jelinek receiving the Educators of Excellence Award last week.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**7.1.** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of March 26, 2026.

**7.2.** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Closed Session minutes of March 26, 2026.

**7.3.** It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Closed Session minutes of March 26, 2026.

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

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

**8. 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.

**8.1. Approve Treasurer's Report**

**8.2. Authorize to pay bills/payroll**

**8.3. Accept Investment Report**

**8.4. It's recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to pay regular April Bills due to early meeting date.**

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

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

**9. 2<sup>nd</sup> CLOSED SESSION – not held**

## **10. ACTION ITEMS:**

**10.1. Motion** made by Board member Strote and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to approve the resolution authorizing notice of non-retention for Melissa Mattas for next school year.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

**10.2. Motion** made by Board member Colella and seconded by Strote to approve the Superintendents Contract goals were achieved.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

**10.3. Motion** made by Board member Strote and seconded by Jelinek to approve the posting of the tentative FY26 Amended Budget, place on public display for 30 days, and set the public hearing for FY26 Amended Budget on May 28, 2026.

Discussion:

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Strote and seconded by Scanlan to all adjourn at 7:28 PM

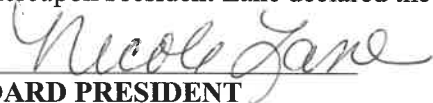
AYE: Brzuszkiewicz, Colella, Bruss, Jelinek, Strote, Scanlan, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:


ABSENT:

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

  
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**BOARD PRESIDENT**

Nicole Lane

Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak

  
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**BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**  
Christine Jelinek