

OCTOBER 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Thedford Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Werner at 6:30 p.m. at Thedford High School. Members present: Alison Werner, Colton Schroeder, BJ Thomas and Dixie Hoffman. Absent: Spencer Burk. Also present: Principal Kuntz, constituents Kelsey Jameson, Marcy Andersen, Gavin Higgins and visitors. Board member Dan DeNaeyer arrived at 6:35, Superintendent Dahlberg arrived at 6:43; recording secretary Angie Pettit arrived at 6:46.

DeNaeyer moved to excuse absent board member Spencer Burk. Motion died for lack of a second.

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

Hoffman moved, Thomas seconded to approve the minutes of the September 15th meetings and the September 29th meetings. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Burk.

Kelsey Jameson presented on behalf of Sandhills Area Childcare to the school board. She requested assistance from the school in the amount of \$3000 a month for operations. The daycare has an average deficit of \$40,000/year.

Principal Kuntz gave a Principal's report. He reported on testing data, parent/teacher conferences and upcoming evaluations.

Hoffman moved, DeNaeyer seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$260,390.20 and motion passed 5-0. Absent: Burk.

Thomas moved, DeNaeyer seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$18,605.53 and to transfer \$20,000 from general fund to hot lunch fund and motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Absent: Burk.

DeNaeyer moved, Schroeder seconded to approve all student finance invoices paid in the month of September for \$18,209.22. Motion passed 5-0. Absent: Burk.

There were no staff reports.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He reported on the Atlas asbestos testing and results. He talked about the vehicle replacements and will be searching the government surplus sites to see if any are available there. He updated on the Strategic Planning, the Book Blast program, testing, school projects of windows and doors, and the IT Director position. He wanted to express a big thank you to Consolidated Telephone Company for the meal vouchers they passed out at the last home football game. They provided over 225 meal vouchers to fans to redeem at the concession stand.

There were no board reports.

Gavin Higgins requested that the board agenda be available online prior to the meeting. He stated that he thinks the school IT director needs to further his education beyond what he currently has. He thinks the school should support the daycare.

President Werner brought up staffing needs for the 2026-2027 school year. President Werner would like to form a committee with Superintendent Dahlberg and Principal Kuntz to further discuss this situation. Schroeder, Thomas and Werner will make up this committee and meet with the administrators to start a discussion.

President Werner brought up daycare assistance as requested. Discussion followed. Schroeder and DeNaeyer will serve as board representatives to regularly meet with the daycare board. Hoffman moved, Schroeder seconded to approve the agreement with Sandhills Area Childcare to provide \$3,000 per month for six months in exchange for reserved spots for district employees as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Nay: Thomas. Absent: Burk.

Superintendent Dahlberg brought up approving the new line of credit. Thomas suggested we move to receiving the type where we get a statement every month showing balance and interest. Discussion followed. DeNaeyer moved, Schroeder seconded to approve the opening of a Cash Sweep Line of Credit with Security First Bank as discussed with a limit of \$500,000. Motion passed 4-0. Abstention: Thomas. Absent: Burk.

President Werner presented a letter of resignation from Mikaela Franzen to the board for approval. DeNaeyer moved, Thomas seconded to approve the resignation of Mikaela Franzen, FCS teacher as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Absent: Burk.

President Werner presented a letter of resignation from Superintendent Blake Dahlberg to the board for approval. DeNaeyer moved, Thomas seconded to approve the resignation of Superintendent Blake Dahlberg as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Absent: Burk.

President Werner will start the superintendent search process with Marcia Herring from NASB and be in touch about the next steps once she has more information.

President Werner adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th, 2025 at Thedford High School at 6:30 p.m.