

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH - 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, Troy Tenneson, Blaine Koxlien, Neil Kniseley, David Thompson, Lindsey Byom, and Perry Kujak. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Carrie Taysom, Cole Van Schyndel.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

With no public comment, we will move on.

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

Motion by M. Steien, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve bills for the month of July 2026. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with second by L. Byom, to approve the July 2026 financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson updated the board with some of the summer project updates. Carpet and tile flooring have been installed in some of the classrooms, converted a couple unused choir practice rooms into the piano lab. The City of Blair repainted the parking lot lines in all of our parking lots. Crystal & Kelly have moved from the District Office to the MS/HS office. This leaves the entire district office open for a conference room/board room. Mrs. Marin Bernhagen has in the past created the school district's quarterly district newsletter. She has decided to step down. Mr. Halverson is looking into options of whether to continue four times a year, or change to two.

MS/HS Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski reported cross country and volleyball started today. Student orientation/open house is tomorrow. School starts on Thursday. Coop classes begin right away. The first football game is already on Friday.

Elementary Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen stated our new elementary staff members (Molly, Emma, Morgan) are fitting in well, and receiving strong support from existing staff. Elementary and middle school staff participated in Spring Math training. Spring math works like our reading interventions, just for math. The goal is to use a minimum of 15 minutes per day in classrooms.

Special Ed Director - Carrie Taysom - Mrs. Taysom reported she had the first Special ed staff meeting of the year. She plans to have a weekly email like Jared and Beth do that include what the next weeks activities look like. Also include links to important documents so they are readily available. She is reviewing how things were done in the past and how to make them more efficient.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the Education for Employment Plan. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Byom, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the P-Card Implementation. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve Lindsey Byom as the board member representative for the WASB - 2026 Fall Regional Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve Policy Updates - Second Reading (2370, Act 89, Act 57). Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by L. Byom, to approve - Safety and Emergency Response Plan 2026-27. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien, to approve Personnel Recommendations. Those being: issue contract to Marianne Howell as a Child Care Center Assistant, issue contract to Delaine Stendahl as Family and Consumer Science Education Teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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 horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Thompson, Clerk