

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 – 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, D. Thompson, and T. Tenneson. Board member absent: K. Lien. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Preston Guttenberg, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Oath of Office was read and signed by Sarah Staff, newly-elected Board member.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff 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 B. Koxlien with second by S. Staff to nominate P. Kujak for Vice-President. As there were no other nominations, B. Koxlien moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for P. Kujak. F. Aleckson seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting yes. Perry Kujak will serve as Vice-President.

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

Motion by B. Koxlien with second by D. Thompson to nominate S. Staff as Treasurer. As there were no other nominations, F. Aleckson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for S. Staff. D. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting yes. Sarah Staff will serve as Treasurer.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve the following committees for 2017-18 --
Finance/Property/Transportation: B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, K. Lien; **Long-Range Planning:** S. Staff, T. Tenneson, D. Thompson; **Teacher Negotiations:** F. Aleckson, B. Koxlien, T. Tenneson; **Support Staff Negotiations:** P. Kujak, K. Lien, S. Staff; **Policy Review:** F. Aleckson, S. Staff, D. Thompson; **Compensation Model:** F. Aleckson, P. Kujak, K. Lien. F. Aleckson will fill in for K. Lien on Finance/Property/Transportation and Support Staff Negotiations committees; S. Staff will fill in for K. Lien on Compensation Model committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by T. Tenneson 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.

There were no public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve minutes of the March 2017 regular and closed meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve bills for the month of March. March bills include payroll advice of deposits #26780-26992, payroll checks #58089-58105, money wires #96-98, #251, #487-488, #3336-3337, expense checks #15345-15349, #57930-58023, and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$2,477.72. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

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

Reports:

Student Council by Preston Guttenberg: He is the newly-elected Vice-President. Approved fund raisers for European Travelers, who are going to Greece this summer and Band, who is going to Florida next year. Recycling was the project for this school year so members are working on new project for the next school year – possibly a project for helping others. Also considering starting a Teacher of the Month program, which would be similar to Student of the Month.

Legislative Report by Jeff Eide: Joint Finance Committee held their last listening session. Everyone is hopeful that budget proposals will become law, which would benefit public school districts.

Superintendent by Jeff Eide: LED light project in 1999 building is complete except for the gymnasium, which will be done this summer. Had visited a FAB lab at Green Bay West High School with an Ashley Furniture representative. Superintendents from the four-school consortium met with Nelson Global in Arcadia with topic of interest being how schools should better prepare students with employability skills. Board member's Spring Academy Workshop will be held at CESA #4 on May 16th. Interested members should contact the district office. He received a very positive telephone call about four students (Bailey Anderson, Ben Nestingen, Trey Tenneson, Chad Waldera) who participated in a Skills USA building project in Milwaukee on March 30th-31st. Employers in attendance were very impressed with their work ethic and teamwork demonstrated as they were building their project.

Elementary Principal by Lynn Halverson: Students in third – sixth grades have completed the Wisconsin Forward test. ELA program is making progress. Staff training for implementation of the ELA writing piece is scheduled for May 12th, ½ day in June, and ½ day refresher in August. Science curriculum is currently on hold, as ELA writing piece is a priority. Administrators and teachers will be attending SAIL conference in June. SAIL (School Administrators Institute for Leadership) is a two-year series to develop a school's leadership plan.

Middle/High School Principal by Dana Eide: ACT Aspire tests are being administered to 9th and 10th graders this week. Ryan Hanson has provided excellent technical support for all our student testing. In attempt to get the best performance, accommodations are often made for some students by having tests read to them. Board members were encouraged to sign up for senior exit interviews, which will take place on May 12th. Since that is an in-service day, middle/high school teachers can also participate. SADD students (H. Walters advisor) sponsored a mock car crash demonstration today for the student body. Student participants did an excellent job, as it was very graphic and scary. Kristy Benedict helped coordinate to have emergency personnel and a funeral director present. Our students were very good listeners and the speakers commented that our students were a well-behaved audience. Many students signed a pledge card to not be a distracted driver and not to drink and drive. Attendance was low at spring P-T Conferences. Some schools are moving to student-led conferences. Direct contact is not the only way for teachers and parents to communicate.

Pupil Services by Katie Belitz: State Dynamics Learning Maps assessments were administered to students with intellectual disabilities. Elementary and middle/high school participated in an autism event in which everyone had a puzzle piece that became a part of one very large puzzle (about 600 puzzle pieces were made by K. Belitz). Looking for donations of different games for students. Interviews for Special Education teacher positions went well with very good candidates selected to be part of the Special Education team. Team's mission is to follow the best practices for students and prepare them for the world.

Discussion:

ALICE training continues with students. Samples of devices that could be used to barricade classroom doors during a lockdown were demonstrated. It would cost approximately \$6,000 to purchase the total number needed.

Action Items:

Motion by P. Kujak with second by F. Aleckson to accept Chelsea Stephenson's resignation as Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball coach. Motion passed unanimously with thanks for her coaching services.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve extra-curricular contract for Amber Frederixon, Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve extra-curricular contract for Andrew Smikrud, Head Girls Golf coach, providing we have adequate number of students. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. If not enough numbers for a team, the girls could golf with the boys during the spring season or we could possibly coop with another school.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by T. Tenneson to accept Greg Bratina's resignation as Head Middle School Football coach. Motion passed unanimously with respect to his decision to no longer coach football due to family reasons.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve extra-curricular contract for Andy Nehring, Head Middle School Boys Basketball coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by T. Tenneson to approve extra-curricular contract for Hank Kujak, Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with five members voting yes and P. Kujak abstaining.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by P. Kujak to approve the second reading of Policy #461 – Academic Excellence Scholarship/Laude System. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve the second reading of Policy #533 – Substitute Teachers. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to table approval of the first reading of Policy #831 – Smoking/Tobacco Use on School Premises & Policy #525 – Employee Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Use. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to appoint S. Staff as CESA #4 Board of Control representative. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to appoint P. Kujak as representative at the CESA #4 annual meeting on June 7, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for proposal letters were sent to four auditing firms with only two firms submitting a RFP – Johnson Block Company and Hawkins Ash. Fee proposal from Johnson Block Company was lower, school district has been very satisfied with their auditing services, and has a very good working relationship with them. Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve audit fee proposal from Johnson Block Company for 2016-17 financial audit. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve 2017-18 contract for LaDonna Welter, High School Special Education teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve 2017-18 contract for Mackenzie Halverson, Middle School Special Education teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by S. Staff with second by P. Kujak to accept Kim Stephenson's retirement, as Library Media Aide, at the end of this school year. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Board members expressed their appreciation for her 39 years of service to our students and school district.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to move to closed session at 7:20 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss staffing needs, career tech needs/concerns, compensation model, and in lieu of insurance option. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk