

**THOMPSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m.

Board members in attendance were Kim Akeley-Charron, Rick Bowles, Denise Chapman, Will Delmar, Jason Germain, Bret Heller, Bob Herrmann, Lori Hvizda Ward, Barb Kruse, Tracy Roller, Celeste Smith, and Matt Thies. Board members unable to attend were Bre Carpenter, Brian Cullins, and Sarah Walgast. Staff member Eowyn Sanders was also in attendance.

Dr. Heller gave the board an update on news about the district. The budget for the 2026-27 school year will be approved at tomorrow's Board of Education meeting. There will be furlough days on the calendar for all TSD employees.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Consent Agenda - consisting of the May 19 board meeting minutes, the May Investment Management Account statements, the May ED reports – was approved.

Kim passed around printed copies of the budget draft and comparison for a final review. There were no changes since the proposal last month. Upon motion duly made and seconded the 2026-27 operating budget was approved.

Lesa and Eowyn have been working on integrating features from the new CRM platform, BetterUnite, into the TEF website. There are now easily accessible donation widgets on each event and fund page. The volunteer sign-up form for Help Kids Succeed will also be embedded on the Help Kids Succeed page for ease of access.

Help Kids Succeed is coming up next month. Packing will take place on July 29 and delivery to schools will be on July 30. The supplies are expected to be delivered on July 22. TEF will be at Chapungu Sculpture Park as the featured nonprofit of Sounds of Centerra on July 31. The Scheer Fund Golf tournament is on Friday, August 7. The August meeting agenda will be full.

Will opened the floor to other business. He congratulated Jason on his new position in TSD. Kim has been working with Jason and Brandy to find a new secondary representative to join the board in Jason's stead. Eowyn gave the board a final update on the 2026 scholarship recipients – there were 121 new scholarships and 57 renewals totaling in \$543,707.00 in scholarship awards. This is the first year the awards have been over \$500,000. While Kim was out of town, TEF's CPA reached out with a notice that they will be unable to continue to work with TEF. Matt has provided Kim with the

names of other firms to reach out to. Matt does not anticipate that an audit with a new firm will surpass the budgeted amount.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.