

**Minutes-Tipton R-VI School District
Board of Education Meeting
Central Office Board Room
334 US Hwy. 50 West, Tipton, MO 65081
Tax Rate Meeting 5:45 PM
Regular Meeting, August 12, 2026, 6:00 PM**

Board Members President: Brant Uptergrove Vice President: Derek Tuttle Bo Helms-Absent Shelley Higgins Amanda Pettigrew David Tuttle Bob Wolf Secretary: Amy Stover Superintendent: Nathan Bestgen	Visitors: Ashlee Pettigrew Bridget Bestgen Jason Culpepper McGwire Dean Roxanne Whitworth Tara Alumbaugh Scott Simon-in @ 5:49 PM Paul Bloch-out @ 6:08 PM Scott Simon-out @ 6:08 PM Manda Simon
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The tax rate hearing started at 5:45 PM.

A public hearing on the tax levy for 2026-2027 was held at 5:45 PM-6:00 PM. The proposed tax levy for 2026-27 is as follows: General Fund \$2.9727, Teacher Fund \$0.5000, Debt Service Fund \$1.0834, and Capital Fund \$0.000 for a total of \$4.5561.

At 6:00 PM, the hearing was adjourned, and the regular meeting was called to order, starting with the pledge of allegiance.

Shelley Higgins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bob Wolf, 6-0 motion carried.

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 6-0 motion carried.

Brant Uptergrove and Shelley Higgins abstained from check #s 53041 and 52561. The consent agenda contained the following.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of regular minutes from June and July
- b. Approval of bills
- c. Approval of 2026-2027 Substitute Teacher List
- d. Approval of conference admission rates: \$5 for adults, students free

Presentations

- a. Leadership Moniteau County-Paul Bloch

Administrator Reports

Nathan Bestgen, Ashlee Pettigrew, Jason Culpepper, Bridget Bestgen, and McGwire Dean highlighted notable areas and updated current events on their reports and answered questions that the board had.

Old Business

Superintendent Nathan Bestgen went over the facilities plan for the district and highlighted upcoming needs that the district has. This plan will be presented to the public and they will be asked for input. Board work nights and steering committee meetings will be organized in the near future.

New Business

A resolution authorizing a prepayment of \$420,000 of the series 2021 bonds on March 1, 2028 was presented.

Shelley Higgins made a motion of RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF \$420,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2021 AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF REDEMPTION, seconded by Bob Wolf. Roll Call Vote Taken: Roll call vote taken: Bo Helms **Absent**, Derek Tuttle **Yes**, David Tuttle **Yes**, Bob Wolf **Yes**, Brant Uptergrove **Yes**, Amanda Pettigrew **Yes** Shelley Higgins **Yes**, Motion Carried 6-0.

Superintendent Nathan Bestgen went over the district's CSIP Goals and Summary.

Derek Tuttle made a motion to approve a total tax levy at \$2.9727, placed in the operating levy, \$0.5000 placed in the teachers fund, and \$1.0834 placed in debt service for the 2026-27 school year. Seconded by Amanda Pettigrew. Roll call vote taken: Bo Helms **Absent**, Derek Tuttle **YES**, David Tuttle **YES**, Bob Wolf **YES**, Brant Uptergrove **YES**, Amanda Pettigrew **YES**, Shelley Higgins **YES**, Motion Carried 6-0

The 2026 Missouri State Plan for Special Education and Required Local Compliance Plan was presented to the board by Nathan Bestgen.

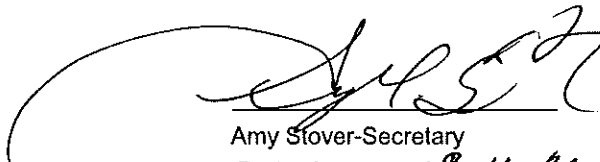
Derek Tuttle made a motion to approve the 2026 Missouri State Plan for Special Education and Required Local Compliance, seconded by Bob Wolf, 6-0 motion carried.

Derek Tuttle moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to section 610.021(3,13) with the inclusion of Mr. Jason Culpper, Mrs. Bridget Bestgen and McGwire Dean, seconded by Amanda Pettigrew. Roll call vote: Unanimous at 6:40 PM.

- a. **Executive Session:** The Board of Education will meet in the closed session immediately following the regular meeting in compliance with 610.021, RSMo for the following purposes highlighted in **bold print**.
- 610.021 (1) RSMo Legal actions involving the district, attorney communications
 - 610.021 (2) RSMo Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate
 - 610.021 (3) RSMo Hiring, terminating, disciplining or promoting**
 - 610.021 (6) RSMo Actions or records relating to students
 - 610.021 (9) RSMo Preparations for negotiations with employee groups
 - 610.021 (11) (12) Bids specifications, sealed bids
 - 610.021 (13) RSMo Personnel records, evaluations, applications**
 - 610.021 (17) RSMo Confidential or privileged communications with auditor



Brant Uptergrove
President



Amy Stover-Secretary
Date Approved: 9-16-26