

**Minutes-Tipton R-VI School District
Board of Education Meeting
Central Office Board Room
334 US Hwy. 50 West, Tipton, MO 65081
Regular Meeting April 15, 2026, 6:00 PM**

<p>Board Members: Bo Helms Derek Tuttle-Vice President Craig Wolf-6:10 PM Shelley Higgins David Tuttle Bob Wolf Brant Uptergrove-President Kelly Kohler-6:10 PM Amanda Pettigrew Amy Stover-Board Secretary Dr. Harriet Wolfe</p>	<p>Visitors: Ashlee Pettigrew Scott Simon Jason Culpepper Bridget Bestgen Sarah Hansen Roxanne Whitworth Alex Balinski Bronc Woodruff Tara Alumbaugh Manda Simon</p>
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Bo Helms called the regular meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by David Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

Brant Uptergrove abstained from check #5221. The consent agenda contained the following.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of regular minutes from March 9, 2026, and March 26, 2026
- b. Approval of Bills
- c. Surplus of outdated technology equipment
- d. Annual Approval of policy BBFA: BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Old business to discuss: (With current board members)

Old Business

The tuition rate for the preschool next year was discussed.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to set the tuition for the preschool at \$400, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

McGwire Dean and Nathan Bestgen reviewed the contracts from sporting goods companies Game One and BSN. McGwire submitted a recommendation to the board to choose Game One.

Craig Wolf made a motion to approve the contract with Game One, seconded by Kelly Kohler, 7-0 motion carried.

Reading of Election Results

Amy Stover, school board secretary, read the results of the April 7, 2026, election.

Name	Moniteau	Morgan	Cooper	Total
Amanda Pettigrew	157	31	14	202
Brittney Wilson	123	24	9	156
Cleven Keeling	93	16	4	113
Jordan Sanders	109	33	5	147
Bob Wolf	196	30	9	235
Shelley Higgins	167	33	10	210

Kelly Kohler made a motion to accept the April 2026 election, seconded by Craig Wolf, 7-0 motion carried.

Dr. Harriet Wolfe presented plaques to outgoing board members Kelly Kohler and Craig Wolf.

Amy Stover, secretary of the school board, administered the oath of office to the newly elected and reelected school board members, Shelley Higgins (newly elected), Amanda Pettigrew (reelected), and Bob Wolf (newly elected).

Superintendent Dr. Harriet Wolf declared the floor open for nominations for **president**.

Brant Uptergrove was nominated for president by Derek Tuttle and seconded by David Tuttle. Brant was elected by a 7-0 majority vote.

Superintendent Dr. Harriet Wolf declared the floor open for nominations for **vice-president**. Derek Tuttle was nominated by David Tuttle and seconded by Bo Helms. Derek Tuttle was elected by a 7-0 majority vote.

Superintendent Dr. Harriet Wolf declared the floor open for nominations for **secretary**. Amy Stover was nominated by Derek Tuttle and seconded by David Tuttle. Amy Stover was elected by a 7-0 majority vote.

Superintendent Dr. Harriet Wolfe declared the floor open for nominations for **treasurer**. Amanda Pettigrew nominated Lisa Bixler for treasurer, and seconded by David Tuttle. Lisa Bixler was elected by a 7-0 majority vote.

Superintendent Dr. Harriet Wolfe declared the floor open for nominations for **MSBA delegates**.
(The conference will be held October 22-24 in Kansas City.)

Shelley Higgins was nominated to be the delegate by Bob Wolf and seconded by Bo Helms. Shelley was approved by a majority vote of 7-0.

Brant Uptergrove was nominated to be the alternate by Amanda Pettigrew, seconded by David Tuttle. Brant was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Shelley Higgins volunteered to be the point of contact for the board on the Thomas Scholarship committee. (help with going over applications and issuing the checks)

Administrator Reports

Dr. Harriet Worf, Mrs. Ashlee Pettigrew, Mr. Jason Culpepper, Mrs. Bridget Bestgen, and Dr. Sarah Hansen highlighted notable areas and updated current events on their reports and answered questions that the board had.

The yearly renewal of the KVC Contract was presented by Dr. Sarah Hansen during her administrator's report. The board decided to take action on the contract at that time.

David Tuttle made a motion to approve the KVC contract, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

New Business

Bank bids were discussed and compared. Dr. Harriet Wolfe did a comparison and contrast of the bids from Commerce Bank and BTC Bank.

Bo Helms made a motion to approve the bank bid from BTC Bank, seconded by Bob Wolf, 5-0 motion carried with Brant Uptergrove and Amanada Pettigrew abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Harriet Wolfe discussed the classified staff salary schedule for the 2026-2027 school year with the board. She recommended a 1% raise to the schedule, along with a \$3000 raise for Shannon Bates, as maintenance director, for a total increase to the classified salaries of \$15,299.

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to approve the classified staff salary schedule for the 2026-2027 school year as presented, seconded by Bo Helms, 7-0 motion carried.

Due to changes in the DESE Certification rules for Speech and Language Pathologists, the SLP is now considered a classified position; a column has been added to the classified salary schedule to accommodate this change.

Bo Helms made a motion to approve the Speech and Language Pathologists column on the classified salary schedule, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.


Derek Tuttle moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to section **610.021(3,13)** with the inclusion of Nathan Bestgen, Mr. Jason Culpper, Mrs. Bridget Bestgen, Mrs. Ashlee Pettigrew, Dr. Sarah Hansen, and McGwire Dean, seconded by Bo Helms. Roll call vote: Unanimous at 6:56 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

The board meeting was opened back up at 7:10 PM by Bo Helms and seconded by Amanda Pettigrew.

Bo Helms made a motion to move the school board meeting in May from May 13th to Tuesday, May 5th at 6 PM, seconded by David Tuttle. 7-0 motion carried.

Derek Tuttle made a motion to adjourn back to closed, seconded by David Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.



Brant Uptergrove, President



Amy Stover-Secretary Date Approved: 5-5-26