

**Board**  
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Brown, TCHS Cheer Coach, Beth Pugh as TCHS Girl's Cross Country and EP Volleyball Coach. Stephanie Goodwin as East Prairie Ed-

ucator, Denise Brown at the end of 2025-26 and Angela Bergner at the end of 2025-26.

The Board also recognized kindergarten teacher Jennie Porter and fourth-grade teacher Robin Rauch, who will retire at the end of

the coming week. They will receive plaques later this week.

The board approved several new hires.

Caden Baer as assistant for Junior High Boys Basketball, Marie Grant and Jennifer Lutz as Junior High

Student Council Sponsors, Kayla Shelmadine as para-professional for 2023-2024, Natasha Smith as para-professional for 2023-2024, summer workers for 2023, Emily Griswell as TCHS Volleyball Coach and Nicholas Ross as a school counselor. Megan Price's transfer to East Prairie was also approved.

The Board approved the 2023-2024 District Insurance. Alexander noted that the insurance total increased by \$25,000, mostly due to property value increases. The last time Illinois Risk Management Insurance, an independent appraiser, did the last appraisal, the entire school property was valued at about \$49 million. The most recent appraisal raised the value to \$81 million. In the plan, Worker's Compensation insurance dropped by \$3,200 and Cyber increased by \$3,500. Student accident insurance was also reduced, but Alexander didn't have an exact figure. He noted that it dropped because the district is coming off of claims from previous years when the district had large claims.

The Board approved the Consolidated District Plan. Alexander explained that the plan is something they've done over the last four years. It is supposed to streamline work for the Board, but in Alexander's opinion, it creates more work than it streamlines. He added that it has to be approved in order for the Board to be able to apply for grants.

The Board approved the 2023-2024 lunch fees, which have increased by 10 cents. Alexander said federal auditors recommend an increase every year and may push for higher increases if fees aren't increased.

The Board approved the 2023-24 contract with Aramark, the food service provider that has been partnered with Tuscola School district over 20 years.

The contract price increased by 11 percent and included a \$2 hourly raise for wages. The company is in charge of hiring kitchen staff for the schools.

Scott Gregory, district manager for Aramark, presented to the board with upcoming menu changes and general values of the company. Gregory reiterated that they try to work as closely with students to provide meals that they enjoy while also providing meals with enough calories and nutrients.

Board Secretary Darold Spillman added that he had good experiences dealing with the company. They listened to his requests and did their best to make changes. The company is also expecting high surpluses, which will allow the district to push the program further. The company is expecting to roll out a mobile app so that students can give instant feedback on meals.

The Board approved IASB membership for 2023-2024, which increased to \$ 4,875. Alexander explained that the membership allows board members to attend training sessions. The Board also said that it allows access to "feelgood" meetings. The membership also ensures that policies are looked at by lawyers and ensures they are updated. The Press Policy 111 was also given to Board members for review. The Press Policy essentially is a policy guidebook and guides the board to make changes and have lawyers review policies to ensure they are in compliance. Alexander said that the final reading will be at the next meeting.

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Minister- Mike Zylstra  
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Sunday Worship Services:  
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Pastor: Rev. Angel Sierra  
Office Phone: 217.253.4412  
Sacrament of Confession:  
Saturdays 5:00 pm  
Or by appointment by calling the church office: 217.253.4412  
Week-day Mass Times:  
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Weekend Masses:  
5:30 pm Saturday  
8:00 am Sunday

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