

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016 – 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, K. Lien, D. Smikrud, D. Thompson, and T. Tenneson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, Katie Belitz, Amber Lambright, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

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

No public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by T. Tenneson to approve minutes of the November regular meeting and closed session and bills for the month of November. November bills include payroll advice of deposits #25981-26175, payroll checks #58060-58069, money wires #247, #479-480, #3328-3329, expense checks #15323-15329, #57405-57528, employer-paid HSA contributions of \$3,000 and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$2,387.72. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Smikrud with second by F. Aleckson to approve the November financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Reports:

Student Council by Amber Lambright: Student Council held a gift wrapping fundraiser on December 15th and will be working the concession stand at basketball games. Getting applications from students for second semester new members. Recycling is going well.

Superintendent by Jeff Eide: Copies of Trempealeau Valley Consortium course offerings for 2017-18 school year were distributed. Recently met with sophomores and juniors from all four schools – first as a group, then in individual sessions to explain the available courses. Approximately 65 students have signed up to tour the schools during the first week in January. Blair-Taylor will host Environment Science, Accounting II Capstone, Understanding Childhood, Introduction to Human Service & Teaching, Family Life Skills, Welding Capstone 1, and Welding Capstone 2. Trying to coordinate daily schedules and calendar. It appears that there could be several students traveling from school to school. Options of transportation will be determined when student numbers are known. Students may not have to travel to that school each day for class, and also trying to partner with businesses to give students on-site job experiences. Four School Boards will meet on March 15th at 7:00 p.m. Consortium classes will start in 2017-18 school year.

Continue to raise money for the Wildcat Way Wall of Inspiration with about \$3,000 remaining.

Finance/Property/Transportation Committee recently met to review areas needing attention on 1999 building such as roofs, air conditioning units, boilers, and lighting. Roofs are no longer under warranty with cost to replace entire area at \$500,000, but not all roofs are in bad condition. Replacing current five air-conditioning units with one chiller that could also handle the elementary gymnasium would improve SER (Seasonal Energy Rating) from current 8 to possible 16. One boiler could replace the two current ones, but should keep one for back-up. T-8 fluorescent lights could be changed to LED lights. Will continue to look at funding options for all or part of these projects.

Middle/High School Principal by Dana Eide: Attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences ranged from teachers who met with two parents to mid-twenties with most parents attending on the first night. Getting parents to attend P-T Conferences is very challenging, as parents check their students' grades online and communicate with teachers via email. Parents can schedule conferences with teachers, which seems to work quite well. Will be

working on students' schedules for next year in January. When scheduling the state testing for the spring, we're trying to find the optimal times for students to test and yet not compromise instructional time.

Elementary Principal by Jeff Eide: PBIS majors and minors have decreased by two per day.

Pupil Services by Katie Belitz: First Reading Buddies event for this school year was held on December 9th. Big Cats/Little Cats students meet every other week and do various activities together. We currently have 26 pairs of "big and littles" and more littles waiting for a match. This is the second year for both of these programs. As part of Project Christmas Ashley Angels will be delivering Christmas presents to the school on December 20th. Lifelines training for students will resume in January. This four-session training teaches students what to do if a friend reports that they are thinking about committing suicide. Lifelines trainings for parents are also available.

Discussion Item:

Noble Conservation Solutions' lighting proposal to replace fluorescent lights with LED lights in 1999 building would cost \$87,118 less energy rebate of 11,607 with net cost of \$75,511. Company, which focuses on electrical energy savings, would complete the work within two weeks. If we do an audit with Noble Conservation Solutions but do not contract with them for the work, there will be a cost. Committee members thought this was a worthwhile project because of a three-year payback and could be done sooner to start saving money.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Smikrud with second by D. Thompson to approve purchase of football scoreboard from All American Scoreboard in Pardeeville, WI for \$11,775, but to check with company on how long this particular model will continue to be made. If purchased from district budgeted funds, then payment would be made after July 1, 2017. If purchased with Fund 21 funds, then acknowledge Hi-Crush on the scoreboard. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by K. Lien to order electrical audit from Noble Conservation Solutions pending proposal from Performance Services. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Smikrud with second by D. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk