

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 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: Sarah Staff, Blaine Koxlien, Troy Tenneson, Michele Steien, David Thompson, Neil Kniseley, and Perry Kujak. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Becky Brouillet, Lori Lisowski, and Gwen Kidd. 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 S. Staff, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

With No public comment, we will move on.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve February 2024 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve bills for the month of February 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by S. Staff, to approve the February 2024 financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson would like to celebrate that Mrs. Lisowski applied for a Stronger Connections grant. Blair-Taylor was one of the 40 statewide schools awarded this grant in the amount of \$261,000. It is a two year grant to be used by September 30, 2026. The primary goal of the grant is to impact middle school students. Initial ideas to use it would be possibly add staff for our middle school. Whether that being a Social worker, Dean of Students or a School Counselor. Mr. Isaac Walters met with staff on February 28th to give a basic introduction to A.I. and how it will impact education. He gave a demonstration on how to use it personally and professionally. There is a governing board meeting on April 10th at the Wanek Center in Arcadia. David Thompson and Sarah Staff will be attending. Jeff Steckbauer with M3 insurance should have new updated insurance rates for the next school year by the end of the week.

District Principal - Beth Lisowski - Next year's seniors and juniors class scheduling has started. After Mr. Van Schyndel and Mrs. Lisowski re-evaluated classes with low numbers, they have until the end of the week to make any adjustments before we open it up to the sophomores. We are using a new scheduling process so the students are able to see them in Skyward already. We started the third trimester this week. Tomorrow is state testing for 9th - 11th grade across the coop. Junior and seniors will be attending a job fair in Arcadia at the end of this week. Prom will be early next month.

District Assistant Principal - Jared McCutchen - On February 29th, the elementary school students attended a movie in Eau Claire. On that same day, we had a family fun night organized by Erica Anderson. It was well attended by families. Our 4th graders are working on their heritage fair projects. Forward testing will begin when we return from Easter break.

Special Ed Director - Becky Brouillet - Ms. Brouillet reported a group of students have been picking up meals and delivering them around the community. Many love visiting with our students. We are still attending the food pantry to help organize the merchandise. This week we have a group venturing to Eau Claire to help the Feed My People Food Bank .

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the AGR board report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements - second reading. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve concrete updates as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the consent agenda items which include a contract for Speech Language Pathologist Paige Marsh for the 24-25 school year, resignation of Alternative Ed teacher Cassie Geary, resignation of C-Team volleyball coach Cassie Geary, contract for Middle school track coaches Jill Anderson and Michael Johnson, contract for varsity football assistant coach, Jeff Wiseman. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss staff compensation 2024-25, individual staffing 2024-25, and spring sports contracts. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Thompson, Clerk