

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

President T. Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, K. Lien, J. Stalheim, T. Tenneson, and D. Thompson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Kari Lejcher, Jeff Steckbauer, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by F. Aleckson to approve the June regular and closed minutes and bills for the month of June. June bills include payroll checks #58021-58030, payroll advice of deposits #25057-25498, money wires #242, #468-469, #3318-3319, expense checks #15285-15292, #56847-56979, and #500286. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve the June financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

J. Eide's Report: Share thank-you notes from Jackie Hanson Family, Gary Weisenberger Family, and Alvera Norby. Estimated decrease of 39,577 in general state aids for 2016-17 year with no increase in revenue cap limit may cause challenges for our budget. Board meeting for four-school consortium will be held at Whitehall on August 17th at 7:30 p.m. WASB Fall Regional meeting will be held in La Crosse on September 27th. Adoption of the Academic Standards for 2016-17 school year will be action item next month. Letter will be sent to staff in near future about upcoming in-service schedule. ALICE training is set for August 23rd. Football practice field is being watered heavily.

L. Halverson's Report: Summer school is in week 2 of a three week session with about 100 students enrolled. Students are taking one reading, one math, and one fun class. Attendance seems to be more consistent this year. Would like to add more fun classes next year. Preparations for 2016-17 school year are ongoing for new reading literacy and PBIS behavioral programs. Will begin looking at new science curriculum during the next school year.

D. Eide's Report: Drama class was offered as enrichment opportunity for grades 7-12 students. Students practiced, memorized their script, and really enjoyed performing for elementary students. There was no interest in a construction class. Have been working hard to get departmental PLC's implemented. Message at PLC Institute in June was not to invite participation, but to simply state that it's the way we do business in an attempt to increase scores and improve learning. Have been scheduling ½ day meetings with each department. Should be getting cost estimates this week for Wildcat Way and Wall of Inspiration project. Question was asked if a Recognition Wall for staff years of service was possible.

Discussion Items:

Jeff Steckbauer, M3 insurance consultant, reported that our current WEA Trust health insurance plan has a 6% increase for next year, which is a pretty common inflationary increase across the state. He explained the costs and coverages of our current HRA insurance plan as well as an Alternate 1 Plan – HSA plan. With HRA plan the employee gets the money if used, but with HSA plan the money is deposited into employee's account for medical expenses. If money is not used during the year, the employee keeps the money for future medical expenses.

Usually medical decisions and spending changes with a HSA plan. He predicted that four out of five schools will have HSA plans within five years. He will present to the staff on August 23rd.

Action Items:

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by K. Lien to approve 66:0301 contract for shared Speech/Language services (Kelly Mattison) with Whitehall School District for 2016-17 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by K. Lien to approve Greenleaf Lime & Excavating's bid (41,546.31) for back parking lot repairs and elementary playground blacktopping providing the square footage is correct as quoted with work to be completed by August 29th, on September 30th in-service day, or possibly a Friday/Saturday. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve Jeremy Swenson's bid (4,488) for concrete work by 7-12 front entrance area. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to accept Isaac Walters' resignation as high school Social Studies teacher. Motion carried. Board members expressed appreciation for his years of service to our school district.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by J. Stalheim to accept Amanda Rogstad's resignation as Food Service cook. Motion carried. Board members expressed appreciation for her years of service to our school district.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by T. Tenneson to approve contract for Sarah Davis, high school Social Studies teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by P. Kujak to approve revised 2016-17 IT contract for Hanson Consulting Services with increased hours for additional \$35,000. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by K. Lien to approve Jordan Shephard's request to graduate early at the end of the first semester. Motion passed.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by K. Lien to increase 2016-17 student and adult breakfasts and lunches by five cents. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. New prices will be: K-6 breakfast = 1.30, 7-12 breakfast = 1.65, adult breakfast = 2.05, K-6 lunch = 2.10, 7-12 lunch = 2.35, and adult lunch = 3.25.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to move to closed session at 7:50 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to consider Personnel employment concerns, Special Education Director position, Alternative Education staffing, Administrative salaries, Extra-curricular pay for cheerleaders, and Girls Golf. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk