

Excerpts of Minutes of Meeting
of the
School Board of the
School District of Blair-Taylor

A meeting of the School Board of the School District of Blair-Taylor, Trempealeau and Jackson Counties, Wisconsin, was duly called, noticed, held and conducted in the manner required by the School Board and the pertinent Wisconsin Statutes on August 17, 2020. The District President called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The following members were present:

Troy Tenneson
Perry Kujak
Michele Steien
David Thompson
Sarah Staff
Blaine Koxlien
Jeff Stalheim - arrived after the meeting started.

The following members were absent: none

Motion by S.Staff, with a second by D. Thompson to approve the agenda.

There are no public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by M. Steien to approve the minutes of the July 2020 regular, closed, July special meeting & August 3 special meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien with a second by S. Staff to approve the bills for July. Motion carried with a roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by P. Kujak to approve the July financial statement. Motion carried by a roll call vote. 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Jeff Eide - Mr. Eide described the first day back for teachers and paras. Everyone was wearing required masks and learning the updated procedures taking place due to Covid-19. Mr. Eide presented the UVC unit the school has purchased to clean an average size classroom of all viruses within 2 hours. The school district has purchased 6 units.

Special Ed Director - Katie Belitz - The student services team will be discussing the rolls for counseling, special education director, school psychologist and what things will look like with the addition of a middle school counselor. Ms. Belitz will be taking on the mental health coordination role. Special education continues to plan for the school year and how that will work with some students learning virtually.

Elementary Principal - Lynn Halverson - Elementary will be having a virtual orientation. Currently, the district has 53 students enrolled in our 4k/early childhood. Parents were asked their opinion on having their child attend two full days instead of four half days. We have decided to move forward with this option. Staff was back today along with our 4 elementary student teachers. With the number of 3rd graders deciding to learn virtually and a larger group of 4th grade students, Mrs. Smith will be teaching 4th grade.

Middle/High School Principal - Dana Eide - The co-op has been meeting to come up with effective long-term changes that are productive for everyone & enhance communication with each district. They will finalize a first reading of a plan, then submit to their respected board for approval. Last school year, approximately 44 students took 132 credits with Western Technical College. Thank you to the board for allowing students to take college credit classes. The middle/high school will have an in person & online orientation for parents to make sure information in Skyward is accurate, to pay tech fees, class and lunch fees. The WIAA is recommending additional mask use. We will be meeting with the Dairyland Conference later this week to discuss the ability to continue a fall sports season.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff to approve the Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional Contract - Samantha Anderson, MS/HS Special Education Paraprofessional Contract - Jessica Mikesell & Elementary and MS/HS Special Education Paraprofessional Contract - Emily Granlund. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by J. Stalheim, to approve the second reading of the Graduation Policy 5460. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by S. Staff to approve the first reading of Special Update - Title IX Regulations. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff to approve Pat Hertzfeldt resignation from foodservice. Motion carried with roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with a second by J. Stalheim to authorize Mr. Eide to wait two weeks for another bid for a new freezer for the kitchen. Mr. Eide will meet with the board president to approve. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

The following resolution was then moved by D. Thompson and seconded by J. Stalheim:

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,145,000.

Upon the vote being taken, the following voted

Aye: Jeff Stalheim, Sarah Staff, Michele Steien, David Thompson, Perry Kujak, Troy Tenneson

Nay: Blaine Koxlien

Abstaining: 0

and the resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was then moved by D. Thompson, and seconded by M. Steien:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,145,000

Upon the vote being taken, the following voted

Aye: Jeff Stalheim, Michele Steien, Perry Kujak, Sarah Staff, Troy Tenneson

Nay: Blaine Koxlien

Abstaining:

and the resolution was declared adopted.

Upon motion made by D. Thompson and seconded by S. Staff, School Board moved to a closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) teacher compensation/model, support staff compensation/handbook.

No need to reconvene in open session, because no action was taken.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thompson".

David Thompson, Clerk

