

**January 17, 2023**

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: Bridget Licking, Jay Jones, Matt Blackford, Spencer Burk and Dixie Hoffman. Absent: Steve Ahlstrom. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit, incoming board member Alison Werner and visitors.

Superintendent Dahlberg issued the oath of office to newly elected board member, Alison Werner.

Hoffman nominated Licking for the office of President. Werner seconded. Blackford moved that nominations cease, Jones seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg turned the meeting over to President Licking.

Licking entertained nominations for Vice-President. Burk nominated Jay Jones for Vice-President, Hoffman seconded. Blackford moved, Hoffman seconded to cease nominations. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Hoffman nominated Spencer Burk for Secretary and Werner seconded. Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to cease nominations. Motion passed 6-0.

Blackford nominated Hoffman for Treasurer and Burk seconded. Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to cease nominations. Motion carried 6-0.

Offices of the Thedford Public Schools Board of Education are as follows: President – Bridget Licking, Vice-President – Jay Jones, Secretary – Spencer Burk, Treasurer – Dixie Hoffman.  
Committee assignments are as follows: Americanism & Textbook, Curriculum and Instruction Committee – Licking, Hoffman and Werner; Negotiations – Hoffman, Jones and Licking; Board Policy – Licking, Jones and Hoffman; Other (Building, Grounds and Transportation) – Burk, Blackford and Werner. Blackford and Licking will be on the sports co-op committee. It was the consensus of the board to accept all assignments.

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

Jones moved, Burk seconded to approve the minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Hoffman moved, Blackford seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$243,453.81 and motion passed 6-0.

Burk moved, Hoffman seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$8,651.87 and motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Taylor reported that they have been selling ads for the live activity streams and views on the streams have been very high.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He reported on testing and assessments, legislative updates, school enrollment and snow & in-service days.

Blackford brought up fan and student sportsmanship at ball games. Discussion followed.

There was no public comment.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave a report on the latest building project updates. Alternate funding sources were discussed.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented the Thedford 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; Security First Bank as the District's Primary Financial Institution; and KSB Law as the District's legal representatives. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Jones seconded to approve the District Designations as presented and motion carried 6-0.

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

Superintendent Dahlberg did not receive the contracts with ESU 16 for Special Education Services, Mental Health Practitioner Services and Distance Learning Services. This item will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented the 2023-2024 school calendar for board approval. Discussion followed. Werner moved, Blackford seconded to approve as presented and motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. inviting Superintendent Dahlberg to discuss teacher negotiations. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Blackford moved, Werner seconded to come out of executive session at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. No action was taken.

President Licking adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2022 at Thedford High School at 7:00 p.m.