

OCTOBER 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Thedford Public Schools 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, Spencer Burk, Alison Werner, Matt Blackford and Dixie Hoffman. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit, Jane Haake, Gretchen Anderson, Jacey Andersen and a visitor.

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

Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of the September 16th regular meeting and budget and tax hearing and September 23rd budget and levy setting meeting. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Werner moved, Blackford seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$249,906.71 and motion passed 6-0.

Blackford moved, Burk seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$16,020.57 and to transfer \$10,000 from general fund to hot lunch checking. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

MTSS team members Jane Haake, Gretchen Anderson and Jacey Andersen reported on the MTSS meeting they attended in Kearney. Jacey Andersen reported on Closegap and how that has been going. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He updated the board on the K-8 Book Blast program, the football scoreboard sponsorship drive, state testing, the Beef in Schools program, legislative issues, the safety grant and the 2023-2024 audit.

The board would like to thank everyone who has donated a beef to our school lunch program. We are very appreciative. Superintendent Dahlberg and the board will be exploring ways to recognize those who choose to donate beef to our school, and more information about the Beef to Schools program will be shared in the near future. Please contact Mr. Dahlberg before sending anything to a processing plant, as there are rules that govern what we can use at the school and where it comes from, along with our need to make sure we have room to store the beef until it can be used.

Licking reminded the board about High Five Friday dates.

The project plan sheet was discussed. The projects will be divided into committees. Superintendent Dahlberg and Werner will work on this. Fall parent/teacher conferences were discussed. Plans will be made for spring conferences. Adjustments to the one page document for the upcoming election were discussed. Committee meeting dates will be set after the meeting. Door and phone coverage was discussed. The board will hold a safety workshop at 6:00 pm on November 18th before the regular meeting.

There was no public comment.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented quotes for new exterior doors for the elementary (2-one for the main entrance and one for the playground entrance), exterior doors for the high school (2 – one for the main entrance and one for the FCCLA room), and two sets of 2nd entrance doors (cafeteria and main entrance at the high school). Discussion followed. Jones moved, Werner seconded to approve the Safety Grant Project quote from Midwest Doors for \$47,239 as presented and pay the remaining balance between the grant and cost from the building fund. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a bus agreement with Sandhills Public Schools. Discussion followed. Superintendent Dahlberg requested this item be tabled as the Sandhills school board meeting is tonight and he would rather they have their meeting and approve the agreement before we do. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Jones moved, Hoffman seconded to go into executive session at 8:33 p.m. inviting Superintendent Dahlberg to discuss negotiations planning. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Werner left at 8:55 p.m. Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to come out of executive session at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. Absent: Werner. No action was taken.

President Licking adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, November 18th, 2024 at Thedford High School at 7:00 p.m. The board will meet at 6:00 p.m. to hold a safety workshop.