

AUGUST 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Thedford Public Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Licking at 7:00 p.m. at Thedford High School. Members present: Bridget Licking, Jay Jones, Spencer Burk, Matt Blackford and Dixie Hoffman. Absent: Alison Werner. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit, teachers Jane Haake and Jamie Taylor and visitors.

Blackford moved, Hoffman seconded to excuse absent board member Alison Werner. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Werner.

Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Werner.

Hoffman moved, Blackford seconded to approve the minutes of the July 15th regular and July 29th special meetings. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Werner.

Blackford moved, Hoffman seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$282,007.73 excluding the \$18,000 claim to THS QCUP and motion passed 5-0. Absent: Werner.

Hoffman moved, Blackford seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$2,129.30 excluding the \$13.58 claim to Andrew Byrd. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Werner.

Burk moved, Blackford seconded to pay the QCUP fund expenditure totaling \$18,000 and to transfer that amount from QCUP savings to QUP checking. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Werner.

Blackford moved, Jones seconded to transfer \$100,000 from the general fund to sinking fund savings for the funds used to pay down the line of credit earlier in the year.

There were no community reports.

Jane Haake and Jamie Taylor gave an MTSS report and reported on staff meetings.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He reported on and gave updates on the following: the legislative special session, the budget, tax request authority on general election, upcoming events, assessment plans, MTSS team, area membership meetings, and door frames. He also requested a policy committee meeting to discuss pre-schoolers on bus routes and afternoon work study programs.

Licking reported on High-Five Friday's at the grade school. The board will sign up for a Friday.

There was no public comment.

Superintendent Dahlberg reported on the School Safety Grant he applied for. The \$37,500 grant was awarded for dual entry doors. The building committee will pursue looking at adding a dual entry door to the grade school which will enclose the window area.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented bus wages for board approval. Discussion followed. Blackford moved, Jones seconded to set the van hourly rate to \$28/hour and the bus hourly rate to \$43/hour. Motion carried 5-0. Absent: Werner.

Superintendent Dahlberg recommended substitute teacher pay be increased by \$10 to \$135 per day. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to 7%. Discussion followed. Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to adopt the resolution, as presented, to increase the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by 7%. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Werner.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a 2023-2024 Budget Amendment for board approval. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Jones seconded to approve the amended budget as presented. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Werner.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented the sale of the plasma cutter for board approval. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to approve the sale of the old plasma cutter for \$2,500 as presented. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Werner.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented surplus items for sale including the old football scoreboard and a portable whiteboard. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to surplus the old football scoreboard and a portable whiteboard and direct Superintendent Dahlberg to facilitate their sale or disposal. Motion carried 4-0-1. Absent: Werner. Abstention: Licking.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented the remaining Class of 2024 funds for board discussion. Discussion followed. Blackford moved, Burk seconded to approve the transfer of the remaining Class of 2024 funds to the new Football Scoreboard fund. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Werner.

Sponsorships are being sought after for the new football scoreboard. Several price tiers are available. If anyone is interested, please contact Superintendent Dahlberg at the high school.

Hoffman moved, Jones seconded to go into executive session at 8:19 p.m. inviting Superintendent Dahlberg to discuss the board evaluation. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Werner.

Licking moved, Jones seconded to come out of executive session at 9:08 p.m.

President Licking adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th, 2024 at Thedford High School at 7:00 p.m.