

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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: B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, S. Staff, D. Thompson, and T. Tenneson. Board members absent: F. Aleckson and K. Lien. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Al Austad, Kim Nehring, Jennifer Murphy, Karen Robertson, Lori Lisowski, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

No public comments.

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

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of May. May bills include payroll checks #58119-58129, payroll advice of deposits #27202-27426, money wires #253, #491-492, #3340-3341, expense checks #15354-15358, #58157-58280, employer-paid HSA contributions of \$3,333.34, and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$2,477.72. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve the May financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

J. Eide's Report: It has been three years since the parking lot was seal coated, but we can wait another year before re-doing. In addition to the back parking lot that Greenleaf will be asphaltting this summer, the kitchen and softball field areas should also be done. Another option for locking inward doors during emergency situations was demonstrated. Decision will be made in near future and installed by the start of next school year, if approved. State budget proposals are still a moving target. Rural school officials have been contacting their legislatures and Joint Finance Committee promoting budget proposals that would result in more state revenues for rural schools.

L. Halverson's Report: Great end-of-school year! Elementary Spring concert was held in high school gym on June 2nd. Air conditioning was appreciated, but audience still could not hear the speakers. Will have some suggestions next month for future music concerts. On the last day of school students with three or less absences and three or less minors were recognized. ELA Writing workshop was held on June 7th with lots of positive feedback from staff members. We have 11 applicants for the sixth grade teaching position and will be interviewing six applicants later this week. We had our annual kickball game on the last day of school (sixth graders vs. staff) with staff winning! The number of behavioral referrals during the past two years was discussed and behaviors should be improving each year as students become more aware of what's expected of them. We've been using PBIS, which focuses on positive behaviors (Wildcat Way), for two school years.

D. Eide's Report: Softball team did exceptionally well – second place at state - was an amazing experience for everyone! Hilary Walters' group of students and parents are on their 13-day European trip. Summer school for credit recovery started today with less students failing classes this year. Two enrichment classes will be offered this summer as well. Discussion about what grade levels of students are failing classes and the plans used for freshmen students (new to high school) and for seniors so they meet graduation requirements. Dennis Hakes will

be working with any Blair-Taylor Alternative Ed. students needing to complete their course work in Arcadia this summer. Approval of 66:03 agreement for this program is under action items.

Early Learning Center (4K, Early Childhood, Head Start) Report by Kim Nehring, Jen Murphy, and Karen Robertson: Initially Early Childhood and Head Start programs were combined, but collaboration with Early Childhood, Head Start and 4K program began in 2003 – making this year's graduating seniors the first 4K class. History of programs, criteria for enrolling children in each of these programs, curriculum, philosophies, goals and objectives, and what each program offers for children and families were explained. Students attend on Mondays through Thursdays with morning and afternoon sessions. Fridays are planning days filled with team meetings, evaluating room environment, running records and student assessments. "We have to plan for four days each week because when the students are here there's no time for planning. No day is the same. Three questions we always talk about during planning days - What went well? What can we improve on? What can we do better for the children?"

Discussion Items:

Informational letter and draft permission forms for consortium transportation were sent to parents. To transport students during the school day, the school could potentially run a school van and/or use Pape School Bus. Nine students can be transported in a school van with no bus driver's license needed. Technology needs for students include the replacing of iPads for kindergarten through second grade students and Chromebooks for third grade students. MacBook Air laptops being used by staff members will also need replacing. Some staff members could use a higher-end Chromebook while others will need the MacBook. Some of our older Smartboards will need replacing. Money will be placed in the 2017-18 budget for technology hardware updates. Needed repairs on students' Chromebooks were covered under the first-year warranty this past school year. Softball field future needs: installing sidewalk and asphalt for handicap accessibility, softball outfield fence should be moved in to meet WIAA guidelines, and building a concession stand (possibly done by Whitehall Construction class). Many school districts offer employees the option of receiving a certain amount of money if not taking the school district's health insurance. The employee must have other group health insurance coverage in order to qualify.

Action Items:

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to approve the second reading of Policy #831 – Smoking-Tobacco Use on School Premises and Policy #525 – Employee Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug Use. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place about having the necessary equipment and properly-trained people to meet our needs for live streaming sporting events as well as the best location in each field for videoing. Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve the trench lines to the football and softball fields using Category II e-rate monies. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve 66:03 agreement with Arcadia School District for Alternative Education Summer School Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to approve Gregory Bratina as middle school football coach for 2017-18 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve consortium transportation permission form for Blair-Taylor students. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve WEA Trust health insurance renewal with 2.5% increase for 2017-18 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve dental insurance renewal with Delta Dental at 7% increase for 2017-18 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to approve Mervin Miller's bid in the amount of \$3,275 for installation of a steel roof on concession stand with work being done this summer. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve Tranberg Roofing's bid in the amount of \$48,400 for installing an adhered roof with 20-year non-prorated manufacturer's labor and materials warranty above Tech. Ed. and maintenance area. Roof project will be funded from Fund 21 and completed before school starts. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by T. Tenneson to approve retirement of Connie Hansen, Administrative Assistant, at the end of 2016-17 school year. Motion passed unanimously. Board members expressed appreciation and thanks for her 45 years of service to our school district.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss support staff insurance, extra-curricular pay, and a personnel concern. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk