

## **BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT**

### **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MAY 19TH - 5:30 P.M.**

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

With no public comment, we will move on.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by L. Byom, to approve minutes of the April 2025 regular and closed meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the bills for the month of April 2025. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the financial statement for the month of April 2025. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

#### **Administrative Reports**

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson presented a couple board policy technical corrections for the board to review. Mr. Storlie mentioned to Mr. Halverson that a possible state expansion of boys and girls basketball where the sectional final will be held on the Wednesday before State Semi-finals. This is just in discussion and will need to be approved through the WIAA. The blacktop resealing has been scheduled for July 1 & 2. Graduation will be Saturday May 24th, Mr. Halverson just confirmed with Neil, Lindsey and Dave they will be in attendance. Mr. Halverson gave an update about different options with the cleaning contract. Currently, it looks like J & F Facility would be the better option, but we will discuss further during next months meeting.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - Ms. Lisowski reported the Dairyland conference implemented a new Scholar Athlete banquet where 1 male and 1 female athlete from each school were recognized with a dinner and presentation. Also new this year is a Youth Apprentice banquet where sponsoring businesses and youth apprentices and families were recognized. All seniors presented their senior exit interviews last week. Senior awards night and Baccalaureate was held last night. Last week we had high school community service day while the seniors were on their senior trip. Seniors last day will be May 20th.

Assistant MS/HS Principal - Melissa Pientok - Mrs. Pientok reported the 8th graders had a field trip to Perrot State Park with the UW Extension office. They learned about the bluff, and the lock and dam, then went to the Wildlife refuge. We had a "dress to impress" middle school dance which included the 6th graders. We had over 50 students attend. A big thank you to Mrs. Olson, Ms. Monson and Ms. Mlsna for chaperoning and our student DJ's. The 6th graders had BADGES last week. This is a program with the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department. Students learned about online safety, mental health, healthy relationships and substance abuse. Middle school track had a home meet last week. Thanks to the coaches, Jill Anderson, Mike Johnson, and Grace Mlsna.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen stated last week we had our 4th grade Heritage Fair. We had 12 students move forward to present at Black River Falls. Celebrated Staff appreciation week May 5 - 9th. The elementary school finished up their STAR testing. 4-6 graders gifted/talented went to Legopalozza in Holmen. With grant funding we were able to purchase a Next Path. Next Path is a program where all our testing, attendance, and behavior data will all be in one place for better student review. Summer School is all planned out with about 170 students signed up. June 3rd is elementary park day. Kindergarten graduation is June 4th.

Special Education Director - Becky Brouillet - Ms. Brouillet - We have 6 special education students graduating this year. All of them completed their exit interviews and did a super job. Christine Wathke worked very hard on supporting and getting the students ready. Ms. Brouillet wanted to send a huge thank you to all the staff for all their continued hard work. She also mentioned, there is an autism support group the first Wednesday every month at Gundersen Tri-County Hospital.

#### **Action Items:**

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve reassigning the Regular June Board Meeting to June 23rd. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the first reading of the Policy Updates Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the Open Enrollment in/out applications for 2025-26 with the exception of the 1st student listed with the Special Ed IEP requirements. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the BTUEA Agreement 2025-26. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the Early Graduation Request. Motion carried.

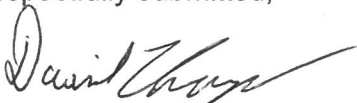
#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by L. Byom, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve Consent Agenda Items which include, resignation of Elementary Special Education Teacher Haylei Lyga, shifting Amber Frederixon from 3rd Grade Teacher to Elementary Special Education Teacher, issue contract to Ariel Koxlien as a 3rd Grade Teacher, issue contract to Elementary School Counselor Breanna Baker. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

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 staff member assignments 2025-26 and administrative salary 2025-26. Motion carried.

With no action taken to resume to open session, a motion was made by D. Thompson, with a second by B. Koxlien to adjourn for the evening.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Board Clerk