BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY MARCH 24th – 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, David Thompson. Absent: Neil Kniseley & Lindsey Byom. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Melissa Pientok, Jared McCutchen, Randy Storlie, and Andrew Dennehy.

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 M. Steien, to approve February 2026 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak, to approve bills for the month of February 2026. Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by D. Thompson, to approve the February 2026 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson was hoping to have a health insurance update, however the renewal meeting will be April 10, 2026. Currently, our rate cap is 8.57%. Our rep with M3 will continue to negotiate before the renewal is finalized. As of right now, CPI for the 26-27 school year is looking like 2.63%. If approved, we will plan to have staff contracts to staff by the end of April. The TVC 2.0 Governing Board met on March 17th appointing Tom Thibodeau as Executive Director. Going forward they plan to meet once a month on the second Wednesday of each month, rotating locations to each of the 4 schools. Graduation is May 23rd.

Elementary Principal - Mr. McCutchen reported that 4k registration for next year is later this week. Wisconsin Forward exam coming up for third, fourth, and fifth graders after the break. Summer school registration went out yesterday, currently we have over 100 students already signed up. Summer school will be the third and fourth week of June.

MS/HS Assistant Principal - Melissa Pientok - Mrs. Pientok updated the board on the middle and high school activities. There are six middle school and high school students that qualified for the state FCCLA competition in April. There are eight students moving on to the state forensics competition. The HS Costa Rica trip took place with a 9 day trip over our school break. Students learned a lot about the culture & food. The high school hosted a corn hole tournament at lunch with 32 teams. The middle school and high school SEL teams are running a March Madness type competition for behavior referrals and school attendance. High school students will attend a career fair in Arcadia on Thursday with 45 businesses and post-secondary schools presenting. Testing will take place on April 1st. The freshman and sophomores will take the pre-act and juniors will take the act. While they are testing the seniors will attend a field trip to Volk Field.

Discussion Item:

Mr. Halverson reported referendum informational flyers were sent to every resident in the district at the beginning of March. He has presented the referendum information at each of the ten municipalities making up our school district. There was also a community meeting last week in the school auditorium with one more community meeting at the Taylor Community Center tomorrow night, Wednesday, March 25th. Informational flyers were sent to every resident in the district at the beginning of March. In his opinion, all of the meetings have gone relatively well and with the way it's being explained, people in attendance understand the situation of school funding and the obstacles at Blair-Taylor.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the AGR Report. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve CESA 10 Contract for 2026-27 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve CESA 4 Contract for 2026-27 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the Spring Coaching Contracts. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the Girls Soccer Coop. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D.Thompson, to approve the consent agenda items, which include resignation of elementary teacher, Chelsea Stephenson, resignation of assistant softball coach, Jordan Tamke, resignation of school social worker Erica Anderson. 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 staff compensation 2026-27, individual staffing 2026-27, individual student at risk plan, and Winter coaches evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the individual student at risk plan as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson

David Thompson, Clerk