



**January 20th, 2026
Regular Board Meeting at 4:00 pm**

Board Meeting Board Members

Board Members

Al Hofer
Tom Herr (Virtual)
Larry Rowland (Virtual)
Fred Eckart
Alan Grinsfelder (Virtual)
Michael Lindvall
Dr. Romona Coleman

Board Members (Absent)

None

Staff

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

CIES

Brain Anderson

Trine University

Emily Gaskill

Member of the Public

None

**4625 Werling Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46806**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present at the meeting: Board Chair Larry Rowland (3:55), member Tom Herr (3:55), member Fred Eckart(3:57), member Al Hofer (3:58), member Alan Grinsfelder (3:55), member Michael Lindvall (3:59), and member Dr. Coleman (4:15)

President Larry Rowland calls the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

All members present voted aye.

III. Consent Calendar

a. Review and approval of November 18th, 2025 Board Mtg Minutes
Motion made by Tom Herr, seconded by Al Hofer. All members present voted aye.

IV. Correspondence

a. None at this time

V. Financial Report

a. Review and approval of November 18th, 2025, Financial Report
b. Brian Anderson presents the financial review and discusses the audit. He discussed that the audit went really well.
Motion made by Fred Eckart, seconded by Tom Herr. All members present voted aye.

VI. Hearing of the Public (Limited to Agenda-Related Items)

a. None at this time

VII. Old Business

a. Dr. Coleman asked about our Title II and IV funds. It was discussed that the funds are rolled into Title I funds, and that is how it shows in the budget.

VIII. New Business

a. Dawn Starks, the news that has been released is that the protection for refugees with the temporary protected status from Burma will end January 26th, 2026, and asked the board how we move forward as a school district procedurally, and the statement the school will release. Tom Herr said to follow the Amani Family services procedural form. Emily Gaskill discussed the possibility of offering a virtual learning opportunity for families, if needed.

IX. Management Reports

A. School Leaders- Dawn Stark/Dr. Brad Yoder

Dawn discussed that the count day is on February 2nd, and enrollment matches what we predicted at this time. She also discussed that Rachel Bushong has finished her master's program, and that the school is continuing to partner with Trine University for the T2T program and tuition reimbursement.

Mikael discussed that WIDA testing has begun, and that we are ahead of schedule, and it's going well.

B. Education One Report- Emily Gaskill

Emily discussed the deficiency report. She highlighted the growth in academic performance. She highlighted the middle school math team and the significant amount of growth. She discussed that Trine students choose TLJA as their service project, and provided snack bags for scholars over the long weekend.

C. Board Questions

Dr. Coleman asked how the checkpoint data relates to the summative assessment and whether it will relate to the growth that is currently being seen in Math and ELA.

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

None at this time

XI. Disucssion (Non- Agenda Items)

None at this time

XII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting and Organizational Meeting

Date: March 17th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Adjournment

President Rowland adjourned the meeting without a vote at 5:03 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.

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