

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST - 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, Michele Steien, Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, and Neil Kniseley. Absent: Perry Kujak. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, and Becky Brouillet. 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 M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson, to approve July 2023 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve bills for the month of July 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with second by S. Staff, to approve the July 2023 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent, Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson notified the board there is a WASB Regional Fall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 5th at GET High School. Any board member is welcome to attend. Mr. Halverson reported due to a couple admin changes, there have been some office shifting. The administrative team met to discuss updating a communications chart. This will hopefully decrease any confusion on the accurate person to reach out to for any questions or concerns. We are looking to possibly add an assistant to the district office. Mr. Halverson would like to reach out to CESA 4 to give a recommendation regarding job duties and efficiency.

4k-12 Principal, Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski reported today that it is the teacher's first day back. Today, Jackson County brought in a speaker on understanding and how to respond to trauma. Teachers will be back tomorrow for Coop meetings in Whitehall, Wednesday is a work day and Thursday is orientation. Students will be coming back Tuesday, August 29th. Then the school year is off and running with Friday being the first football game, and Thursday the first volleyball game.

4k - 12 Assistant Principal, Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen reported that in his first couple weeks he is becoming familiar with the building and introducing himself to staff. He was excited to be a part of a couple new hirings already. The transition to a new district is going well and he's happy to be here.

Special Education Director, Becky Brouillet - Mrs. Brouillet reported she is excited to have Maddie from CESA 4 as our School Psychologist, and have Amber Frederixon in our Special Education department. With the beginning of the school year, she has continued to work on schedules to make sure we have para coverage where we need and updating IEPs.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve - Alternative Education program for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the B-T Education Association Teacher Agreement . Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve - CESA 10 Contract for School Psychologist Madilyn Reske. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the Crosswalk Project proposal with Simmons Construction. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D.Thompson, to approve the move forward with classical plays. Motion carried.

Motion by M Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the Consent Agenda items, which include: the resignation of dance team co-coach Hilary Walters, resignation of middle school volleyball coach, Whitney McDougall-Saxe, contract for middle school volleyball coach, Christine Wathke, contract for middle school girls basketball coach, Jared Peterson, resignation of middle school track coach Tasha Becker, resignation of paraprofessional Brad Becker, contracts for assistant football coaches Cole Van Schyndel and Michael Lampman, resignation of middle school ELA teacher Christy Aleckson, resignation of 2nd grade teacher Michael Soto, resignation of middle school special education teacher Alyssa Elvaker, contract for 4k-12 assistant principal Jared McCutchen, contract for 1st grade teacher Kendra Budish, and contract for 2nd grade teacher Cassie Hammond. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

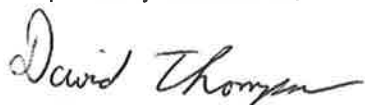
Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by D. Thompson, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss teacher handbook and support staff handbook approval. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien to reconvene to open session.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the support staff handbook and teacher handbook for 20232024 school year as presented.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk