

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 – 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, S. Staff, D. Thompson, and T. Tenneson. Board member absent: K. Lien. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Linda Nereng, Preston Guttenberg, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by P. Kujak to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

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

No public comments.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to approve minutes of the April 2017 regular and closed meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of April. April bills include payroll advice of deposits #26993-27201, payroll checks #58106-58118, money wires #99, #252, #489-490, #3339, expense checks #15350-15353, #58024-58156, and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$2,477.72. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve the April Financial Statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Reports:

Student Council by Preston Guttenberg: Have been discussing possible projects for next school year such as hosting a winter dance, sponsoring a charity project, and having teacher of the month selections.

Superintendent by Jeff Eide: Sarah Staff, Treasurer, will replace Keith Lien on the school district’s general fund checking account. F. Aleckson and S. Staff will serve as the Board representatives on the John Ellison Teacher Award selection committee. Since the recent passing of John Ellison, there may be a second student scholarship from memorial monies received. Consortium progress continues as elementary and secondary principals have started meeting and school counselors are finalizing schedules for consortium classes. We’re finding out that we need more communication with everyone about their needs and wants. A big kick-off is planned for August 31<sup>st</sup> when all staffs will get together. Sample of transportation form that will be used for students attending classes at other schools was shared. Several staff members will be attending SAIL (School Administrators Institute for Transforming Leaders) three-day training this summer, followed by two more days during the school year, then again next summer. SAIL will focus on our school district needs and student achievement. SAILS is different than other conferences in that we had a preliminary meeting to discuss our school district wants and needs, and they will follow through with monitor checks every 100 days. Because of SAILS conference would like to move June meeting to Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. A matrix illustrating all the components involved in preparing our students to be college and career ready at graduation time was shared.

Elementary Principal by Lynn Halverson: State Forward testing is finished. With the PBIS behavior improvements, ELA Reading program, PAWS program, and RtI process we’re hoping to improve our test scores for both elementary and SoSET. Many classrooms have their end-of-year field trips scheduled. Kindergarten Graduation will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> and K-6 Spring Concert will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. ELA Writing workshop was a very good day of staff training. No additional costs for in-house training or materials. Elementary playground

could be improved by building a few bridges over the waterways. When it rains the waterways fill with water making it difficult for students to get to other areas of playground. As everyone is excited with the nice spring weather and end-of school year, we're surviving with 350 elementary students until June 6<sup>th</sup>!

Middle/High School Principal by Dana Eide: On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Baccalaureate Services will be held at 5:30 p.m., refreshments at 6:00, and Senior Awards at 6:30. Several scholarships will be given out, and Hilary Walters works very diligently to coordinate this event. Graduation ceremony is set for May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup>00 p.m. SADD organization sponsored a very successful Wellness Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>. State testing is nearing completion, as new students who've recently enrolled are still being tested.

Pupil Services by Katie Belitz: Big Cats/Little Cats are finishing up this week and will continue again next school year. Reading Buddies recently met for the third time this year, and we're looking for feedback from students and staff about this program. With guidance from K. Belitz high school students have created a power point to lead their own IEP (Individual Education Plan). Since feedback from parents has been very positive and it helps students take pride and ownership in what they're doing, we're looking to expand this concept next year.

#### Discussion:

There is one roof area (welding shop/tech. ed.) in the 1999 building that is most problematic so will be getting estimates for cost of this roof project. Boilers are inefficient and current five air-conditioning units could be replaced with one chiller. Elementary playground has too many students in the same area so looking to add a new piece of equipment for older students in another area and also trying to better utilize the top of the hill. Recent attack on Gmail emphasized how quickly phishing can go globally. Working with Ryan Hanson to train our users to never click on links in emails you're not expecting and never grant access to your Google account.

#### Action Items:

Motion by P. Kujak with second by F. Aleckson to approve 2017-18 Hanson Consulting IT contract in the amount of \$72,332. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve applications for four students wanting to open enroll in to Blair-Taylor for 2017-18 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve the first reading of Policy #831 – Smoking-Tobacco Use on School Premises and Policy #525 – Employee Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug Use. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to approve the 2017-18 CESA #5 Alio Data Processing contract for accounting and payroll software/support services at cost of \$9,199. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by S. Staff with second by F. Aleckson to approve 2017-18 contract for Kristie Gill, Family & Consumer Science teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by S. Staff with second by B. Koxlien to currently table the trenching of an internet line to the football and softball fields with a request to have Ryan Hanson create a technology needs list through 2019 school year prioritizing how our e-rate funding will be spent. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve 2017-18 Senior High WIAA membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to move to closed session at 6:55 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss staff letters of intent, winter extra-curricular contracts, staffing needs, compensation discussion/model, and in lieu of insurance option. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to reconvene in open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by T. Tenneson to approve teaching staff letters of intent for 2017-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve the following 2017-18 extra-curricular contracts: Randy Storlie-Athletic Director, Laurie Marsh-High Quiz Bowl, Lisa Perry-Lettermen's Club, Carlene Wolter-Student Council, Hilary Walters-SADD, Jared Peterson-National Honor Society, William Hinman-Spanish Club, Lisa Perry-Yearbook, Mandy (McDonald) Schultz-Basketball Cheerleaders, Jennifer Hessler-Pom Poms, Randy Storlie-Head Boys Basketball, Scott Janzen-Assistant Boys Basketball, Duane Waldera-Head Girls Basketball, Jayme Thompson-Assistant Girls Basketball, Scott Pooler-Middle School Girls Basketball, Ned Laughery-Head Wrestling, Gregory Bratina-Assistant/M.S. Wrestling, Kathryn Bentz-Head Forensics, Kathryn Bentz-Drama Club, Karla Hulne-Drama Club, Melissa Massman-FFA, Lisa Perry-FBLA, Karla Hulne-Band, and Timothy Delnay-Swing Choir. Following extra-curricular contracts are pending based on student numbers: Odyssey of the Mind, Kimberly Joten-Assistant H.S. Forensics, Jaclyn Hauser-Assistant M.S. Forensics, MacKenzie (Mac) Bowen-Skills USA, Kristie Gill-FCCLA, Kristi Smith-Elementary Robotics, Jesse Lien-Freshmen Boys Basketball, and Annette Brekke-Freshmen Girls Basketball. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk