Teutopolis Community Unit No. 50
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Unit Office Conference Room
Regular Meeting - 6:00 pm
March 17, 2025

Call Regular Meeting to Order

The President Courtney Tegeler called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:01 pm. All board members were present except for Kari Thompson. Superintendent Matt Sturgeon was also present.

Board President Courtney Tegeler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Superintendent Matt Sturgeon provided an opening statement as follows:

"I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our neighbors in Neoga CUSD #3, whose facilities were impacted over the weekend by a tornado. While we are deeply thankful that no injuries occurred, we recognize the significant damage sustained and the challenges they now face. Our hearts go out to them during this time, and we stand ready to support them as they work to recover and rebuild. May their community's strength and resilience be an example for all."

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment.

No one.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5790- Approve the Treasurer's Reports and Payment of Bills as presented.

Paul Hardiek moved and Adam Hoene seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Paul Hardiek-yes; Adam Hoene-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5791- Approve Consent Agenda Items as follows: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from February 10th Board Meeting; Establish Graduation and Promotion dates for THS/TJHS; Approve School Calendar for 2025-26; Approve SEPCO Purchasing Intergovernmental Agreement for 2025-26; Renewal of Student Information Software for 2025-26; Approve Consolidated District Plan 2025-26; Renewal of IHSA & IESA Participation Agreements for 2025-26; Approve Laker connect Dual Credit Program Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake Land College 2026-2028; Approve Social Studies Textbook Purchase for TGS; Approve THS CEO Trip; Approve Summer Camps.

Chad Hewing moved and Erin Ordner seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Chad Hewing-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Paul Hardiek; Adam Hoene-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5792- Approve the lowest responsible bid from Swingler Construction for work to be performed at the THS Cafeteria/ Unit Office and THS/TJHS Entries as presented.

Laura Hemmen moved and Paul Hardiek seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Laura Hemmen-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Adam Hoene-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Chad Hewing-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5793- Approve Summer Maintenance Projects as follows: Tennis Court Light LED Conversion; Unit Office HVAC and Water Heater; South Playground Drainage and Sidewalk; Concrete Rampy Entry at TGS West of Office; Remove Marque and Paint curbs at TJHS; COPS Grant.

Adam Hoene moved and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Adam Hoene-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Facility Planning:

a. Consideration of Bids for the THS Cafeteria/ Unit Office and THS/TJHS Entries
b. Update on Facility Prioritization, Timeline and Funding Options
c. Review recommendations for 2025-2026

ACTION ITEM NO. 5794- Approve the District Architect to complete drawings for a TJHS expansion of 2 or 4 classrooms to accommodate the movement of 6th grade for the 2026-27 academic year; Further the administration is hereby directed to make necessary section modifications to accommodate PK-6 at TGS for academic year 2025-26, with the goal of maintaining class sizes most conducive to the instructional needs of each grade level.

Adam Hoene moved and Erin Ordner seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows:Adam Hoene-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Chad Hewing-yes. Motion carried 6-0.a

Reports included:

A. Building Updates – Principals and Activities & Athletics Director
B. Quarterly Department Reports
    a. Maintenance
    b. Technology
    c. Food Service
    d. Transportation
    e. Human Resources
C. Superintendent Report
    a. Annual 5 Essential Survey
    b. Handbook Committee-April 2
    c. Teutopolis Education Foundation
    d. Motor Vehicle Fleet Update
    e. Mutual Aid Assistance and Facility Use
    f. FOIA Requests
    g. Legislative Update

New Business-Board Discussion:

No one.

Motion to go to Executive Session for the following: 1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Erin Ordner moved and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion at 8:40 pm. Roll call vote as follows: Erin Ordner-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Adam Hoene-yes.. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5795- Accept the Irrevocable Resignations from Brittany Schultz as TGS Paraprofessional and Nicole Gray as THS Volleyball Coach; Accept the Irrevocable Retirements from Christy Repking as TGS; Terri Hille as TGS Cook at the end of the 2024-25 School year; Stacia Wortman at the end of the 2026-27 school year; and Kent Niebrugge as the end of the 2027-28 school year.

Adam Hoene and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5796- Assigned/Approved the hire of the following contingent upon their successful completion of background investigation, employment history review and verification/completion of necessary licensure for the position: Summer Workers as presented; Lea Hooch as District Band; Danielle Weber as Speech Language Pathologist; and Katherine Fehrenbacher as THS Math Teacher.

Erin Ordner moved and Adam Hoene seconded a motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5797- Approved the Superintendent to establish a District Leadership Team and tasked it with the following goals - 1) Curriculum Review - Instructional Scope & Sequencing w/ Prioritized Standards, 2) Textbook Adoption, 3) Establishment of Actionable Goals for School Improvement Planning in connection with District Goals, and 4) Annual Planning/Organization/Implementation of Professional Development for the District.

Erin Ordner moved and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5798- Approve the Superintendent to seek public bids for group health, dental and vision insurance coverage for the September 1, 2025 renewal.

Adam Hoene moved and Chad Hewing seconded a motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion to adjourn

Chad Hewing moved and Adam Hoene seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:57 pm. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Courtney Tegeler
Board of Education President, Courtney Tegeler

Board of Education Secretary, Chad Hewing