

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 23RD - 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, Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, Lindsey Byom, Perry Kujak, and Blaine Koxlien. Absent: Neil Kniseley. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Melissa Pientok, Becky Brouillet, Julie Nehring, Meeting also 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 D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

With no public comment, we will move on.

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

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by L. Byom, to approve bills for the month of May 2025. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak, to approve the May 2025 financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson updated the board on the proposal from the Joint Finance Committee. At this time, it is a \$325.00 per pupil increase and a minimal increase to the Special Ed reimbursement. This is not what school districts were hoping for as it will not resolve the revenue limit gaps as all districts will get the same increase. Mr. Halverson presented the Fund 21 reconciliation. Mr. Halverson attended a CESA Liftoff (AI) seminar in La Crosse today.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - Ms. Lisowski shared Lisa Perry Microsoft Specialist classes had 25 students, received a total of 98 certifications and received 3 transcribed credits through Western Technical College. Over the summer we are working on assessments, handbooks, reviewing the laude system, grading scale and senior portfolios.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen reported what the students are doing for summer school activities. Currently, we are working on filling our staff due to our potential internal movement. Still working on our inservice plans. Everyone is getting trained in Science & Reading.

MS/HS Assistant Principal - Melissa Pientok - Mrs. Pientok shared at the end of the year the middle school students provide input on electives for next year. Besides art and tech ed, we are looking to bring options like pen pals, team building, and ukulele & handbell lessons. We are working on a more well rounded education. The robotics team will have a designated space in the middle school.

Special Ed Director - Becky Brouillet - Ms. Brouillet and team is looking into cleaning up some of our policies and procedures for our IEP and 504 processes. We are also looking into how we can update our school website with special education information.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the AGR 5 Year Contract Renewal. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve accepting the Black River Falls Area Foundation Grant. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by L. Byom, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the Child Care Center Parent Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the HUDL contract for the 25-26 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with the second by T. Tenneson to approve the WIAA Membership Renewal. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the purchase of Floor Waxing Equipment - Burnishing Machines for a total of \$33,575.00. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve our Consent Agenda Items, which includes: resignations of Reading Specialist, Scott Nelson, Elementary Art Teacher, Patrick Sullivan, and 4k teacher, Emily Becker. Personnel Recommendations which include moving the following staff: Cassie Hammond to our Reading Specialist, Kari Lejcher to 2nd grade, Cassandra Cable to 1st grade, Justina Gautsch to 4k, Kris Smith to Reading interventionist, Kendra Budish to Art. Then to issue contracts for CARE room teacher Paige Butzler, Grace Mlsna as Head Cross Country Coach, and Jaren Swanson as C-Team Boys Basketball Coach.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss individual administrative salary 2025-26.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by L. Byom, with a second by M. Steien, to increase administrative salaries by 3% for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by T. Tenneson, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson, Board Clerk