

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.

President T. Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, S. Staff, M. Steien, T. Tenneson, and D. Thompson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Kelly Johnson, Kristie Gill, Karen & Grace Kling, Jessica & Alexxis Howe, Sherry Kelly, Kevin, Dena, and Macy Lien, Charlie Everson, Hannah Mason, Kammi Kanneberg, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

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

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Oath of Office was read and signed by newly-elected Board member - Michele Steien and re-elected Board members - Perry Kujak and Troy Tenneson.

Motion by P. Kujak to nominate T. Tenneson for President. As there were no other nominations, F. Aleckson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for T. Tenneson. D. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting yes. Troy Tenneson will serve as President.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by M. Steien to nominate P. Kujak for Vice-President. Nominations were closed, motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Perry Kujak will serve as Vice-President.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to nominate F. Aleckson for Clerk. Nominations were closed, motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Fern Aleckson will serve as Clerk.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by M. Steien to nominate S. Staff for Treasurer. Nominations were closed, motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Sarah Staff will serve as Treasurer.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve the following committees for 2018-19 --
Finance/Property/Transportation: B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, M. Steien; **Long-Range Planning:** S. Staff, T. Tenneson, D. Thompson; **Teacher Negotiations:** F. Aleckson, B. Koxlien, T. Tenneson; **Support Staff Negotiations:** F. Aleckson, P. Kujak, M. Steien; **Board Policy Review:** F. Aleckson, S. Staff, D. Thompson; **Compensation Model:** P. Kujak, S. Staff, M. Steien. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to keep meeting schedule the same. Motion carried unanimously. Regular meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month (except April and October will be the fourth Monday) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the United Campus Board Room. Question of splitting meeting dates if meeting could be extremely long in a month, but will schedule a special meeting for those months.

Public comments: C-Team volleyball players Hannah Mason & Kammi Kanneberg spoke in support of their volleyball coaches, Tammy Stensven and Mandy Schultz, emphasizing all the positive things that they have done for the team and the program. Sophomore volleyball player Macy Lien spoke in support of her volleyball coaches, Tammy Stensven and Mandy Schultz, emphasizing all the extra time and effort they put into the program. By offering optional camps and open volleyball they were always striving for player improvement even though several of the volleyball team members did not want them as coaches. Kevin & Dena Lien expressed their support of the volleyball coaches feeling that they did an outstanding job as coaches, were passionate about volleyball and very dedicated to the sport, and were willing to put in the extra time to be competitive. P. Kujak commended the three students for speaking on behalf of their coaches. Charlie Everson stated that coaches need to know what is expected from them, as Board members and other coaches need to send a solid and consistent message to coaching staff and mentors. Coaches also need to be reassured that their commitment to the school community

is worthwhile. If it is a situation of needed improvements, then they need to know that. If we are trying to create productive citizens, there should be the right atmosphere for that to happen. FCCLA members Alexxis Howe & Grace Kling received a gold medal at regional, silver medal at state, and will now compete at the national level in Atlanta, GA this summer. They will present their blanket drive project in front of judges and participate in workshops with about 10,000 in attendance. Board members expressed their congratulations to the girls on their outstanding accomplishment!

Motion by P. Kujak with second by F. Aleckson to approve minutes of the March 2018 regular and closed meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve bills for the month of March. March bills include payroll advice of deposits #29193-29415, payroll checks #58200-58213, money wires #101, #263, #512-513, #3360-3361, expense checks #15388-15389, #59429-59524, and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$1,615. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve the March Financial Statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Reports:

Jeff Eide - Superintendent: Amatrol curriculum and equipment for Trempealeau Valley Coop 2.0 trailer has been ordered and will be here by August. 2.0 trailer will be at Whitehall-1st quarter, Blair-Taylor-2nd quarter, Independence-3rd quarter, and Arcadia-4th quarter. The four Superintendents interviewed UW-Stout graduates for the teaching position, but three candidates already had jobs. Schedule for Bill Daggett's presentation on October 22, 2018: 1:00-3:00 meet with all consortium staff, 4:00-5:00 meet with two Board representatives from each school, and 6:00-7:30 meet with full Boards and community members. I pads that Grades K-2 students are using are five years old. I pads are still working, but operating system is no longer being updated so new apps will not work. About 140 iPads would cost approximately \$300 each. Question if each student needs one was asked. E-rate monies cannot be used to purchase iPads. Chromebook laptops are good for another year. Ten MacBook Air laptops were ordered for staff and students can use their old ones. Would like to have June Board meeting on June 11th as Administrators will be attending the SAIL conference on June 18th. Will receive \$23,000 for technology through TEACH grant and could receive up to \$30,000. A Mental Health grant through the consortium and a School Safety grant for new cameras are in progress. Spring Academy Workshop for Board members will be held at CESA #4 on May 15th. Let district office know if you're interested in attending. Shared a thank-you note from the Blair Chamber of Commerce for allowing them to have their annual Easter Egg Hunt in the gym. New District Office Manager/Head Bookkeeper Kelly Johnson was introduced. She started in this position (currently three days per week) on April 9th and is enjoying working here, as everyone has been very welcoming.

Lynn Halverson - Elementary Principal: Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 are in the middle of the Wisconsin Forward testing. All make-up tests must be finished by May 4th. All grade levels will be taking spring field trips. Playground is drying up for the second time this spring. Upcoming events: May 4 – DARE Graduation; May 25 – Spring Concert for grades K, 1, and 2; June 1 – Kindergarten graduation; June 6 – Award's Program to celebrate everything.

Dana Eide - Middle/High School Principal: Spring sports seasons have been frustrating this year due to the weather, thus cutting the season in half. Had a Pep Rally to honor students competing at state National History Day, state Forensics, state music Solo Ensembles, and Trempealeau County Robotics team heading to World. Thanks to the teachers/advisors and students for all their hard work! Another Wallapalooza will take place this spring. Continue to look for suggestions for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Middle school conferences were student-led and high school conferences were by invitation. Conferences are a great way to meet parents, as it's not only about negative issues but also stressing the positives. Thanks to the teachers for creating the conference schedule! State testing for grades 7, 8, 9, and 10 will begin on April 24th. Upcoming events: FFA Banquet - Wednesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.; May 18 - 8th Grade Recognition; May 20 – Senior Award's Night and Baccalaureate; May 26 – Graduation at 1:00 p.m.

Katie Belitz - School Psychologist: ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) provides Title I, III, and IV funding to schools for the improvement of students' success. Administrative team, Title I teacher and aide, and Kim Joten have been looking at our data (both strong and weak areas), communicating with elementary and SPED teachers, identifying what changes need to be made, and writing up a plan for the state. CESA #4 has been offering excellent support through this process.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson with second by T. Tenneson to appoint Sarah Staff as Blair-Taylor's representative at the CESA #4 annual meeting on June 6th. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve 2018-19 contracted services through CESA #4 for amount of \$69,527. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by F. Aleckson to approve SOS Video Security System's proposal to upgrade our current video security system for \$38,870.19. Proposal includes 34 new, very good quality cameras and using 18 existing cameras from 2014 addition. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to purchase a new AVAYA telephone system for \$34,434 through TCC, who will provide hardware, installation and support. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to table approving bids for sealcoating and painting parking lots and driveway until more information is gathered. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve early release time of 2:27 p.m. on Wednesdays for the 2018-19 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to appoint Perry Kujak as Joint Powers Board representative for a one-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to accept resignation of Diane Martin, Middle School Cross-Categorical teacher, at the end of the school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to accept retirement of Linda Ystenes, Early Childhood/4K aide, at the end of the school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to change the regular meeting date to Monday, June 11th instead of June 18th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by M. Steien with second by F. Aleckson to approve contract for Kailee Jahr - Middle/High School Administrative Assistant. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to move to closed session at 7:10 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss fall and spring coaching positions, student issue/concern, insurance, staffing needs for 2018-19, career tech needs/concerns, compensation discussion/model, and assistant bookkeeper position. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk