

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, June 11, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.

President T. Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, S. Staff, M. Steien, T. Tenneson, and D. Thompson. Also present: J. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Carlene Wolter, Lisa Perry, Gwen Kidd, Jeff Belongia, Lee Henschel, Fred Nehring.

Motion by Fern Aleckson, second by Sarah Staff to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public comment:

Carlene Wolter shared comments regarding future teacher compensation models with suggested changes that could be implemented. C. Wolter thanked the Board and staff for their support during her time with the district. She will be leaving to teach closer to home.

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to approve minutes of the May 21, 2018 regular and closed meetings. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve bills. May bills include payroll advice of deposits #29623-29842, payroll checks #58228-58235, money wires #265, #516-517, #3364-3365, expense checks #15391-15394 & 59615-59734, employee-paid HSA contributions of \$1,915.00, and employer-paid HSA contributions of \$3,833.34. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by M. Steien to approve the May Financial Statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Reports:

Jeff Eide – Superintendent Report: Roof repairs are under way as well as blacktop repairs in the back parking area. Seal coating will be starting soon. New lawnmower is here as well as the new van.

Lynn Halverson - Elementary Principal: Prep for summer school session July 9-27. Current enrollment is up 50 students, for a total of 150 +/- students. Over 340 students were recently recognized during awards ceremony with 141 students receiving a perfect certificate. Behavior data has steadily improved due to the PBIS initiative four years ago, and hard work by C. Omernick as behavior interventionist.

Middle/High School Principal Report by J. Eide: D. Eide was absent as she is currently chaperoning a bus trip with band students. M.S./H.S. summer school for credit recovery started and will run for two weeks. approximately 20 students qualified. Several staff members will be engaged in continued learning as well.

K Belitz - School Psychologist: Continuing work on grant applications. K. Belitz has begun Tier 2 PBIS training to facilitate staff training implementing early interventions for students who need behavioral support.

Action Items:

Jeff Belongia, Hutchinson Shockey Erley & Co, presented final refinancing package for current balloon payment due October 1, 2018. School district has a stable A+ rating. Bond buyers have purchased bonds at a premium, resulting in a reduction of the total required by \$125,000. There will be two additional balloon payments in 2022 and 2023 that will need to be refinanced. Under the new debt service structure, the 96 cent debt service approved by tax levy will not need to be utilized. Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve the

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,860,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2018A.
Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to approve the ALIO Data Processing Contract for \$9,551.88. ALIO is the accounting software used by the district office. Contract provides software updates, manuals, on-site support, telephone support and staff training. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve the 66.03 agreement with Arcadia for students who may need to attend Alternative Education summer school. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Superintendent Eide requested tabling approval of the Ashley Future Skills Trailer Agreement, as there are changes that still need to be addressed and revised. It should be ready to approve at the July meeting.

Motion made by S. Staff with a second by P. Kujak to approve the resignation/retirement of Assistant Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Mary Oldendorf. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0. Board members expressed their appreciation for her 27 years of service to the district.

Motion made by F. Aleckson with second by M. Steien to approve the hiring of Crystal Sweno for the Assistant Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant position. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by M. Steien to approve hiring Dessa Karl, M.S./H.S. Social Studies teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve the resignation of Mackenzie Schank, M.S. C-C teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by M. Steien to move to closed session at 4:48 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss extra-curricular contracts, review spring coaches performance, compensation discussion/model, support staff negotiations and internal staffing changes. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk