

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 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: S. Staff, F. Aleckson, D. Thompson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, T. Tenneson, and M. Steien. Also present: J. Eide, L. Halverson, D. Eide, Katie Belitz, Linda Nereng, Abby Sacia, and Lee Hensel.

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

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

No public comments.

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to approve the July 17, 2018 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve bills for month of July. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. July bills include payroll advice of deposits #30325-30372, payroll checks #58249-58250, expense checks #59862-59929, #15399-15400 and money wires #267, #521-522, #3369, and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$190. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by P Kujak with second by M. Steien to approve July Financial Statement. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Reports:

Superintendent’s report by Jeff Eide: Sheriff Candidate debate, sponsored by Blair Press is preliminarily scheduled for Oct. 18, 2018 in B-T auditorium. May possibly expand to District Attorney election debate as well. NEOLA, the consulting firm developing new/updated policy handbooks, is on schedule for completion by Jan. 1, 2019. S. Staff, D. Thompson and F. Aleckson have been key members in updating. TVC 2.0 Board meeting will be held Aug 22, 2018 at automation center in Arcadia. Entire board is welcome to attend the meeting. A tour is at 6:00, then educational center for meeting. S. Staff gave a brief report from the July meeting. New phone system is up and running. Security system cameras are installed and operational. System is easy to use, with very clear images in full color. This was part of the safety grant awarded by State of WI. Mental health grant was received and will share grant with two other school districts. Chevy Malibu and old John Deere Lawn Mower need to be sold. They could be posted for sealed bids. Region 6 Fall Regional Meeting will be in Whitehall on Sept. 26, 2018 for school board association. Need to register soon.

Lynn Halverson-Elementary Principal: School orientation is scheduled for August 30, 2018 from 1:00-7:00. Early out Wednesdays will be beginning for this school year. A new course “Mystery Science” curriculum has been added. Looking to continue improving and supplementing curriculum as needed.

Dana Eide-High School Principal: Orientation underway. On-line registration is now open. Positive comments so far. Continue to look for areas to expand on-line registration for fall 2019-20.

Katie Belitz-School Psychologist Report: Co-Teaching Conference at CESA 4, where four teachers received additional training. Focus at PBIS Conference was work habits, grading, and networking with other schools.

Action Items:

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to approve resignation of Kristy Benedict, Health Aide. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve resignation/retirement of Angie Hong, High School Special Ed. teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0. Board members expressed their appreciation to Angie for her many years of dedicated service to the students of our school district.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve hiring Christine Wathke, High School Special Ed. teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve resignation of Jaclyn Hauser, Elementary Vocal Music teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve hiring Leah Helmers, 1st Grade teaching position. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by F. Aleckson to approve hiring Marie Nyen, Food Service position. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve substitute teacher pay increase from \$100/day to \$115/day. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to table the new H.S. Athletic Code book to the next board meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by M. Steien to approve the new MS/HS Student Handbook for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff 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 support staff compensation, teaching staff compensation, and extra-curricular contracts and Special Education Director. Motion passed.

Motion by D. Thompson, second by P. Kujak to move back into open session. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien, to approve resignation of Hank Kujak, Assistant Football coach. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to approve contract for Seth Dale, Assistant Football coach. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve contract for Cassie Geary, Assistant Volleyball coach. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to increase teacher base pay to \$38,000 and to increase teacher salaries \$1,100 on a one-time basis. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve district portion of family insurance premium to 87.4% for full-time support staff employees less than 12 months, and approve district portion of family insurance premium to 90% for all 12-month full-time support staff employees, unless previously grandfathered in. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to approve a .45 cent per hour increase for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years for current and new hourly staff. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve a one-time \$1.00 per hour increase for the MS/HS administrative assistant (who leads in student data state reporting and Skyward), food service director, and retiring office manager/bookkeeper plus payment of single health insurance coverage until age 65. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0, with 2 abstaining.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk