

AUGUST 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Thedford Public Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Werner at 7:00 p.m. at Thedford High School. Members present: Alison Werner, Colton Schroeder, BJ Thomas, Dan DeNaeyer, Spencer Burk and Dixie Hoffman. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit; teacher representative Bec Ray; constituent Kyle Hinton and other visitors. Constituent Andrea Thomas arrived at 7:26 p.m.

Burk moved, Schroeder seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

DeNaeyer moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of the July 15th regular meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$357,246.72 and motion passed 6-0.

Burk moved, DeNaeyer seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$3,476.95 and motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Kyle Hinton addressed the board about two estimates he had for work on the northwest corner of the school.

There were no staff reports.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a report from Principal Kuntz. He requested late starts to be held on eight school days to focus on professional development. The consensus of the board was these are a good idea.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. Some of the senior parents have requested changing the date of graduation due to the Thedford Rodeo being the same day. He presented a budget update which includes the para position that has been advertised for. He presented a flyer he created for the Beef in Schools Program and is also working on a substitute teacher manual with information.

Andrea Thomas addressed the board on behalf of the daycare; the funds and grants went faster than anticipated and they will be at full capacity of twelve kids in December. They would like to incentivize the daycare manager position with funds from the school and are requesting help with their food program.

Burk reported to the board on the coop committee meeting and items that were discussed there.

President Werner reported on the board's five-year Strategic Plan. Three teachers will be working with NASB on getting this going, surveys have been sent out and the process has started.

Superintendent Dahlberg reported to the board some quotes on vehicle replacement for discussion. Discussion followed. DeNaeyer, Burk and Thomas will work with Superintendent Dahlberg on getting together a vehicle replacement plan for next month.

President Werner brought up the daycare assistance request for board consideration. Discussion followed. Superintendent Dahlberg discussed the request with our school attorney, and we would not be allowed to pursue it as proposed. We need to come up with some sort of partnership agreement. DeNaeyer moved, Schroeder seconded to authorize Superintendent Dahlberg and a committee to work with the daycare to come up with a partnership for support. Superintendent Dahlberg, Werner, and Hoffman will work on the agreement. Motion carried with a 4-1-1 vote. Nay – Burk. Abstention – Thomas.

President Werner brought up the quotes from Hinton Construction for outside concrete work. Discussion followed. Burk moved, Hoffman seconded to approve quote #13 from Hinton Construction for concrete work in the amount of \$9,530. Motion passed 6-0.

The STK Co-op Handbook with changes was presented for board approval. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Thomas seconded to approve the 2025-2026 STK Co-op Handbook as presented. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

President Werner brought up a girl wrestler from Anselmo/Merna who would like to wrestle on our girls team. Discussion followed. The student will be wrestling as part of the Sandhills-Thedford Knight team. Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to approve the Girls Wrestling co-op with Anselmo-Merna for the 2025-2026 season as presented. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a resolution to increase the school district's property tax request authority. Discussion followed. Thomas moved, DeNaeyer 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 6-0.

Burk moved, Thomas seconded to go into executive session with Karen Haase via Zoom to consult regarding interpretation and application of current laws and regulations affecting district operations at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Werner moved, Burk seconded to come out of executive session at 9:41 p.m. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote. No action was taken.

President Werner adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th, 2025 at Thedford High School at 6:30 p.m.