

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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: Troy Tenneson, Blaine Koxlien, Michele Steien, Perry Kujak, Lindsey Byom, David Thompson. Absent: Neil Kniseley Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Melissa Pientok, Jared McCutchen, Becky Brouillet, and Zach Ristall & Lori Lisowski.

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.

No public comment tonight.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by L. Byom, to approve January 2026 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Byom, with second by M. Steien, to approve bills for the month of January 2026. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson, to approve the January 2026 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson mentioned that TVC 2.0 is trying to get back on track with regular meetings. As always we continue to work on increasing opportunities for kids and efficiencies across the districts. Our next governing board meeting is March 18th. The new greenhouse construction should be completed in the next week or two. It's getting to be that time of year again where CPI and health insurance for next year are being discussed. At this time, CPI is at 2.63% and our health insurance renewal is around a 9% increase.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - ACT prep has started with Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors with the help from English and Math teachers. The high school had done a social emotional activity with self worth buttons. Three of our girls will be wrestling in Sectionals in Stevens Point on Friday with boys wrestling next week Saturday. The Forensics coach Kambrie Haas, with help from Mara Windjue, 22 students competed at the regional forensics meet in CFC. Congratulations to all 22 students as they all move on to the district meet. Educators Rising planned a family/friendship movie night on Wednesday. Along with wrestling, both the boys and girls basketball tournaments will begin next week.

Assistant MS/HS Principal - Melissa Pientok - The middle school has been meeting in intervention groups for the last three weeks. Students will still work on targeted skills or IXL

skills. This week will test again for academic growth and adjust interventions as needed. Students participated in a dress up week. A sixth grade student suggested the idea since it was fashion week. Ms. Milsna and Mrs. Olson's elective classes will be participating in their own version of the Olympics. A sixth grade handbell recital will be held at Friendship First on February 24th.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - The elementary school has finished its first semester. Report cards were mailed at the end of January. Parent/teacher conferences will take place on February 24th & 26th. PBIS is hosting the Wildcat Way Olympics. Mr. McCutchen will update total points daily. During the closing ceremony on February 27th, medals will be presented to first, second, and third place. The fourth graders will take the NAEP test at the end of the month.

Special Ed Director - Becky Brouillet - Child development days was successful, with 17 children attending. Head Start, and Trempealeau & Jackson County Birth - 3 helped assist with each screening. CESA 10 has invited up to 10 of our special ed. students in grades four through eight to an adaptive track & field day in Osseo in May.

Discussion Item:

Mr. Halverson presented budget model updates received from Baird. By entering those updates it has lowered our mill rate projection from 8.42 to 8.05 including with passing of the referendum. With the latest update the actual impact on the tax payer will be roughly \$18.84 annually or \$1.57 per month. Mr. Halverson also presented his powerpoint presentation to the village, cities, townships meetings. So far he has visited three municipalities with the remaining seven scheduled the next few weeks. We are also hosting an informational meeting in the School Auditorium on March 18th and the Taylor Community Center on March 25th, both at 7:00 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the 2026-27 school year calendar. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by L. Byom, to nominate Michele Steien and David Thompson to approve - TVC 2.0 - Governing Board Representatives. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Thompson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

David Thompson, Clerk