

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

Special Meeting, July 23, 2025, 6:00 PM

Board Members: Bo Helms-President Derek Tuttle-Vice President Craig Wolf David Tuttle Brant Uptergrove Kelly Kohler Amanda Pettigrew Amy Stover-Board Secretary Lisa Bixler	Visitors: Ashlee Pettigrew Sarah Hansen Bridget Bestgen Courtney Weggman Tara Alumbaugh Jason Culpepper
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Bo Helms called the regular meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

The consent agenda contained the following.

- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of minutes from June 11, 2025, and June 23, 2025
 - b. Approval of MSBA Full Maintenance

Old Business

An amendment to our current Durham Bus Contract was discussed. This amendment would allow the district to run fewer bus routes for a savings of \$35,525 and remove 2 spare buses for \$9,527. Each year, there is a contractual rate that was agreed on when you chose them initially. The annual contractual rate increase is \$23,842. With the decrease due to fewer routes and sitting buses, the actual increase for this upcoming school year is \$5,691.

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to approve the amendment to the district's Durham Bus Contract, running fewer routes and removing 2 spare buses, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

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

New Business

Dr. Julie Dill presented information to the board about a CTE Grant. The grant is a vocational enhancement grant. It pays for specific items for 75% of the cost with a district 25% match. The grant is for a total of \$83,988. The district match is \$20,997. This grant would cover the purchase of welders, Chromebooks, smartboards, and other technology needs that arise.

David Tuttle made a motion to approve the CTE Grant, seconded by Kelly Kohler, 6-0 motion carried with Brant Uptergrove abstaining.


Courtney Weggman from LJ Hart presented information on their financial services that they provide.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to approve LJ Hart as our underwriter, seconded by David Tuttle, 6-1 motion carried with Craig Wolf voting no.

Derek Tuttle moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to section **610.021(3)** with the inclusion of Sarah Hansen, and Courtney Wegmann seconded by David Tuttle. Roll call vote: Unanimous at 6:58 PM.

Open session was reconvened and Derek Tuttle made a motion to add Jason Culpepper to closed session, seconded by Amanda Pettigrew, 7-0 motion carried and unanimously adjourned at 6:59 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.
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| 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 |


Bo Helms
President


Amy Stover-Secretary
Date Approved: 8-13-25