BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY APRIL 27th – 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, David Thompson, Troy Tenneson, Perry Kujak, Blaine Koxlien, Neil Kniseley & Lindsey Byom. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Jared McCutchen, Becky Brouillet 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 D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The Official Oath of Office was read and signed by newly re-elected school board member, Lindsey Byom. Congratulations Lindsey.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien to nominate Troy Tenneson as Board President, Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by D. Thompson to nominate Perry Kujak as Vice President. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by T. Tenneson to nominate David Thompson as Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by L. Byom, to nominate Michele Steien as our treasurer.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien to keep current standing committees as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by P. Kujak to keep the regular Board meeting place, day, and time the same as in the past. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by D. Thompson, to approve March 2026 regular, closed, and special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by L. Byom, to approve bills for the month of March 2026. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the March 2026 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson reported the Senior exit interviews will be May 13th from 3:30 - 7:30. Board members are welcome to attend. The coop held a meeting regarding implementing a health science academy. Next year will be a planning year with a full launch of the program beginning the 27-28 school year. As a district, we celebrate all staff collectively with a staff appreciation week from May 3rd - May 8th. We will be having treats from local businesses each day.

MS/HS Principal Beth Lisowski - A well-attended high school prom was held April 25th. Parent teacher conferences were held April 22nd. High school students have attended many activities like State FCCLA, FBLA, and Forensics, field trips like Bricklayers Apprenticeship Day and Jackson County Student Government Day. The 8th graders are meeting with Mr. Van Schyndel regarding their schedules for next year.

Assistant MS/HS Principal - Melissa Pientok - The 8th graders started elective class at the tech center in Whitehall. Our 6th graders participated in a one-day DARE program called Badges. Currently, all middle school students have completed the state forward testing.

Elementary Principal Jared McCutchen - All elementary students finished taking the state forward tests last week. During inservice on Friday, staff discussed our goals for next year focusing on Math curriculum and interventions. The last student of the month assembly will be this week with over 140 students recognized this year. Starting in May we have many field trips planned with a few weeks of the school year remaining. Currently, we have openings for third, fourth, and fifth grade teachers for next year. The positions have been posted on WeCan and have great candidates applying.

Special Ed Director Becky Brouillet - Paige Marsh did an amazing job demonstrating AAC devices to our staff during inservice. She will present the same info during the next paraprofessional monthly meeting. We are still looking for a Speech/Language Pathologist for the next school year. Currently, we do not have any applicants. Ms. Brouillet has been racing out for any referrals for SLP candidates, even a virtual company to provide support, if needed.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by T. Tenneson, to approve Lindsey Byom as our CESA 4 delegate for the 26-27 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve staff compensation for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to table the health insurance renewal. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by L. Byom, to approve Delta Dental renewal with an increase of 4.3%. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the purchase of Fitness Center Equipment for $18,099.00. Motion carried by roll call vote,7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve Kaye Hendrickson as a Library Media Specialist Consultation (License 1902). Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve consent agenda items: resignation of Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, Allan Lien, resignation of Child Care Center Assistant, Cierra Rose, issue Fall Cheer Coaching contract to Kara Bradley, contract for Part-time Childcare Center Jaqueline Guzman-Solis, contract for Full-time Child care Contract to Sadie Schuver. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(f) to discuss individual staffing 2026-27 and individual student concern. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson

David Thompson, Clerk