Teutopolis Community Unit No. 50
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
High School Library Media Center
Regular Meeting - 6:00 pm
April 14, 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. 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:

""We are unprepared, because for the first time, the preponderance of choice has overwhelmed our ability to manage it. We have lost our ability to filter what is important and what isn't. The more choices we are forced to make, the more the quality of our decisions deteriorates." In the same way that our closet gets cluttered with the clothes we never wear, our lives get cluttered with well-intended commitments and activities we've said yes to. Unless we have a system for purging them, they'll live on in perpetuity. Essentialism is about exploring what's really important and why. Once those answers are realized, we can start the three part process of 1) exploring and evaluating, 2) eliminating what isn't essential, 3) executing the work we were truly intended to do." Essentialism by Greg McKeown.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment.

Mrs. Gaffin spoke on behalf of the Drama Club regarding Drama facilities.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5799- Approve the Treasurer's Reports and Payment of Bills as presented.

Paul Hardiek moved and Kari Thompson seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Paul Hardiek-yes; Kari Thompson-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Adam Hoene-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5800- Approve Consent Agenda Items as follows: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from March 17, 2025; Approve the Technology Department Software Renewals, Hardware Purchases, and authorization of ERate purchases and summer projects; Approval of Response to Intervention Software Renewal for 2025-26; Approval of Student Teacher (s) for 2025-26.

Adam Hoene moved and Erin Ordner seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Adam Hoene-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Kari Thompson-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Chad Hewing-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5801- Approve the purchase of a used School Bus and used Driver Education Van..

Chad Hewing moved and Adam Hoene seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Chad Hewing-yes; Adam Hoene-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Kari Thompson-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5802- Approve the recommendations of the Handbook Committee and Principals, and hereby authorized the Superintendent to make board policy compliant changes to the handbooks and establish fees as discussed for the 2025-26 academic year. Registration Fees remain unchanged - TGS $75, TJHS $81, THS $105. Lunch Pricing will experience a minimal $.05-.10 increase - TGS $2.85, TJHS $3.00, THS $3.10, Adult $3.60, Milk $.40, Alacarte $.80.

Laura Hemmen moved and Erin Ordner seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Laura Hemmen-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Adam Hoene-yes; Kari Thompson-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5803- Approve the Mutual Aid Assistance and Facility use Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Effingham.

Kari Thompsion moved and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows:Kari Thompson-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Adam Hoene-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes.. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports included:

A. Building Updates – Principals and Activities & Athletics Director
B. Quarterly Department Reports
C. Superintendent Report
    a. Facilities
        i. Summer Maintenance Department Projects
    b. Village TIF Annual Update
    c. Teutopolis Education Foundation
D. Special Reorganization Meeting
    a. BOE Meeting dates for 2025-26
E. Graduation/ Promotion Board Member Participation
F. Student Registration for 2026 is set for July 7-11

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 Kari Thompson seconded a motion at 8:45 pm. Roll call vote as follows: Erin Ordner-yes; Kari Thompson-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Adam Hoene-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5804- Accept the Expulsion of student 27176 through the 2025-26 academic year from gross misconduct. The expulsion will be held in abeyance if the student successfully completes schooling in an education placement approved by the District.

Erin Ordner moved and Adam Hoene seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Erin Ordner-yes; Adam Hoene-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Kari Thompson-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5805- Accept the Irrevocable Resignations from the following: Ian Brink at TGS Custodian effective 03/28/2025; Hannah Apple at TGS Music and Katie Jurgens as District Librarian-both effective at the end of the 2024-25 academic year.

Kari Thompson and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5806 - 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: Kelli Wells - Approval of reassignment to District Librarian; Samantha Will - Approval of reassignment to 5th Grade Teacher; Graci Meinhart - TGS-TJHS Student Services Coordinator; Julie Wilder - TGS 3rd Grade Teacher; Alli Brumleve - TGS 6th Grade Teacher and TJHS Softball Coach; Wittni Deters - TGS Paraprofessional; High School DO Workers at TGS; Tony Kreke - THS PE/Health/Driver Ed Teacher.

Adam Hoene moved and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5807- Approved the adopted resolution to extend the principal's contract of Tanner Lawson and Sherry Hoehn through the 2027-28 academic year.

Erin Order moved and Paul Hardiek seconded a motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5808- Approve the recommendation for THS Officials pay for 2025-26 as presented.

Kari Thomspon moved and Laura Hemmen seconded a motion. Roll call vote as follows: Kari Thompson-yes; Laura Hemmen-yes; Adam Hoene-yes; Paul Hardiek-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion to adjourn

Chad Hewing moved and Adam Hoene seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Board of Education President, Courtney Tegeler

Board of Education Secretary, Chad Hewing