

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd – 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, Kim Tenneson & Kevin Lisowski. Meeting also being live-streamed on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

There are no public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by M. Steien to approve May, 2021 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak to approve bills for the month of May 2021. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve the May 2021 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Reports:

District Administrator- Jeff Eide - Mr. Eide presented an update on how the district anticipates spending the ESSER II Monies. Some of the possibilities are, retaining our full time nurse, providing additional health services, purchasing picnic tables for social distancing, possibility of adding a bilingual para and offering benefits to more support staff. The district is also looking to purchase chromebooks/hotspots with the Emergency Connectivity Fund grant through e-rate.

Elementary Principal - Lynn Halverson - We have 177 students currently attending summer school, with 123 of those students attending swimming lessons. Attendance has improved over previous years. Mr. Halverson believes the reason is due to being in person for full days, including transportation, breakfast & lunch. Thank you to all our summer school staff.

Middle/High Principal - Dana Eide - Summer school and credit recovery has begun. At the middle/high school, we have 41 students who qualify for summer school, of whom 38 are attending. Currently, 14 of those 38 students have completed their credits to become back on track. Cross country coaches Alex Olson and Lindsey George would like to have an overnight field trip for upcoming cross country participants. This will be held at a family cabin in Birchwood, WI. The new FFA advisor, Greta Monson will be taking 8 students to a conference in Madison in July. Graduation was a success being held outdoors. Maybe looking into the possibility of changing it to Friday. Mrs. Eide presented a summary of

the seniors' post graduation plans. A huge thank you to Darin Pape of Pape Bus Service. He donated the busses for our elementary school field trips along with our spring wellness day.

Special Ed Director - Katie Belitz - We have offered Peace of mind counseling to help with our mental health and our physical therapy needs. Val from Independence was available to help out during summer school.

A special thank you to Kim Tenneson & Gwen Kidd for all their hard work keeping summer school running successfully.

Action Items:

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Revised GMP (Guaranteed Max Price) Referendum Alt #14, #15, #17, #19 #20. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve Kristin Elvaker as the Child Care Director. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by J. Stalheim, to approve Dillon Martinez Physical Education contract. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to approve Emily Troutman contract for the 6th grade teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the Administrative Assistant contract to Daisy Aguilar. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve resignation of HS Science Teacher Morgan Beckman. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by M. Steien, to approve resignation, Special Education Sean Newbury. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Resignation, HS English Katie Bentz. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve Dishwasher replacements as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by J. Stalheim, to approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$7,750,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$4,145,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B. 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 food service compensation, office staff contract, Fund 21 expenditures, administration/contracts, 21-22 staffing. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by J. Stalheim, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by J. Stalheim, to approve the increase in food service pay for director and food service workers in fund 50 by \$1.00 and .50 respectively. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0, 1-abstained.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve office staff contract. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by S. Staff, to approve fund 21 expenditures of \$18,401 for childcare playground. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve administrative contracts. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by S Staff, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk

