

**THOMPSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m.

Board members in attendance were Kim Akeley-Charron, Brian Cullins, Lauren Haug, Bob Herrmann, Lori Hvizda Ward, Barbara Kruse, Tracy Roller, Celeste Smith, Matt Thies, and Sarah Walgast. Board members unable to attend were Paul Baron, Rick Bowles, Will Delmar, and Brandy Grieves. Staff members Lesa Biedron and Eowyn Sanders were also in attendance.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Consent Agenda - consisting of the May 20 board meeting minutes, the May Investment Management Account statements, the ED report, and the May financial reports - was approved.

The Help Kids Succeed event is upcoming. Packing will be on July 23 and deliveries will be made on July 24. The volunteer link is open and will be sent to the board. The fundraising letter will be going out next week. Kim will be emailing her contacts at some post-secondary schools in the area to see if any of them would be able to donate school-branded water bottles.

TEF is the featured nonprofit at Sounds of Centerra on Friday, July 11. Soul School will be performing. Centerra will be holding a tissue box drive for TSD schools at the event.

Kim reminded the board that there will be a golf pro on site at the Scheer Tournament on August 8. There are three foursomes left to sell. Registration will open on July 1. There will not be a press release. Sponsorships are totaling \$28,950, including the carryover from last year's canceled event. The price of the course has increased slightly, with catering remaining about the same amount. Alcohol can no longer be donated. Volunteers are still needed for the golf tournament. If anyone would like to help out, please reach out to Lesa.

Newsletters containing information about the peach sales went out last Monday. There have been 9 sales so far, totaling \$385. We came down on prices from last year to match the farm's suggestion - \$30 for a 9-lb box and \$45 for an 18-lb box. The peach harvest is early this year with the first peaches being ready the last week in July. Peach dropoff will be Wednesday, August 6, and pickup will be Thursday, August 7 at the KidsPak building. Celeste urged the board to buy or to encourage people in their network to buy at least 3-5 boxes.

Lauren and Brandy are term-limited off the board after this year. Celeste asked that the board be thinking about potential members to fill the vacancies. The bylaws allow up to 15 members total. Barb will be joining the board as a community member after she is off the Board of Education.

The 25/26 budget draft is ready for approval. We did run over slightly on the 24/25 budget, the first time since Kim took over as executive director. The prospective overage is \$3,400. The board will need to vote to approve the overage, and then take a second vote to approve the 25/26 budget. Bob asked about the "Agreed upon Procedures" line item in the budget proposal. TEF's accountant will look at concerns that the foundation has and make sure things are running as they should be. They will be looking over the reconciliation process between the district's accounting and TEF's. Agreed upon procedures or a full audit need to be done every year. Brian suggested changing the line item name to "Accounting - Agreed Upon Procedures" to avoid confusion. There are no other questions. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the 24/25 budget overage up to \$3,400 was approved. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the 25/26 budget of \$134,688 was approved.

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.