

**Minutes-Tipton R-VI School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Central Office Board Room  
334 US Hwy. 50 West, Tipton, MO 65081  
Special Meeting, June 23, 2025, 6:00 PM**

<b>Board Members:</b> Bo Helms-President Derek Tuttle-Vice President Craig Wolf David Tuttle Brant Uptergrove-Absent Kelly Kohler Amanda Pettigrew Amy Stover-Board Secretary	<b>Visitors:</b> Ashlee Pettigrew Jason Culpepper Bridget Bestgen Roxanne Whitworth Tara Alumbaugh
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Bo Helms called the regular meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Craig Wolf made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kelly Kohler, 6-0 motion carried.

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

## II. Consent Agenda

### a. Approval of 2025-2026 Meal Price

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to approve the presented food prices for the 25-26 school year, seconded by Craig Wolf, 6-0 motion carried.

**Lunch Price Proposal 2025-26 School Year**

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	25-26	
	Approved Lunch Prices			OPAA Fixed Price Cost	Difference 25-26 District prices vs Food Fixed Cost
Elem Lunch	\$2.25	\$2.35	\$2.45	\$4.58	-\$2.13
HS Lunch	\$2.50	\$2.60	\$2.70	\$4.58	-\$1.88
Elem Breakfast	\$1.30	\$1.40	\$1.50	\$3.23	-\$1.73
HS Breakfast	\$1.30	\$1.40	\$1.50	\$3.23	-\$1.73
Staff Breakfast	\$1.60	\$1.70	\$3.23	\$3.23	-0-
Staff Lunch	\$2.85	\$2.95	\$4.58	\$4.58	-0-

## Superintendent's Report

### Financial Overview & Evaluating the Budget 2025-26

Dr. Julie Dill gave a financial overview of the district. The proposed budget is a sound budget for the data that we know at this time. As payrolls are calculated and funding is secured through the state and federal government, more will become clear. She has identified definite areas that need to be focused on. Those areas will be thoroughly examined. This will help the district know what to expect in the coming years and set the budget up accordingly. The ending fund balance is estimated, at this point, to be around 32 percent.

### Old Business

A discussion was held on the handbooks. It was noted that they will be updated with the latest federal and state compliance notices and requirements. They will also need updated meal prices for the 25-26 school year, and the high school master schedule will be updated. Jason Culpepper discussed the attendance policy change that they are making in the handbook. They plan to go back to do what our board policy outlines and enforce our “pre-COVID” practices. The practices will echo board policy JED.

David Tuttle made a motion to approve the elementary and high school student handbooks, seconded by Craig Wolf, 6-0 motion passed.

### New Business

Craig Wolf made a motion to approve the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, seconded by Kelly Kohler, 6-0 motion carried.

Craig Wolf made a motion to approve board policies and procedure updates, EGAA, GBE, IGBB, KB, KK **Procedures**-EGAA-AP1, GBEBC-AP1, IGBB-AP1, KK-AP1.1E, seconded by Kelly Kohler, 6-0 motion carried.

Dr. Dill presented her thoughts on the proposals from the new financial advisors for the district. The district received proposal packets from Stifel, Raymond James, Piper/Sandler, and LJ Hart. Dr. Dill suggested going with LJ Hart. Bo Helms also stated that LJ Hart came highly recommended.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to choose LJ Hart for our financial advisor, seconded by David Tuttle, 6-0 motion carried.

Derek Tuttle moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to section **610.021(3 and 13)** with the inclusion of **Bridget Bestgen, Jason Culpepper, and Ashlee Pettigrew**, seconded by Craig Wolf. Roll call vote: Unanimous at 6:24 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)

**610.021 (13) RSMo**

610.021 (17) RSMo

Bids specifications, sealed bids

**Personnel records, evaluations, applications**

Confidential or privileged communications with auditor

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Bo Helms  
President

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Amy Stover-Secretary  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_