TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
1605 S. Washington Street
Lockport, Illinois 60441
August 18, 2026 @ 6:40 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
President Lane called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 Brzuszkiewicz at 6:40 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 7:00 p.m.
Motion made by Board member Strote and seconded by Jelinek
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: Lane wanted to acknowledge a nice Facebook post regarding Mr. Calabrese.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
6.1. Finance Meeting: Jelinek reviewed the meeting held on 8/12/26.

7. PRINCIPALS REPORT: Mrs. Thompson reviewed the teachers institute day held on 8/17/26

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Calabrese reviewed a registration update discussed the tentative FY27 budget. Reviewed a Building and Grounds meeting date needs to be scheduled and dates will be sent out to committee members. Discussed the Taft Foundation Art Program or option for part-time Art Teacher.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
9.1. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of July 21, 2026.
Motion made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Colella 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 facilities rental agreement For Your K9, Inc from 10/3/26-10/4/26 as presented.
10.5. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the quote #PCNAQ165183 for Board issued Computers from PCNation as presented.
10.6. It's recommended that the Board of Education accepts that final reading for Cell Phone Policy as presented.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

10.7. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Pete Howard as Athletic Director for the 2026-2027 school year at $5,871
10.8. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Kathleen Campbell for 8th Grade Sponsor Stipend for the 2026-2027 school year at $2,60.00
10.9. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Stephanie Haas for Yearbook Stipend for 2026-2027 school year at $927
10.10. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Alicia Smorynski for Band Stipend for the 2026-2027 school year at $1,957
10.11. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve Alicia Smorynski for Choir Stipend for the 2026-2027 school year at $1,957
10.12. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Pete Howard as 7th Grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2026-2027 school year at $4,223
10.13. It's recommended that the Board of Education approve the hire of Pete Howard as 8th Grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2026-2027 school year at $4,223

Motion made by Board member Jelinek and seconded by Strote 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 memberJelinek and seconded by Scanlan to approve the Tentative FY27 Budget
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 Strote and seconded by Brzuszkiewicz to approve to place on display the FY27 Tentative Budget and sets Tuesday September 22, 2026 at 6:10 p.m. for the annual Budget Public Hearing.
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 Bruss and seconded by Colella to approve to keep closed minutes from 12/11/2025 through 6/25/2026 closed to the public.
Discussion:
AYE: Jelinek, Brzuszkiewicz, Scanlan, Colella, Bruss, Strote, Lane
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Whereupon President Lane declared the motion carried

13. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Strote and seconded by Jelinek to all adjourn at 7:36 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

Christine Jelinek
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT
Christine Jelinek

Recording Secretary: Melissa Lesniak