

APRIL 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Thedford Public School 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, Alison Werner and Dixie Hoffman. Absent: Spencer Burk and Matt Blackford. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit and visitors.

Jones moved, Werner seconded to approve absent board members Matt Blackford and Spencer Burk. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Absent: Blackford, Burk.

Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0. Absent: Burk, Blackford.

Werner moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of the March 18th regular and April 2nd special meetings. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Absent: Burk, Blackford.

Hoffman moved, Werner seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$274,640.56 and to transfer \$150,000 from the line of credit to the general checking account. Motion passed 4-0. Absent: Blackford, Burk.

Werner moved, Jones seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$12,495.74 and motion carried 4-0. Absent: Blackford, Burk.

There were no community reports.

Mrs. Taylor reported on the new 3D printer purchased with a grant and the projects they've been working on. The students are also looking to start a business with it.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He reported on the legislative session, testing updates, end of year events coming up which include the FFA banquet, grade school field day, the athletic banquet, kindergarten graduation, high school graduation, K-12 music program and others.

Licking reported on the upcoming school board school visit. They are planning on April 26th with a backup date of May 6. Werner will work on putting together a survey before the visit.

Bec Ray reported on the meeting she attended at the Thedford Art Gallery. After the MNAC art show in Arnold, there will be a Thedford High School month long art show at the Thedford Art Gallery for the month of May. This will give the students another chance to enter their artwork in a show and also increase traffic at the art gallery.

Discussion was held on the budget. Superintendent Dahlberg gave the board tax and expenditure surveys comparing schools of similar size to Thedford Public Schools. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented the 2024-2025 school calendar for board approval. Discussion followed. Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar with changing January 6th to a workday. Motion passed 4-0. Absent: Blackford, Burk.

Superintendent Dahlberg reported on separation agreements. One was declined and one was accepted. Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the separation agreement with Avery Swisher. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Absent: Blackford, Burk.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented letters of resignation for board approval. Hoffman moved, Jones seconded to approve letters of resignation from Emilee Wells, Bobbi Zimmerman, and Lauren Heyden. Hoffman moved, Jones seconded to approve letters of resignation as presented and motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Absent: Burk, Blackford.

Superintendent Dahlberg brought up 2024-2025 staffing for board discussion. Discussion followed. Werner moved, Jones seconded to authorize Superintendent Dahlberg to fill two of the open elementary and the counselor position based on qualified candidates.

President Licking adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at Thedford High School at 7:00 p.m.