

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH - 5:30 P.M.

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: David Thompson, Blaine Koxlien, Perry Kujak, Michele Steien. Absent: Sarah Staff and Neil Kniseley. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Melissa Pientok, Lori Lisowski, Gwen Kidd and Terry Schoonover. Meeting was also live streamed on Wildcat tv.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

As public comment Terry Schoonover introduced himself as he is running for State Assembly for District 29 in the upcoming election.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by M. Steien, to approve September 2024 regular, special and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve bills for the month of September 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak, to approve the September 2024 financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Reports:

Superintendent Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson reported we plan to move forward with Coop Credit Union with installing and servicing an ATM. Plans for installation will be mid January and per transaction fee will be \$1.50. Our next TVC 2.0 Meeting will be November 13 at the Independence School District. Mr. Halverson mentioned to the board the school board convention will be held in Milwaukee on January 22 - 24th. He invited all board members who would like to attend to let him know. On September 18th there was a full TVC 2.0 meeting. Many items were discussed including updates from the monthly principals meetings, the Great Rivers HUB, which is for community health workers, an alternative education update and how AI (artificial intelligence) may affect education. The next TVC 2.0 Meeting will be November 13 at the Independence School District.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - MS/HS parent/teacher conferences were held on October 16th. We used our inservice day to reach out to parents not able to attend. Also on the inservice day, some of the Admin team attended a behavior threat assessment put on by the Department of Justice in Mauston. Activity updates are the HS fall sports wrapped up, MS boys basketball practice begins today, HS girls & boys basketball and wrestling will start in a couple weeks, tonight is the choir concert, band concert will be on 11/18 and NHS induction on 11/12. We will be taking all 8th graders to the tech center in Whitehall on Friday. They will split into groups and talk about opportunities they will have exposure to since class scheduling for next year usually begins in December.

Assist. MS/HS Principal - Melissa Pientok - In the MS we are looking to screen our students on their school behaviors and how it affects their grades. So with a measured fundamentals program to see how students feel about themselves and school. This will tie into our Second Step program which addresses challenges in school, how to belong, helping others, and setting goals. A neon themed MS dance will be on 11/8 from 6:00 - 8:00.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - The elementary had conferences on 15th & 17th of October, which was well attended. However, teachers did reach out to parents that are not able to meet. On our inservice day we held an Act 20 training which is a state reading initiative. All K-3 staff need to attend training. This will begin in January. They also went over the Aims web. Which is the new platform the state chose for tracking all the ACT 20 screening data. Then we had social/emotional learning (SEL) training. We had student of the month last week Thursday for October. On Thursday, October 31st we have the Halloween costume parade.

Special Ed Director - Becky Brouillet - The MS regular and special education teachers along with Mrs. Pientok has been working to try some natural accommodations in the classrooms. Also working on grading systems that will work for individual students. All level special education are making great strides on connecting with students and families. They are always evaluating the individual needs of the students and willing to adjust schedules to make what's best for them..

Discussion Items:

Mr. Halverson received a request from our child care staff. They would like to see if there is a solution to the pine trees along the child care parking lot. Our staff park here and sap is getting on their cars and it is difficult to wash it off. Would it be possible to have them removed? Mr. Halverson asked the board what their opinions were. Mr. Halverson will get more information.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve early graduation requests as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve a contract for Michael Lampman as middle school boys basketball coach. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve a contract for Ella Gelder as middle school girls basketball coach. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion carried.

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