

MAY 13, 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, Alison Werner, Spencer Burk, Matt Blackford and Dixie Hoffman. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg, recording secretary Angie Pettit, teachers and visitors.

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

Werner moved, Jones seconded to approve the minutes of the April 15th regular meeting. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Burk moved, Blackford seconded to approve general expenditures totaling \$312,831.09 excluding the expenditure to With Love Co. Photography and motion passed 6-0.

Hoffman moved, Burk seconded to pay general expenditure of \$54.13 to With Love Co. Photography and motion carried 5-0-1. Abstention: Licking.

Burk moved, Hoffman seconded to pay hot lunch expenditures of \$13,318.94 and motion carried 6-0.

Blackford moved, Werner seconded to pay QCUP fund expenditures of \$37,158.66 and \$6,000 and to transfer the total of \$43,158.66 from QCUP savings to QCUP checking. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Blackford moved, Burk seconded to transfer \$183,757.90 from general savings to the line of credit and \$100,000 from sinking fund savings to the line of credit. This will pay off the line of credit in its entirety. Motion carried 6-0.

There were no community reports.

Jane Haake, Jamie Taylor and the MTSS team reported on the MTSS process that has been in place and is being developed.

Superintendent Dahlberg gave an administrative report. He gave reported on testing, legislative updates, elementary positions and staffing, the 2024-2025 high school daily schedule, and the 2024-2025 activities calendar.

There were no board member reports.

Superintendent Dahlberg brought up the vacant secretary position and potential use of student aides. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented the Special Election Resolution for board approval. Discussion followed. This will be a mail-in election and the election date will be July 9, 2024. Superintendent Dahlberg read the Special Election Resolution. Werner, moved, Burk seconded to approve the Special Election Resolution as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented bids for a new football scoreboard. The current one is no longer working, and parts are cost prohibitive. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Blackford seconded to approve the purchase of a Nevco Football Scoreboard for \$13,745.44 and authorize the superintendent to secure grant funding, sponsorships, and fundraising as discussed. Motion carried with a 4-2 vote. Nays: Burk, Jones.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented contracts and work agreements for board approval. Werner moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Teacher Contracts and Work Agreements as presented and motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented Jacey Andersen for the counselor position. Discussion followed. Andersen will be compensated as a long term substitute until her credentials are in place, which she is currently working on. Blackford moved, Hoffman seconded to approve Jacey Andersen as K-12 Counselor for the 2024-2025 school year and to open the elementary secretary position as discussed. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a new line of credit for board approval. Discussion followed. Werner moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the resolution to open a Cash Sweep Line of Credit with Security First Bank in the amount of \$900,000 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented a new plasma cutter for board consideration. Discussion followed. Burk moved, Blackford seconded to approve the purchase of a new plasma cutter for \$35,371 using the \$20,000 insurance payment, grants and other funding sources such as the FFA account as discussed. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Dahlberg presented surplus items for sale. Discussion followed. Hoffman moved, Jones seconded to approve the surplus list as presented and authorize the Superintendent to sell the items to help defray the costs of the new plasma cutter. Motion carried 6-0.

Barb Bryant requested clarification on the actual amount of the tax request since she has heard rumors around town and wants to be clear on the number.

Carolyn Warren asked how many football games we had this year and how much the football scoreboard was going to cost.

Ross Bryant suggested we get surge protection for the shop as it has had several lightning strikes.

President Licking adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th, 2024 at Theford High School at 7:30 p.m.