

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th – 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, Blaine Koxlien, Sarah Staff, Jeff Stalheim, Perry Kujak. 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 J. Stalheim to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No public comment tonight.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien to approve minutes of the January 2021 public hearing, regular and closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of January. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by P. Kujak to approve the financial statement for the month of January 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Reports:

Superintendent- Jeff Eide - The bidding process is going well. February 17th, contractors interested in bidding on any portion of the project will have an opportunity to do a school tour of the construction site areas. Some challenges we are facing come in the form of lead time to get the steel we need for construction. Bid due date is Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 2:00 at R.J. Jurowski office in Whitehall. Any board member are welcome to attend. We received two bids from playground equipment companies. We have been approved to use IDEA Flow-Through Grant monies for a portion of the playground.

ESSER II Information (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds - Act II)
Preliminary projections tell us we will receive about \$470,000 that can be used through March of 2023 for Covid related expenses.

Currently, we are looking to move back to the initial in-person and remote learning plan during COVID. Beginning March 10th, our Wednesday schedule will return to all grades in person learning 8:15 - 2:30

Elementary Principal- Lynn Halverson - February 18th we will be having virtual or by phone parent-teacher conferences. On March 2nd Mr. Nelson will be having a virtual reading night to celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday. Mr. Halverson presented AGR results and goal information to the board.

Middle/High Principal - Dana Eide - Boys and Girls basketball teams are conference champions. Chris Rogstad qualified for state wrestling and received 6th place. We are very proud of all their accomplishments. Scheduling classes for next year has begun. Counselors within the consortium meet

every Friday to prevent overcrowding in any classes. State testing will begin March 9th. We had ACT bootcamp virtually on February 11th.

Special Education Director - Katie Belitz - We are receiving information back regarding our child development days which will be held April 5th. We continue to work on another video with information from community members. This video is through our mental health grant.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim, to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) report. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve Rita Wagner as the Odyssey of the Mind Coach. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss Fall extra-curricular contracts, Staffing 2021-2022 SY, Athletic Compensation. Motion carried.

Reconvene in open session to take or announce any action, if any and if appropriate, arising out of closed session.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve fall coaching contracts. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Thompson", written in a cursive style.

David Thompson, Clerk