

January 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Thedford Public School Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Dahlberg at 7:00 p.m. at Thedford High School. Members present: Bridget Licking, Steve Ahlstrom, Jay Jones, Matt Blackford, Spencer Burk and Dixie Hoffman. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit and visitors.

Superintendent Dahlberg opened the floor for nominations.

Hoffman nominated Licking for the office of President. Jones seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg turned the meeting over to President.

Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Blackford seconded to approve all other offices and committee assignments as they currently stand. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Offices of the Thedford Public School Board of Education are as follows: President – Licking, Vice-President – Jones, Secretary – Ahlstrom, Treasurer – Hoffman.

Committee assignments are as follows: Americanism & Textbook, Curriculum and Instruction Committee – Licking, Hoffman and Jones; Negotiations – Hoffman, Jones and Licking; Board Policy – Licking, Jones and Hoffman; Other (Building, Grounds and Transportation) – Burk, Ahlstrom and Blackford. Ahlstrom and Blackford will be on the sports co-op committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

Blackford moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14th board meeting. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Ahlstrom moved, Burk seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$232,922.40 and motion passed 6-0.

Ahlstrom moved, Hoffman seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$7,292.36 and motion passed 6-0.

There were no community presentations or staff reports.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He reported on testing and assessments, Pre-K through 12 enrollment numbers (increased from 132 in Sept to 142 currently), legislative issues, the Alaskan Nets program for basketball, custodial work, the Aca Deca team results, and an unused commercial kitchen mixer. It was the consensus of the board to allow Superintendent Dahlberg to surplus this item and take bids.

President Licking reported that the policy committee met.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented the Thedford Public Schools Policy Manual and Handbooks for board approval. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to re-adopt all policies, regulations and handbooks for the governance of the school district. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented District Designations and recommended approving as follows: Superintendent Blake Dahlberg as the district's Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator; Superintendent Blake Dahlberg as the District Representative, authorizing him to sign all ESU, County, State and Federal forms for Thedford Public Schools; and Security First Bank as the District's Primary Financial Institution. Discussion followed. Ahlstrom moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the District Designations as presented and motion carried 6-0.

Jones moved, Ahlstrom seconded to approve the verification of individuals for the bank accounts as follows: President Bridget Licking, Vice-President Jay Jones, Secretary Steve Ahlstrom, Treasurer Dixie Hoffman, Superintendent Blake Dahlberg and Business Manager Angie Pettit. Discussion followed. Jones moved, Ahlstrom seconded to approve as recommended. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg recommended signing ESU contracts for the 2021-22 school year with ESU 16 for Special Education Services, Mental Health Practitioner Services and Distance Learning Services. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Blackford seconded to approve as recommended and motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a Resolution to Borrow Money for board approval, should it be needed. Discussion followed. Jones moved, Blackford seconded to table this resolution until a time it is needed. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented an agreement with Wilkins Architecture, Design and Planning for board approval. Discussion followed. Blackford moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the agreement with Wilkins for continued planning on building projects for \$8,500 and approve the tabled payment for invoice 4647-0001 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

The policy committee thought it would be a good idea to put this out for a vote to solidify the plans. Discussion followed. Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the continuation of planning by the Board for building and grounds improvements, including planning, financial options, and discussions with the community. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Ahlstrom moved, Jones seconded to go into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss personnel inviting Superintendent Dahlberg. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Ahlstrom moved, Jones seconded to come out of executive session at 7:54 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. No action was taken.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a work agreement for Kale Anderson as Custodian/Maintenance for board approval. Discussion followed. Blackford moved, Burk seconded to approve the work agreement for Kale Anderson, Custodian/Maintenance for \$19.50/hour as presented. Motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Abstention: Ahlstrom.

President Licking adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at Theford High School at 7:00 p.m. The board will meet on February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. to discuss building projects.