TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
1605 S. Washington Street
Lockport, Illinois 60441
September 22, 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, Strote, Brzuszkiewicz , Colella, Lane
Also Present: Mr. James Calabrese, Kim Thompson
Members Absent:

3. CLOSED SESSION
Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Colella 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, Strote, Bruss, Jelinek, Scanlan, Colella, Lane
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:45 p.m.
Motion made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz
AYE: Jelinek, Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Strote, Brzuszkiewicz, 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:

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- **6.1. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting** – Brzuszkiewicz reviewed meeting held on 8/24/26
- **6.2. Policy Committee Meeting:** members reviewed meeting held on 9/14/26 and following polices were reviewed with updated wording for policy 5:240:
  - **6.2.1.** The Following Policies are listed for the First Reading: 2:230, 5:40, 5:70, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:130, 8:70, 2:120-E3, 2:70-E, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E3, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E82:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:70, 4:120, 4:175, 5:110, 5:140, 5:185, 7:30, 7:80, 7:345, 8:100.
- **6.3. Finance Committee Meeting Recap-** Jelinek reviewed meeting held on 9/16/26

7. PRINCIPALS REPORT: Mrs. Thompson reviewed the Fall MAP Data, updated BIF forms, and student leadership conference review with students present to present to the Board.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Calabrese reviewed the 5 FOIAs we received. Discussed the Taft Foundation Art Program and reviewed his evaluation template. He reviewed policy 5:110: Recognition for Service Discussion along with the IASA delegate discussion from the policy committee. A review of bringing back Cheer occurred as well as a discussion regarding a program through the ROE, ALOP , and using this service through our district.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

9.1. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of August 18, 2026.

9.2. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Closed Session meeting minutes of August 18, 2026.

Motion made by Board member Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Jelinek to approve the minutes listed above.
Discussion:
AYE:, Scanlan, Colella, Strote, Jelinek, Brzuszkiewicz, Bruss, 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
10.4. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2026 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefit report as presented
10.5. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the refund to student #02135 in the amount of $165.00 for registration fees paid in error.
10.6. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the refund to student #01635 in the amount of $100.00 for payment error.
10.7. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Facilities Rental Agreement from Lockport Jr. Porters Cheer from 9/29/26-11/3/26 as presented.
10.8. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Facilities Rental Agreement for Girl Scouts on 10/26/26 & 11/9/26 from 6pm-7pm as presented.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

10.9. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Juliann Wimmer as a Substitute Teacher.
10.10. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Anna Malcolm as a Substitute Teacher.
10.11. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Jan Gura for BETA Club Stipend for the 2026-2027 school year at $2.441.00.
10.12. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Carrie Jones for BETA Club Stipend for the 2026-2027 school year at $1.854.00.
10.13. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Pete Howard as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at $4,223.00
10.14. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve James Calabrese as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year for $3,440.00.
10.15. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Daniele Calabrese as Cheer Coach Stipend for the 2026-2027 school year at $1,802.50 (half stipend).
10.16. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Hire of Maggie Calabrese as Cheer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at $1,802.50 (half stipend
10.17. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Alicia Smorynski for an additional Band Stipend for the 2026-2027 school year at $1,957.00.

Motion made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to approve the Consent agenda as presented above.
AYE:, Colella, Strote, Bruss, Jelinek, Scanlan, Brzuszkiewicz, 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 Strote and seconded by Jelinek to approve the FY27 Budget as Presented.

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

12.2.Motion made by Board member Bruss and seconded by Colella to approve the FY26 Audit as Presented.
Discussion:
AYE: Jelinek, Brzuszkiewicz, Scanlan, Colella, Strote, Bruss, Lane
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12.3.Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Jelinek to approve the destruction of closed session recordings up to March 2025.
Discussion:
AYE: Jelinek, Brzuszkiewicz, Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Strote, Lane
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

12.4.Motion made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Scanlan to authorize the Superintendent to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Office of Education to bring the ALOP program to Taft beginning in the FY27 school year.
Discussion:
AYE: Brzuszkiewicz, Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Strote, Jelinek, Lane
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

13. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Strote and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to all adjourn at 8:41 PM
AYE: Colella, Jelinek, Bruss, Strote, Scanlan, Brzuszkiewicz, Lane
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

Nicole Lane

BOARD PRESIDENT
Nicole Lane
Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak

Christine Jelinek

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT
Christine Jelinek