

TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
1605 S. Washington Street
Lockport, Illinois 60441
February 26, 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, Strote, Scanlan, Lane

Also Present: Mr. James Calabrese

Members Absent: Brzuskiewicz, Colella

3. CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Jelinek 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: Strote, Scanlan, Jelinek, Bruss, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Brzuskiewicz, Colella

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Scanlan

AYE: Strote, Jelinek, Bruss, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Brzuskiewicz Colella

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. COMMITTEE REPORT:

6.1. Building & Grounds Recap- Mr. Calabrese reviewed the meeting held on 2/9/26.

6.2. Finance Committee Recap- Mr. Calabrese reviewed the meeting held on 2/23/26

7. PRINCIPAL REPORT- Mrs. Thompson reviewed the student handbook for the 26-27 school year updates for the first reading.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Calabrese discussed the FOIAs we received. Next year's school fees, calendar, and scheduled was reviewed. Discussion about having soccer instead of track was discussed for the future.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

9.1. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of January 22, 2026.

9.2. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the 1st Closed Session minutes of January 22, 2026.

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

Discussion:

AYE: Strote, Jelinek, Scanlan, Bruss, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Brzuszkiewicz, Colella

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. Its recommended that the Board of Education approve the Facility Rental For Your K9 on June 13th and June 14th as presented.

10.5. Its recommended that the Board of Education approve the Facility Rental for Adam Mickiewicz Polish School for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

10.6. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Facility Rental for La Danse Academie for June 26-27, 2026.

10.7. It's recommended the Board of Education accept the final reading of policies: 2:120, 2:150, 2:270, 4:10, 4:30, 4:80, 4:140, 4:190, 5:10, 5:90, 5:100, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:280, 5:300, 6:20, 6:40, 6:60, 6:130, 6:160, 6:210, 6:260, 6:315, 7:10, 7:70, 7:180, 7:190, 7:290, 7:310, 7:340, 8:30, 7:150, 6:280

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Hires:

10.8. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Betsy Voris a Substitute Teacher pending background check.

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

AYE: BrussJelinek, Scanlan, Strote, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Brzuszkiewicz, Colella,

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 Marchio Tile payment request of \$15,400.

Discussion:

AYE: Scanlan, Strote, Jelinek, Bruss, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Brzuszkiewicz, Colella

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Strote and seconded by Scanlan to all adjourn at 7:59 PM

AYE: Scanlan, Jelinek, Bruss, Strote, Lane

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Brzuszkiewicz, Colella

Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried



BOARD PRESIDENT

Nicole Lane



BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Christine Jelinek

Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak