

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

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 9, 2026, 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 Dr. Harriet Wolfe	Visitors: Ashlee Pettigrew Adriana Hampton in 6:10 PM Jason Culpepper Courtney Wegman and Connor with Bridget Bestgen LJHart 7:08 PM-7:34 Sarah Hansen Roxanne Whitworth Nathan Bestgen Dr. William Duke Bronc Woodruff Roxanne Whitworth
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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, 7-0 motion carried.

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

Brant Uptergrove abstained from check #52127. The consent agenda contained the following.

- II. Consent Agenda**
- a. Approval of regular minutes from February 11, 2026
 - b. Approval of Subs
 - c. Approval of ballfield agreement with the city.
 - d. Approval of MS Football Cooperative with St. Andrews
 - e. Approval of MS Football Cooperative with Latham
 - f. Approval of MS Track and Field Cooperative with St. Andrews
 - g. Approval of MS Cross Country Cooperative with St. Andrews
 - h. Approval of MS Basketball and MS Football with Clarksburg
 - i. Approval of OPPA Food Service one-year renewal
 - j. Approval of Bus Routes as presented by Durham Bus Services

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.

Old Business

The Game One contract was revisited. It was stated by Jason Culpepper that Game One would not change the wording of the contract. It was a blanket contract they used for all schools. After some talk about Game One, a motion was made.

Craig Wolf made a motion to approve the contract with Game One, seconded by Kelly Kohler, 3 Yes, 4 NO motion failed.

(Yes: Craig Wolf, Kelly Kohler, Bo Helms, No: Brant Uptergrove, Derek Tuttle, David Tuttle, Amanda Pettigrew)

Ashlee Pettigrew and Dr. Sarah Hansen presented details about the costs of implementing a pre-school. Three different options were presented.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to approve the preschool information as presented (option one, two, or a mix of both) for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by David Tuttle. Three members voted yes (Kelly Kohler, David Tuttle, and Derek Tuttle, with four members voting no (Brant Uptergrove, Bo Helms, Craig Wolf, and Amanda Pettigrew); the motion failed.

Lease Purchase information for a turf football field was presented to the board by Courtney Wegman and Connor from LJHART and Co.

Nathan Bestgen presented information to the board about the restoration of the practice and game fields.

The board decided they would not consider taking a lease purchase to install turf on the football field.

It was decided that an RFP would be released and published for grass and dirt work to the practice field and the football field. This will be done by Harriet Wolfe and pushed out immediately to be published for two weeks according to board policy. The board will meet in special session to approve a bid.

New Business

Dr. Harriet Wolfe suggested that the board increase the board-paid insurance to \$594 per per employee, per month. That would cover the premium on the first three insurance plans, continuing what the district currently does. Insurance rates went up 7.7%; the board's increase would be 4.7%.

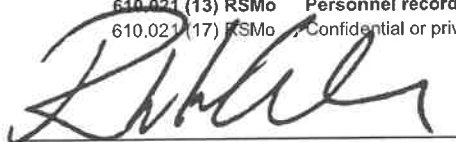
Kelly Kohler made a motion to increase the board-paid insurance to \$594 per employee, seconded by Craig Wolfe, 7-0 motion carried.

Dr. Wolfe presented the board with a salary schedule for certified staff for the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Wolf informed the board that a new law for the 2027-28 school year would make the district increase the base pay according to the consumer price index, to keep pace with the cost of living. The steps on the BS Certificate column, which begins at \$40,000, according to the law, were closed after Step 25, although most districts close that column at Step 10. State minimum salary law requires that the minimum salary for a full-time teacher with a Master's degree and ten years of experience must be paid \$48,000 for the 2026-27 school year. This new salary schedule puts the Master's degree and Step 11 at \$47,500, which is \$500 more than required. The Master's column begins at \$42,500. The Ed Specialist degree column starts at \$45,000.

Brant Uptergrove made a motion to approve the presented salary schedule for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Kelly Kohler, 7-0 motion carried.

Derek Tuttle moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to section **610.021(3 and 13)** with the inclusion of Nathan Betgen, Ashlee Pettigrew, and Jason Culpepper, seconded by Amanda Pettigrew. Roll call vote: Unanimous at 8:06 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



Bo Helms
President



Amy Stover-Secretary

Date Approved: 4-15-26