

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH - 5:30 P.M.

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

With no public comment we will move forward.

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

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve bills for the month of November 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by S. Staff, to approve the November 2024 financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson presented to the board some technical correction updates to our Board policies. These are minor updates that consist of grammatical, pronouns, and renumbering changes.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski reported Trimester 2 has started after Thanksgiving break. This past week, we had a co-op wide ACP day. Juniors took the ACT practice test, sophomores learned about resume building, freshmen participated in team building exercises, and seniors took part in the reality store. ACCESS testing began last week Thursday and should be finished by this Wednesday. Last week a group of students went to Whitehall to shadow healthcare professionals. Our robotics team has started their new year.

Assistant MS/HS Principal - Melissa Pientok - Mrs. Pientok updated the board that the middle school boys basketball season is wrapping up. The middle school girls basketball and wrestling season will begin after christmas break. Tonight we have a choir concert. A huge Thank you to Mrs. Olson for hosting a mini turkey trot and other activities prior to thanksgiving break. Our 6th graders have reached out to local businesses to place donation boxes collecting items for their pen pals in Uganda.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen reported to the board on Dec. 5th we had a family engagement night building gingerbread houses. The Elementary PTO and some staff attended the Blair Holiday parade on December 7th. Mrs. Stephenson attended AI training and is educating our staff with what she has learned. Last Friday we had a well attended elementary holiday concert. This week we will have Christmas dress up days and an all school sing a long on Friday before leaving for the holiday break.

Special Ed Director - Becky Brouillet - Ms. Brouillet reported we are all getting ready for Christmas. Some of our students with Mrs. Slencza had a field trip to Everson's Christmas tree farm to cut down their own Christmas tree. Mrs. Frederixon's life skills class made and sold dog treats and holiday simmer pots. Mrs. Brouillet and Mrs. Slenczka will be attending AI training at CESA tomorrow.

Discussion Items:

Mr. Halverson presented our fall HUDL paywall revenue updates. We did have a few issues with the scheduling of JV and Varsity games, and the game stats not updating accurately. Due to there being more issues than the hassle Mr. Halverson removed the option of charging for Hudl.

Action Items:

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the Spanish Club Travel Proposal with the conditions that it lines up with the 25-26 spring break. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.


Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve Policy Updates Board Consideration - First Reading. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the CESA 4 support LIFTtoFFS starting at \$5,000. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff, to approve resignation of Child Care Center Assistant Teacher Haleigh Klopp. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss individual employee conduct. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Board Clerk