



September 16th, 2025
Regular Board Meeting at 4:00 pm

Board Meeting Board Members

Board Members

Al Hofer
Tom Herr
Larry Rowland
Alan Grinsfelder
Fred Eckart
Michael Lindvall
Dr. Ramona Coleman

Board Members (Absent)

Lena Yarian (resigned)

Staff

Dawn Starks (Superintendent/School Leader)
Dr. Brad Yoder (School Leader)
Mikael Badgett (Data)
Kaylie Davidhizar
Rachel Bushong

CIES

Brain Anderson

Trine University

Emily Gaskill (Virtual)

Member of the Public

None

4625 Werling Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46806

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Present Board Chair Larry Rowland, member Tom Herr (3:45), member Fred Eckart (3:52), member Dr. Coleman (3:56 pm), member Michael Lindvall (3:58 Virtual), member Alan Grinsfelder (3:58), member Al Hofer (3:59)
President Larry Rowland calls the meeting to order
- II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Fred Eckart, seconded by Tom Herr. All members present voted aye.
- III. Consent Calendar**
 - a. Review and approval of July 16, 2025 Board Mtg Minutes
Motion made by Tom Herr, seconded by Al Hofer. All members present voted aye.
- IV. Correspondence**
 - a. Lena Yarian's resignation
All members' acceptance by saying aye
- V. Financial Report**
 - a. Review and approval of July 16, 2025 Financial Report
 - b. Brian provided a virtual presentation on revenue comparisons. He also did a summary review of the past finances. He discussed how we are saving money by self-managing and that we are on budget for the school year currently.
Motion made by Tom Herr, seconded by Al Hofer. All members present voted aye.
- VI. Hearing of the Public (Limited to Agenda-Related Items)**
 - a. None at this time
- VII. Old Business**
 - a. None at this time
- VIII. New Business**
 - a. TLJA's Data Review
Presented by Dawn Starks, she discussed the school's data on I-Read based on the demographics of scholars and how it compares to other schools in the area. She also discusses how TLJA is aligning with the state of Indiana, using the Slant training school-wide and the literacy cadre.
 - b. Upcoming School Activities
Dawn Starks shared our school website (tlja.org) and discussed how activities are posted on this website. She also mentioned the kindergarten family night on September 22nd, and the middle school Mental Health night is scheduled for September 30th. Kaylie discussed the plan for the October culture night.
- IX. Management Reports**
 - A. School Leaders- Dawn Stark/Dr. Brad Yoder

-Dawn discussed that we are still increasing enrollment and how the school year has been a great start

-Dr. Brad Yoder discussed the Rigor model and how it is now implemented organization-wide, and how it is going to be the focus for the school year. He also discusses the assessment calendar and how the calendar is full and has no open slots.

B. Education One Report- Emily Gaskill

- Emily discusses an update in reporting. She discussed how Education One is going to focus on deficiency reports, which have been sent out. She said there are no severe deficiencies, but TLJA is in the moderate area.

C. Board Questions

X. Hearing of the Public (Related to Non-Agenda Items)

Alan asked if the board should look for new members, and the board suggested that they would like someone who has a background in finance.

XI. Disucssion (Non- Agenda Items)

None at this time

XII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting and Organizational Meeting

Date: November 18th, 2025 at 4:00 pm

XIII. Adjournment

President Rowland adjourned the meeting without a vote at 5:36 pm

Minutes submitted by Kaylie Davidhizar

Minutes approved by _____

Individuals wishing to address the Board are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed (30) minutes.

Complaints or concerns regarding board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner. This is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated.

The proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at TLJA, located at 4625 Werling Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46806, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved (in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267).