

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLAIR-TAYLOR ANNUAL MEETING
October 28, 2024
United Campus Auditorium

President Troy Tenneson called the Budget Hearing of the Blair-Taylor School District to order at 6:30 p.m. Present Board Members: Troy Tenneson, Perry Kujak, David Thompson, Michele Steien, and Blaine Koxlien. Absent: Sarah Staff and Neil Kniseley. Also in attendance is Lynn Halverson, Brenda Olson, Mary Ann Hulett, Roger Foegan, Aaron Kidd, and Andrew Dannehy.

Lynn Halverson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the budget presentation and annual meeting.

Superintendent Lynn Halverson presented the 2024-25 budget explaining details of the proposed revenues and expenses for all funds and functions, certified tax values and the projected tax levy.

Motion by David Thompson, with a second by Michele Steien, to adjourn the budget hearing. Motion passed and budget hearing was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Troy Tenneson called the Annual Meeting of the Blair-Taylor School District to order. Motion by Michele Steien, with a second by David Thompson, to nominate Troy Tenneson to chair the meeting.

Motion by David Thompson, with a second by Brenda Olson, to approve the 2023 annual meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Superintendent Lynn Halverson reported that per letter from Johnson Block the 2023-24 audit has been completed. They will have our audit filed with the DPI as required by December 15, 2024.

Motion by David Thompson, with a second by Perry Kujak, to approve the general fund tax levy of \$3,504,681, debt service tax levy of \$1,406,750, and community service levy for \$100,000 for a total district tax levy of \$5,011,431. Motion passed.

Motion by David Thompson, with a second by Troy Tenneson, to approve short-term borrowing to a maximum of \$500,000, if needed. Motion passed.

District Goals:

Superintendent Lynn Halverson discussed the District and TVC2 goals for 2024- 2025. The consortium is looking to transform education by using AI to address critical issues like teacher shortages and diverse student needs. The goal is to shift from time-based to competency-based learning, reduce teacher burnout, and prepare students for jobs that require problem-solving skills. Action steps include monthly team meetings and quarterly board updates to explore practical applications, such as using AI for personalized learning plans and flexible scheduling. This initiative, though without a set timeline, reflects the belief that creative solutions are necessary to adapt to current obstacles and improve the learning environment.

Motion by Roger Foegan, with a second by Mary Ann Hulett that salaries for School Board members increase the annual rate to \$2,700, \$75.00 for special meetings, \$150.00 Full Day, and \$300 per year for committee meetings. Motion passed.

Motion by Michele Steien, with a second by Perry Kujak, to authorize the purchase of textbooks and software for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Brenda Olson, with a second by Roger Foegan, to approve the district's depositories as Waumandee State Bank, Local Government Investment Pool, and American Depository Management Co. as the district depositories for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by David Thompson, with a second by Troy Tenneson, to designate the school newsletter, school website and Facebook page, WWIS and WHTL radio stations, and School Messenger as official news sources for the 2024-25 school year. All required legal notices will be sent to both Trempealeau County Times and the Banner Journal. Motion passed.

Motion by Michele Steien, with a second by Perry Kujak, to authorize the board to establish and set the date and time for the 2025 Budget and Annual Meeting to be October 27th 2025 at 5:30 and 6:00 pm. Motion passed.

Motion by Perry Kujak, with a second by David Thompson, to adjourn the annual meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Thompson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

David Thompson, Clerk.