

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th – 5:30 P.M**

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Michele Steien, Blaine Koxlien, Troy Tenneson, Perry Kujak, David Thompson, Neil Kniseley, Lindsey Byom. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Steve Jorgenson, Annie Anderson, Samantha Ristow, Dani McDole, Kyla Wolfe and Zach Rastall.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Mission statement- "To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens" read aloud.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with second by D. Thompson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Mission statement- "To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens" read aloud.

Public comments were made by Annie Anderson and Samantha Ristow expressing concerns regarding not having a cheer or dance team this upcoming winter sports season. Steve Jorgenson provided comments regarding the laude system.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve September 2025 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by P. Kujak, to approve bills for the month of September 2025. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the September 2025 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Reports:

Superintendent Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson provided the board the preliminary state report cards for Elementary, Middle/High, and as a district. The results will be released to the public on November 9th. Mr. Halverson then presented overall general aid comparisons. As a district we received an increase in general aid where over 250 schools did not receive any new aid or had their aid decrease. An estimated cost of \$39,519 is projected to provide students with an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the school district operating Fund 10 Budget Expenditures of \$11,171,678.18 including 100000 functions, 200000 functions, and 400000 functions for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve proposed General Fund 10 Tax Levy of \$3,474,299 and a Debt Service Fund 39 Tax Levy of \$1,445,375, and Fund 80 Tax Levy of \$150,000 for a total District Tax Levy of \$5,069,674. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by L. Byom, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve continuing the Swim/Dive Coop with Black River Falls and Alma Center pending enough participation for the 26-27 & 27-28 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve Greenhouse Heat Source hookup with Bagniefski Heating & Cooling for \$2,500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the consent agenda items which include resignation of Childcare Lead Teacher, Hannah Dahl, resignation of Childcare Assistant Teacher, Laura Lien, issue Childcare Lead Teacher contract to Ciara Beaman, issue Childcare Assistant Teacher contract to Cierra Rose, issue contract to Trent Lien, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach (8th grade), and issue contract to Allan Lien, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach (7th grade). Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn for the evening. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Thompson, Clerk