

**Minutes-Tipton R-VI School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Central Office Board Room  
334 US Hwy. 50 West, Tipton, MO 65081  
Regular Meeting May 5, 2026, 6:00 PM**

<p><b>Board Members</b>  <b>President:</b> Brant Uptergrove  <b>Vice President:</b> Derek Tuttle          Bo Helms-on Google Meet          Shelley Higgins          Amanda Pettigrew          David Tuttle          Bob Wolf  <b>Secretary:</b> Amy Stover  <b>Superintendent:</b> Dr. Harriet Wolfe</p>	<p><b>Visitors</b>          Ashlee Pettigrew      Manda Simon          Dr. Sarah Hansen      Connor Wood          Bridget Bestgen          Jason Culpepper          Roxanne Whitworth          Bronc Woodruff          Dr. William Duke          Scott Simon          Tara Alumbaugh          Courtney Weigman</p>
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Brant Uptergrove called the regular meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Bo Helms made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Amanda Pettigrew, 7-0 motion carried.

Derek Tuttle made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Bo Helms, 7-0 motion carried.

Brant Uptergrove abstained from check #52349. The consent agenda contained the following.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of regular minutes from April 15, 2026
- b. Approval of bills
- c. Approval of subs
- d. Approval of sub pay and miscellaneous duties for 26-27
- e. Approval of MSBA Membership

**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**

Courtney Wegman from LJ Hart was in attendance. She brought funding information for any potential ballot issue that the board may want to pursue in April of 2027. That timeline would ensure that any ballot can be promoted as a “no tax increase” levy, if done by August of 2028 at the very latest.

Derek Tuttle made a motion to approve LJ Hart as our official underwriter, seconded by Bob Wolf, 7-0 motion carried.

The junior high sports interest survey was discussed. The previous discussion on adding junior high cheerleading was revisited.

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

Brant Uptergrove suggested that the district should not have tryouts for middle school cheerleading. It was also suggested to watch the budget and look at inexpensive cheerleading uniform options.

Other junior high sports, such as baseball, softball, and wrestling, will be considered after a cost analysis is performed to determine the cost.

## **New Business**

A discussion was held about having a football co-op with the Bunceton School District. After the discussion on the impact of the opportunity for the students, the cost per player, and travel of the players to the school, the board concluded that they would allow the co-op.

David Tuttle made a motion to approve the football co-op with the Bunceton school district (MS/HS) on a year-to-year basis, seconded by Bob Wolf, 7-0 motion carried.

The MSU and MSU West Plains Dual Credit Agreement was presented to the board.

Amanda Pettigrew made a motion to approve the dual credit agreements with MSU and MSU West Plains, seconded by Bob Wolf, 7-0 motion carried.

The bids to resurface the bathroom floors from GRP Wegman and McColleston Construction (epoxy the floors and partial walls for the restrooms in the elementary) were looked at and discussed.

This was tabled at this time. The board would like some more details looked into, and they will come back to approve the bids at a special meeting.

Audit bids were reviewed. The audit bid from Graves and Associates was the lowest bid, and it is the company that the district already uses.

David Tuttle made a motion to accept the bid from Graves and Associates, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

Roof repair estimates were presented to the board by Dr. Wolfe. In the discussion, it was noted that the High School gym leak can easily be repaired.

Derek Tuttle made a motion to fix the high school gym roof, seconded by Shelley Higgins, 7-0 motion carried.

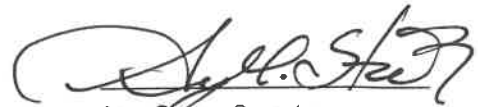
The board discussed the state of the old Ag shop that is used at the maintenance shed and storage building for the district. The roof and foundation are in desperate need of repair. More data and details were requested before a decision would be made.

Derek Tuttle moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to section **610.021(3,11,13)** with the inclusion of Nathan Bestgen, Mr. Jason Culpper, Mrs. Bridget Bestgen, Mrs. Ashlee Pettigrew, and Dr. Sarah Hansen, seconded by Bo Helms. Roll call vote: Unanimous at 7:42 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



Brant Uptergrove  
President



Amy Stover-Secretary

Date Approved: 6-10-26

