

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, May 21, 2018 – 6:30 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, M. Steien, T. Tenneson, and D. Thompson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Al Austad, Kelly Johnson, Fred Nehring, and Lee Henschel.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff 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 D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve minutes of the April 23, 2018 regular and closed meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve bills. April bills include payroll advice of deposits #29416-29622, payroll checks #58214-58221, money wires #102, #264, #514-515, #3362-3363, expense checks #15390, #59525-59614, and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$1,765. F. Aleckson questioned the Hanson Consulting contract. J. Eide clarified what services were included in the contract and what additional purchases are needed and made through Ryan Hanson. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve the April financial statement. Information that Jeff Belongia will be presenting at the June meeting regarding our upcoming debt refinancing was reviewed. Approval of April financial statement passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Reports:

Jeff Eide – Superintendent Report: Prior to the meeting Dr. Neil Kuban was a guest speaker at Whitehall with some of the local chambers and School Board members attending. Has a good message to hear that is on u-tube for anyone who missed the presentation.

Lynn Halverson - Elementary Principal: Preparing for upcoming summer school session which is July 9-27. Current enrollment for the session is up 30-40 students for a projected total of 133. Increase is due to the selection of optional courses scheduled. P. Kujak inquired what courses will be offered; L. Halverson listed several which included cooking, crochet, outdoor games, enrichment reading and math, and basketball. M. Steien asked about lunches, which are part of the summer session. Transportation is available with single pick-up locations in Taylor and Blair. K-2 Concert is Friday, May 25th with two performances during the day. Prepping and planning for 2018-19 school year has begun.

Dana Eide - Middle/High School Principal: Student Council elections took place with active involvement by students. Interviewing for new members for six available positions. New Officers are: Pres.-Hannia Cecenas, VP-Julia Beam, Treas.-Kylah Frederixon, Sec.-Lauren Steien, Webmaster-Uriel Ortiz. Other student events: Second Semester Wildcat Way Wallapooza – will be celebrating test scores, attendance and a variety of other achievements, 8th Grade and Middle School student recognitions, and Senior Awards Ceremony. Senior Class of 29 students was awarded \$170,000 in scholarships due to tremendous public support. Spring sports are wrapping up with Blair-Taylor hosting softball playoff games. First playoff game is scheduled for May 23. Will be conducting senior exit interviews which have been a Board requirement, but now is a state requirement as part of academic career planning for students. Credit recovery summer school will be June 11-22 with number of students enrolled lower than previous years. Developing some new enrichment course elective offerings. High school students are eligible for busing with the elementary school children.

Katie Belitz – School Psychologist: Currently working on grant applications for SPED Transition Services, School Safety, Mental Health with consortium schools, ESSA-Act, and Title III.

Discussion items: J. Eide presented several options for spending the \$194,434 TID 3 monies that the school district received from the City of Blair. Spending the TID monies will not affect the levy or current budget. The major projects/items needed are: 2017 seven-passenger Dodge van for \$22,809 from Gross Motors; Dura-Last roof repairs/replacement in problem areas (especially skylights) with Tranberg Roofing's bid of \$103,500 coming in better than Interstate Roofing's bid; new zero-turn John Deere diesel lawnmower from Tractor Central for \$13,889.74 after trade-in; River City Landscape in-ground irrigation system for football field in the amount of \$13,625 (in-ground irrigation system is more economical for long term); blacktopping in specific areas by Trempealeau County Highway Dept. for \$18,650. All bids were reviewed and discussed. D. Thompson suggested that the irrigation system be expanded to include the softball field, with J. Eide investigating that possibility. Roof repair images were reviewed and broken into specific areas mostly needed, as there are leaks that cannot wait. Blacktop aerial images were discussed and priority areas reviewed. These projects/items can be accomplished without tapping into Fund 10 budget. Seal-coating is not included here, as it was budgeted separately.

Action Items:

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve Hanson Consulting IT Contract for 2018-19 school year. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by M. Steien to approve three new open enrollment students for 2018-2019 school year. Currently there are 69 students leaving the district with 50 students coming into the district through open enrollment. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve renewal of WIAA membership for 2018-19 school year. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve revised bid from Oium Asphalt Paving, Inc. for \$22,350 for seal-coating and painting parking lots. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve contract for Cassie Geary, Special Education teacher, for the 2018-19 school year. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by F. Aleckson to approve contract for Greg Breidenbach, Middle School Social Studies teacher, for the 2018-19 school year. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to accept resignation of Andrew Smirked as girl's golf coach for 2018-19 season. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to accept resignation of Diane Martin, Middle School Cross-Categorical teacher, at the end of the school year. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to accept retirement of Rita Leavitt, Food Service cook/aide, at the end of the school year. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to accept resignation of Carlene Wolters, MS/HS Social Studies teacher, at the end of the school year. C. Wolter has accepted a position closer to home. Motion passed unanimously by roll call 7-0 vote.

Motion by D. Thompson to approve spending the TID 3 funds for projects/items previously discussed. Motion seconded by M. Steien. S. Staff questioned using the funds for physical capital projects rather than curriculum.

Both Principals commented on how their current curriculum needs are being met and what their future needs will be. Including the softball field to the in-ground irrigation system was discussed. Al Austad pointed out that the current layout would not require the installation of significant additional lines to service the field as the water source is running next to the softball field already. Motion was amended to include irrigating the softball field and receiving a trade-in or selling the current above-ground irrigation system. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Other Discussion: Al Austad give an update on our current boiler system situation, stating that the boilers were new in 1999 so parts are hard to find or unavailable. One has been shut down for about two months. A timeline to replace the boilers as well as prices are being worked on. The chillers are also on target for replacement, as they are very inefficient and could possibly be consolidated from individual units to a single unit on the ground.

Motion by F. Aleckson with a second by M.Steien to move to closed session at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss extra-curricular and winter sports contracts, compensation discussion/model and staff letters of intent. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by S. Staff to issue letters of intent to current staff for 2018-2019 school year with second by F. Aleckson. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve the following 2018-19 extra-curricular contracts: Randy Storlie-Athletic Director, Sarah Davis-High Quiz Bowl, Lisa Perry-Lettermen's Club, Hilary Walters-SADD, Jared Peterson-National Honor Society, William Hinman-Spanish Club, Lisa Perry-Yearbook, Mandy 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, Andy Nehring-M.S. Boys Basketball, Scott Pooler-M.S. Girls Basketball, Ned Laughery-Head Wrestling, Greg Bratina-Assistant/M.S. Wrestling, Kathryn Bentz-Head Forensics, Jaclyn Hauser-M.S. Forensics, Kathryn Bentz-Drama, Karla Hulne-Drama, Melissa Massman-FFA, Lisa Perry-FBLA, Mac Bowen=Skills USA, Kristie Gill-FCCLA, and providing there are adequate numbers for the following - H. Kujak-Assistant M.S. Boys Basketball, Amber Frederixson-Assistant M.S. Girls Basketball, Jesse Lien-Freshmen Boys Basketball, Annette Brekke-Freshmen Girls Basketball, Kim Joten-Assistant Forensics, and Brad Becker-M.S. High Quiz Bowl. Motion passed unanimously by 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion by D Thompson to adjourn the meeting with second by S. Staff. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk