

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH - 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, Troy Tenneson, and Perry Kujak. Absent: Neil Kniseley and Blaine Koxlien. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Becky Brouillet, Melissa Pientok, Gwen Kidd, and Andrew Dennehy. 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 on.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by S. Staff, to approve July 2024 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak, to approve bills for the month of July 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve the July 2024 financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson mentioned to the board there is a Wisconsin Association of School Boards regional meeting on Oct. 3rd in Sparta. Sarah Staff will attend with Mr. Halverson. Last month we discussed the possibility of installing an ATM in the middle/high school commons. Mrs. Perry spoke with one vendor that would charge \$2.50 per transaction. Mr. Halverson reached out to Coop Credit Union. This will be discussed further during the next board meeting. We lost our Alt Ed teacher this past year. As a coop we discussed going back to how it was in the past by going to the WTC Independence campus. However, that facility is not available. It was decided throughout the coop that each school take care of their own alt ed students. September 18th we will be hosting a TVC full board meeting.

Middle/High School Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski presented an email from Western Technical College stating we had 80 students earn 475 transcribed college

credits last school year. Saving our students \$74,463.00 if they choose to go to a university or tech college once they graduate. High school volleyball & middle school football practice started today. Teacher orientation begins tomorrow. Next week Wednesday is student orientation from 1:00 - 7:00. Transition days will be next week Thursday & Friday with the first official day of school being September 3rd.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen updated the board that a big project for this school year is implementing ACT 20. ACT 20 is a statewide reading initiative for students 4k - 3rd grade. It will contain a lot of screening to make sure our students are making progress. Our PBIS team met to come up with more solutions for behavioral issues. With school beginning next week we are making sure we have everything our teachers need to begin a successful school year. This year we started an Elementary PTO. We've been meeting a little bit. We've also had shirts donated for each elementary student. The elementary school also has orientation next week Wednesday.

Assistant MS Principal - Melissa Pientok - Mrs. Pientok reported she is still learning what her role is and how she can meet the needs of the students and staff.

Special Education Director - Becky Brouillet - Mrs. Brouillet reported it is a typical beginning of the school year. We have a few students move in and out. Mrs. Brouillet commends our staff for being flexible throughout the summer getting programs ready and having quick meetings. It is very much appreciated. She is looking forward to her second year here and building more relationships with the staff and students.

Discussion: Mrs. Lien discussed with the board the possibility of implementing a purchasing card (P-card) system. This is a credit card system with one credit limit where many cards can be attached to. She is looking into starting with 10 cards. It would allow one for each building principal, offices, and a couple of the more active activity accounts like FFA or BT Club. Receipts would be uploaded to the system and one bill to be paid. The P-Card system will integrate with Skyward Qmlativ making the invoice payment more efficient.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson ,to approve the Employee Handbook 2024-25 as presented today. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the softball field drainage. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve LMC Support Kris McNamer contract for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by T. Tenneson to approve CESA 4 - Library Media Support Services. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien, to approve Nutritional Services equipment purchase through Benedict Refrigeration service. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by M Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve kitchen floor surface update. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve Consent Agenda which includes: contract for Abigail Palkowski as C-Team volleyball coach, contract to Jill Anderson as 8th grade girls basketball coach, contract to Bekka Baures as middle school volleyball coach, resignation of Christine Wathke as middle school volleyball coach, resignation of Paige Corey as a paraprofessional, resignation of Jennifer Lien as science teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss 2024-25 coach contracts. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve fall and winter sports contracts as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by P. Kujak, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson, Clerk

