

**Minutes-Tipton R-VI School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Central Office Board Room  
334 US Hwy. 50 West, Tipton, MO 65081**

Regular Meeting, February 11, 2026, 6:00 PM

<b>Board Members:</b> Bo Helms-President Derek Tuttle-Vice President Craig Wolf David Tuttle Brant Uptergrove Kelly Kohler Amanda Pettigrew Amy Stover-Board Secretary Dr. Harriet Wolfe	<b>Visitors:</b> Ashlee Pettigrew      Dr. William Duke Jason Culpepper      Amy Duke 7:30 Bridget Bestgen      Jacob Duke 7:30 Steve Carvajal      Hannah Stemburger 7:09 Sarah Hansen      Emily Brant Roxanne Whitworth      Andrian Hampton 7:30 Nathan Bestgen Tara Alumbaugh Mark Hampton 7:30
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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.

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

Brant Uptergrove abstained from check #52046. The consent agenda contained the following.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of regular minutes from January 14, 2026
- b. Approval of bills
- c. Approval of sub-(has passed his fingerprinting and is good to go after approval)
- d. Approval of surplus-Football Helmets, Tin Building

**Administrator Reports/Superintendent Report:**

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

**Old Business**

**Football Field**

Doctor Bill Duke, the high school football coach, presented information to the board about the cost comparisons of turf to grass field upkeep and installation. The last game of the season, played on the high school field in very inclement weather, has made the field inoperable at this time. Dirt work will need to be done and new grass planted ASAP, or a basic turf field installed. Dr. Dukes information gave the board a good comparison of the cost of both. Mammoth Sports of Meriden, Kansas, provided a cost analysis and project comparison. Mid America Sports Construction out of Lee's Summit, Missouri, also sent in some information and figures on the projects.

The board decided to have a special meeting with the inclusion of a financial advisor and more information.

**Preschool:**

Ashlee Pettigrew, the elementary principal, and Dr. Sarah Hansen, the director of special services, presented the board with the information that was collected at the preschool screening. They also informed the board about the types of grants and funding that are available for the preschools that are part of a public school system. The board told Ashlee Pettigrew and Sarah Hansen to proceed with their plans and present more data at the March board meeting.

**Budget Amendment:**

Dr. Harriet Wolfe, superintendent, went over a budget amendment for the 25-26 school year.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Craig Wolf, 7-0 motion carried.

**New Business****City Sign:**

Mayor Mark Hampton presented information to the board about adding competition recognition on the welcome sign for the city of Tipton. MoDot has regulations that govern sports recognition signs. The number of recognitions is limited to three by MoDot and should be updated yearly. The board supports the city in this endeavor and said the groups that would be on the signs would be up to the building administration.

**Contract with Game One:**

The board reviewed the contract with Game One that Jason Culpepper presented. Clarification is needed on several different items before an approval would be granted. Clarification will be provided by Jason Culpepper and Steve Carvajal at the next meeting.

**Health Insurance Renewal for 2026-2027:**

The board discussed the increased rates for health insurance.

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to approve the contract with OSBA for 2026-2027, seconded by David Tuttle, 6-0 motion carried. (Craig Wolf had stepped away at the time of the vote.)

**Tuition Rates for 2026-2027:**

Dr. Wolfe provided information to the board regarding tuition rates. A worksheet that was provided by DESE was completed, and the findings were presented. The board discussed options for the district.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to raise tuition rates to \$8,000 from \$7,500, seconded by David Tuttle 6-0 motion carried. (Craig Wolf had stepped away from the meeting.)

**District Calendar:**

Nathan Bestgen, incoming superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year, presented the board with a school calendar for the upcoming school year.

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

**Junior High Cheerleading:**

Information was presented to the board regarding the addition of Junior High Cheerleading. Regina Hunsburger, the high school coach, was present to answer questions and detail the implementation of junior high cheerleading. The board asked the administration to find out what interest there is in a junior high cheerleading program.

**Move Board Meeting:**

Bo Helms suggested that the March board meeting be moved from the 11th to the 9th due to the possibility of a conflict with the girls' basketball state tournament.

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to move the March board meeting from March 11, 2026, to March 9, 2026. Seconded by Kelly Kohler, 7-0 motion carried.

**Board Policy Review:**

The board was presented with policy updates IIA, IIAC, IIAC-R1 (rescind), Procedures: IGD-AP3, IIA-API, IIAC-AP1(was IILAC-R1), KB-1-AP1. Dr. Wolf gave them a quick overview of the policies. They will review them this month and look at adopting the revisions at the next board meeting in March.

Craig Wolf made a motion to approve the policy IIA, and IIAC, 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, Jason Culpepper, and Steven Carvajal, seconded by David Tuttle. Roll call vote: Unanimous at 7:57 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
<b>610.021 (3) RSMo</b>	<b>Hiring, terminating, disciplining or promoting</b>
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
<b>610.021 (13) RSMo</b>	<b>Personnel records, evaluations, applications</b>
610.021 (17) RSMo	Confidential or privileged communications with auditor



Bo Helms  
President



Amy Stover-Secretary

Date Approved: 3-9-26

