

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th – 5:30 P.M**

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Perry Kujak, Blaine Koxlien, Troy Tenneson, Michele Steien, David Thompson, and Lindsey Byom. Absent: Neil Kniseley. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Melissa Pientok, Becky Brouillet, Jared McCutchen, Lori Lisowski, 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 D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

With no Public comments we will move on.

Motion by L. Byom, with second by P. Kujak, to approve October 2025 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by L. Byom, to approve bills for the month of October 2025. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the October 2025 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports:

Superintendent Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson reported the school report cards results from the 24-25 school year have been released. Scores increased in the Elementary by 6.3 points, the Middle/High increased by 3.5 points, with the District improving 4.4 points from the prior year. The Wisconsin State Education Convention will take place January 21st through the 23rd in Milwaukee. Board members are welcome to come. Mr. Halverson updated the board of a couple policy technical corrections which are grammatical changes. Data Wrangler is up and running. We will hopefully see where our peaks are and what we can do to conserve energy. We received our new Budget model from Baird. With our district property value growth of 13.64% which is higher than the state average of 8%, and declining enrollment, it looks like our projected equalization aid will decrease by about \$700,000. Keep this in mind with discussion for the next operational referendum.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - Ms. Lisowski updated all the activities taking place in the high school. Boys basketball and wrestling started today, girls basketball began last week Monday. Mrs. Mathews and the student council hosted the Veterans Day Program. Ms. Monson is currently offering the Snowmobile Safety Course today and tomorrow. November 13th - 16th five students attended the National FFA convention in Indianapolis. Blair-Taylor had six students from band and one from choir participate in Dairyland Honors Band and Choir. The staff is reviewing courses and considering proposals for new courses for next year's co-op schedule. The end of the first trimester is Friday, November 21st. Access testing for EL students will begin after Thanksgiving break, and State Testing will start when we return from Christmas break.

Assist. MS/HS Principal - Melissa Pientok - Mrs. Pientok reported MS Boys Basketball has started their season. We have low numbers but they are working hard. Our students have been enjoying the

homeroom team building challenges and the electives. Our cooking class is very popular. Star Testing will begin this week. The Middle School Student Council is planning a student recognition next week and working on a gratitude board. They are also setting up a National Junior Honor Society organization. This is just like the National Honor Society in High School.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen reported the Elementary had parent/teacher conferences on October 14th & 16th with over 90% in attendance. October 17th was an inservice day. We used NextPath to look at classroom data, Star ELA data and AIMS web driving discussions on meeting students needs and effective classroom instruction. News Channel 8 visited to do a feature on our four therapy dogs. The Elementary had their Halloween costume parade and tomorrow we will be hosting over 70 third graders from area schools for a Creative problem solving day. Mrs. Hammond created the Lexia Lounge to motivate students to level up and earn prizes. The elementary has had over 240 students level up from September through October.

Special Ed. Director - Becky Brouillet - Ms. Brouillet shared during Elementary parent/teacher conferences we received many referrals for reading, speech/language, and behavioral needs and services. Currently our School Psychologist is reviewing 20 evaluations. Partnering with another district, we are working on tired interventions within the classroom to address speech and language needs.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the presented Board Policy Updates. Motion Carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the consent agenda items which include: the resignation of Middle School Teacher, David Cowley, and issue contract for Elementary Paraprofessional Katelyn Gunderson. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-1.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss individual student(s) alternative education plans, individual Fall coaches summary, and individual employee performance.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the individual alternative education plans for two students as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the salary increase for Lucas Solberg and Mike Johnson as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk