

WORK SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SOUTH TAMA COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Community School District of South Tama County met on July 29, 2026 for a Work Session at the STC Middle School, Toledo, Iowa beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Board and guests stated the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the District's mission statement.

On call of the roll the following were present: Elizabeth Dolezal, Rick Hopper, Michael Avis, and Danya Keahna. Joe Hanus was absent. Quorum present. Also present were: Superintendent John Cain, Katie Mathern, Lou Gvist (IASB Board Development Director), and Lisa Whitaker (IASB Board Development Director).

Motion by Hopper, second by Keahna to approve the agenda. All Ayes. The motion carried.

IASB Board Development Directors Lou Gvist and Lisa Whitaker facilitated a workshop with the South Tama County Community School District Board of Education focused on strengthening board leadership and governance. Discussion included characteristics of effective board-superintendent teams; clarification of governance versus management roles; appropriate communication channels and processes for addressing questions, concerns and complaints; alignment of Board, Superintendent and building level-goals; and the Board's role in establishing expectations, monitoring progress and supporting continuous improvement and student learning.

No action was taken.

Motion by Keahna, second by Hopper to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Elizabeth Dolezal, Board President

Katie Mathern, Board Secretary