

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 26th, 2021 - 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, David Thompson, Michele Steien, Sarah Staff, Perry Kujak, Jeff Stalheim & Blaine Koxlien. Also present: Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, & Katie Belitz. Meeting live-streamed on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by M. Steien to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Official Oath of Office was read and signed by newly re-elected school board members, Troy Tenneson, Perry Kujak, and Michele Steien. Congratulations Troy, Perry & Michele.

Board Reorganization:

Mr. Eide opened the nominations for president. Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by M. Steien to nominate Troy Tenneson as School Board President. J. Eide moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for T. Tenneson. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by D. Thompson to nominate Perry Kujak as School Board Vice-President. Nominations closed. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien with a second by S. Staff to nominate David Thompson as School Board Clerk. Nominations closed. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by J. Stalheim to nominate Sarah Staff as School Board Treasurer. Nominations closed. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to approve keeping committees the same for the 2021-2022 school year. Which are as follows:

- **Finance/Property/Transportation:** B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, M. Steien
- **Long-Range Planning:** S. Staff, T. Tenneson, D. Thompson
- **Teacher Negotiations:** S. Staff, B. Koxlien, T. Tenneson
- **Support Staff Negotiations:** J. Stalheim, P. Kujak, M. Steien
- **Board Policy Review:** J. Stalheim, S. Staff, D. Thompson
- **Compensation Model:** P. Kujak, S. Staff, M. Steien

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson to approve keeping the board meeting date/time as the third Monday each month at 5:30 except April and October will be the fourth Monday. Unless there is an advantage to adjusting the board meeting to align with the coop.

There were no public comments.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson to approve minutes for the March 2021 regular, closed and special board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of March, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by , with a second by to approve the financial statement for the month of March, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Reports:

Superintendent Report - Jeff Eide: During a Trempealeau County Cooperative meeting it was voted 8-0 to continue with the coop. This allows the development of career pathways and upper level course options for our students. There was some discussion about marketing the coop. Board members S. Staff & D. Thompson also attended the meeting. S. Staff mentioned the coop will meet more frequently.

Mr. Eide presented information from Global Plasma Solution for a bi-polar ionization generator. The generator is a CDC approved air filtration system used in most hospitals to reduce air particles to effectively eliminate bacteria, viruses, and mold. It will be funded through the Esser II & Esser III money.

Middle/High School Principal - Dana Eide: In person senior exit interviews are currently being scheduled. Board members are encouraged to attend. The spring sports season has begun. The Dairyland conference decided not to issue tickets, but social distancing is required! Concession stands will not be allowed. A couple weeks ago, the middle/high school had a presentation about vaping. During which time, a couple Trempealeau County officers along with their k9 units did a sweep of the school and parking lots. Mrs. Eide reported the graduation ceremony is planned to be outside like last year. Each student will be allowed 6 guests, social distancing of course. Band and choir will be able to participate. Pastor Adam Arends will lead a baccalaureate ceremony on May 23rd at 5:30 pm. Senior awards night will follow. We are working with our school nurse on proper procedures to participate in a senior parade. Hoping to have two to a vehicle, one in the drivers seat, the other riding in the passenger side back seat while wearing masks. Prom took place this past weekend. Grand march was outside. Thank you to Mr. Eide and Mr. Goergen for creating picture backdrops. Mrs. Eide is working with Kevin Lisowski of Jurowski Construction to allow a hard hat tour. Some students will be allowed to tour the construction taking place at the school. Mrs. Hulne is having a Dairyland Honors field show in our football field this weekend.

Elementary School Principal - Lynn Halverson: We are finishing up the State Forward testing. Currently we have 4 students left to test, which should be completed by this Thursday. This is a huge accomplishment. It brought many remote students back to face to face instruction. To bring some normalcy to our students a field trip is planned to Perrot park on May 11th, 13th & 14th. The plan to send 2 grade levels per day. Kindergarten graduation will be held in person on May 27th. Scheduling one homeroom at a time. Ms. Cable's class at 12:15, Mrs. Olson's at 1:00 and Ms. Scholl's at 1:45. Summer school will be June 14th - June 28th. At this time 165 students have signed up. Of those, 141 students signed up for swimming lessons. Summer school transportation is being provided this year. Last day of school is May 28th. We are still hoping to have the annual staff vs 6th grade kickball game.

Special Education Director - Katie Belitz: Update on the mental health grant. We are finishing out the activities for this year. I will be meeting with Whitehall and Independence mental health coordinators to apply for the grant for next school year.

Board member Mr. Stalheim asked how our virtual/in person numbers are? Elementary has about 3-4 students that are fully remote right now. Middle/high school virtual numbers are slightly higher.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to approve Board Policy Updates and Approval First Reading - Volume 30 - NEOLA. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by S. Staff to approve CESA #4 Services of \$95,524.00 for 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by T. Tenneson, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve CESA #4 Annual Meeting Representative/Delegate as S. Staff. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson to approve Daycare Handbook Procedures with options to change as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by P. Kujak to approve 300 value points to the Compensation model for 20-21 SY. Motion carried.

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 staffing needs, administration/contracts, support staff insurance needs, letters of intent for support staff and teachers. Motion carried.

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

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve contracts for Greta Monson, Agriculture and Morgan Beckman, Science, Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by M. Steien, to approve insurance for support staff who would move above 30 hours as defined by the ACA. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the letters of intent for the teaching staff and support staff. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Respectfully submitted:



David Thompson, Clerk