

JANUARY 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Thedford Public Schools Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Dahlberg at 7:00 p.m. at Thedford High School. Members present: Spencer Burk, Alison Werner, and Dixie Hoffman. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit, incoming board members Dan DeNaeyer and BJ Thomas, teachers Staci Holthus and Bridger Chytka, Student Council members Carson Cooksley, Karley Haake, Whitley Rasmussen and Laney Dahlberg, constituents Michelle McIntosh and Brittany McLeod and visitors.

Superintendent Dahlberg administered the oath of office to new board members Dan DeNaeyer and BJ Thomas. Colton Schroeder was absent.

Superintendent Dahlberg opened the floor for nominations for President. Hoffman nominated Werner for President, DeNaeyer seconded. Hoffman moved nominations cease. DeNaeyer seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Schroeder. Vote for Werner for President passed 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

Hoffman nominated Burk for Vice-President, Werner seconded. Burk was elected Vice-President 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

Burk nominated Thomas for secretary. Thomas declined the nomination.

Werner nominated DeNaeyer for secretary. Burk seconded. DeNaeyer was elected secretary 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

Werner nominated Thomas for treasurer. Burk seconded. Thomas was elected treasurer 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

Committee assignments were discussed. They were decided upon as follows:

Finance Committee – Thomas and Werner

Negotiations Committee – Hoffman, Werner, Thomas

Policy Committee – Schroeder, Hoffman, Burk

Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee – DeNaeyer, Burk, Werner

Committee on American Civics – Hoffman, Burk, DeNaeyer

Co-op Committee – DeNaeyer, Burk

Hoffman moved, DeNaeyer seconded to excuse absent incoming board member Colton Schroeder. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Schroeder.

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

Burk moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2024 meeting with corrections to the date. Discussion followed. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$218,685.95 and motion passed 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

Burk moved, DeNaeyer seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$12,061.82 and to transfer \$10,000 from general account to hot lunch account. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Schroeder.

Burk moved, Hoffman seconded to pay a \$5,000 QCUP fund expenditure and to transfer \$5000 from QCUP savings to QCUP checking. Discussion followed. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

There were no community presentations.

Teacher Staci Holthus presented the TeamMates program to the board. She is looking at starting the program at Thedford Public Schools and needs board approval plus letters of recommendation. Money can be fundraised for fees, trips and scholarships. The goal is to start the chapter in the fall of 2025. Discussion followed. She also reported on the Underground Teacher Spirit Week which was held the week before Christmas.

Teacher Bridger Chytka reported to the board on behalf of the negotiations committee. The teachers would like to start negotiations from scratch with the new board members. Discussion followed. They will set up a time to get together.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He updated the board on the PowerSchool data leak, legislative updates, the teacher shortage report, weight room updates and improvements, school board email addresses, and general budget information.

Werner reported on the new board workshop that she and the new board members attended. Feedback was positive. Marcia from NASB will be here Monday, the 20th at 4:00 p.m. for the board workshop. They will work on goal setting.

Student Council members Carson Cooksley, Karley Haake, Laney Dahlberg and Whitley Rasmussen addressed the board requesting open campus lunch for upper classmen only.

Michelle McIntosh addressed the board about the number of sports games and practices over the holiday break. Brittany McLeod also addressed the number of games and practices that were held over the break. Brittany McLeod addressed the board about coaching and student participation.

President Werner brought up the meeting times for board meetings and wondered about meeting earlier in the evening. Board meetings will be moved to 6:00 p.m. for the time being.

There was no old business.

Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to re-adopt all policies, regulations and handbooks for the governance of the school district. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Schroeder.

Hoffman moved, Thomas seconded to approve District Designations which are: Superintendent Dahlberg as the non-discrimination compliance coordinator, Superintendent Dahlberg as the district representative, authorizing him to sign all ESU, county, state and federal forms for Thedford Public Schools; Security First Bank as the district's primary financial institution, and KSB Law as the District's Legal Representative. Motion passed 5-0 vote. Absent: Schroeder.

Burk moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the verification of individuals for bank accounts as follows: President Alison Werner, Secretary Dan DeNaeyer, Treasurer BJ Thomas, Superintendent Blake Dahlberg and Business Manager Angie Pettit. Motion carried 5-0. Absent: Schroeder.

President Werner brought up the high school secretary position. Discussion followed. Burk moved, Hoffman seconded to approve opening the High School Secretary position as a full-time position and direct the superintendent to advertise, collect applications, interview candidates, and hire for the position as soon as possible. Motion carried 5-0.

President Werner adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 17th, 2025 at Thedford High School at 6:00 p.m. Please note the time change for the time being.