

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JULY 20th – 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, Perry Kujak, Michele Steien, Blaine Koxlien, Lindsey Byom, and David Thompson. Absent: Neil Kniseley. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Carrie Taysom and Lori Lisowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Mission statement - "To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens" read aloud.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by M. Steien, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson, to approve June 2026 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by L. Byom, to approve bills for the month of June 2026. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the June 2026 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Mr. Halverson stated as discussed during the June meeting, a local business owner reached out with interest in purchasing some land owned by the district. Mr. Halverson did reach out and tell him the district was not interested in selling. The 2026 WASB Fall Regional Meeting will be held at the West Salem High School on Thursday, October 1st. Auditors from Johnson Block will be onsite this week to complete the annual audit. Mr. Halverson then updated the board on the July Aid estimates and what the 26-27 open enrollment totals currently looks like.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski mentioned we are still looking for a Spanish teacher for the 26-27 school year. The coop is discussing the possibility of having a prom on an off site location for all coop schools on the same night. Last year 8 area schools had prom on the same day. She is finalizing the CLC grant end of the year reporting. We have two years left with this grant and the Stronger Connections grant has ended.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen reported with board approval tonight, we will be fully staffed in the elementary. There were 191 students that participated in summer school in June. The elementary will be implementing Spring Math. This will boost our math instruction by providing high quality screening, interventions and progress monitoring.

Special Ed Director - Carrie Taysom - Welcome Carrie Taysom, our new Special Ed Director. Mrs. Taysom introduced herself and described her goals for the year. She has been becoming familiar with the building and staff. She reported the Admin team and paraprofessionals participated in a para audit

at the end of May to review student IEPs and services provided, ensuring IEPs are upheld and identifying support needs. Welcome Carrie!!

Discussion Items:

Mr. Halverson presented a summary of the last TVC 2.0 meeting. Discussions consisted of developing a common TVC portrait of a graduate and CTE staffing as a TVC employee to address the loss of tech ed and family consumer science teachers. Paul Franzwa continues the healthcare academy planning and progress. Tom Thibodeau will lead a presentation for all staff during in-service on August 13th. They are also in the process of scheduling community engagement meetings

Action Items:

Motion by P Kujak, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the Blair-Taylor Child Care Center - Parent Policy Handbook with the changes made. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve Elementary Family Handbook 2026-27. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the Middle/High School Handbook 2026-27. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Byom, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the Middle/High School Athletic Code 2026-27. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the Employee Handbook 2026-27. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Byom, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the Policy Updates - Second Reading as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve HUDL Live Streaming Renewal. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by L. Byom, to approve the consent agenda items. Those being: resignation of Technology Education Teacher, Assistant HS Football Coach and CO-Head Track Coach, Michael Lampman, resignation of Assistant HS Football Coach, Cole Van Schyndel, issue contract to Elementary Teacher, Molly Lisowski, issue contract to Technology Education Teacher, Brent Sweno, approve Special Education Intern, Samantha Anderson, issue contract to Assistant HS Football Coach, Dusty Burgau, issue contract to Assistant HS Football Coach, Kyle Jahr, issue contract to MS Volleyball Coach, Morgan Vehrenkamp. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk