

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, July 20th – 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, Cole Van Schyndle, Britta Roterger and Jen Pinnow. Meeting also 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 D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to approve the agenda. Motion passed by majority.

There are no public comments.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with second by M. Steien to approve June, 2020 regular, closed & special meeting minutes. Motion by roll call vote.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to approve bills for the month of June 2020. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by M. Steien to approve the June 2020 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Britta Roterger and Jen Pinnow gave a presentation about the youth apprentice program. Working with G-E-T, Arcadia, Whitehall and Blair-Taylor for academic and career planning. Cole Van Schyndle gave a presentation about the plan for a homeroom/advisory class. Students will earn .25 credits per year. It is a pass/fail class. The hope is for students to have a better career path through their high school years.

Reports:

District Administrator-Jeff Eide – Area superintendents are discussing possible school re-entry plans. They are striving to have a set plan by July 29th to release to parents on July 30th. A survey was sent to all parents of Blair-Taylor students for their decision to send their children to school or continue to learn virtually. There is a slight update to the current 20-21 school year. March 4th will now be the end of the second trimester as March 9th is the junior class ACT day.

Elementary Principal-Lynn Halverson – We opted out of having a virtual summer school for the elementary. We received 25 microbit kits from Ashley Furniture. Currently, we have 6 kids signed up. Mr. Halverson will be teaching the microbit course.

Middle/High School Principal-Dana Eide - Senior advisors along with Mr. Eide & Mrs. Eide personally delivered each senior's graduation diploma. We will find out our COVID-19 level on Wednesday. This will determine if we will be able to have a graduation ceremony on Saturday as originally planned. There

are a number of students that will need to attend summer school to work on their incomplete grades. This will begin August 3rd for two weeks.

Discussion:

United Campus Referendum – The board will need to determine if they want to move forward with the referendum by August board meeting. A resolution is required to be complete by August 25th. The board decided to have a special meeting to discuss the referendum further on August 3rd.

Playground Improvement Information - Mr. Eide presented different proposals received from Lee Recreation, LLC for new elementary playground equipment. Mr. Halverson met with Hegg Contractors about new playground equipment placement. It was suggested to add some fill to be at a minimum of 1% grade and also adding a culvert to omit the water accumulation We need to be sure there is enough room to play football/kickball which the older elementary students like to play.

School Reopening Plan – Mr. Eide discussed all the preparation the admin team and staff have done to make reopening the school for face to face instruction a success. The district has purchased extra hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, masks and shields as we can. The admin team has discussed everything from teaching the students how to wash hands properly to entering/exiting the building. We continue to make changes to our plan, but will present our final at the Special Board Meeting early August.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to approve raising the breakfast/lunch prices by .05 for 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried with roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with a second by J. Stalheim to approve Cierra Rose resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson to approve Travis Sprague as Ag Science Teacher contract. Motion passed by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve Early Childhood Support Staff Contract for April Rostvold. Motion carried with roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve Kelly Electric bid contract for chiller installment. Motion carried with roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by M. Steien to approve purchasing elementary school supplies, and apply a fee of \$10 for parents to pay. Motion passed by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve selling some unused school equipment with Blair Online Auction. Motion approved by a roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to approve the first reading of graduation policy 5460. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by J. Stalheim to suspend foreign exchange students program for the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss compensation model, support staff contracts, staffing for 2020-21. Motion carried.

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". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

David Thompson, Clerk