

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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, P. Kujak, S. Staff, D. Thompson, and T. Tenneson. Board members absent: B. Koxlien and K. Lien. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Chad Williamson, Abby Vehrenkamp, Fred Nehring, and Lee Henschel.

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

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

No public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve the minutes of the October 2017 regular meeting, special meeting and closed session, and bills for the month of October. October bills include payroll advice of deposits #28153-28376, payroll checks #58149-58168, money wires #100, #258, #502-503, #3350-3351, expense checks #15371-15372, #58722-58889, employee-paid HSA contributions of \$1,715.00 and employer-paid HSA contributions of \$1,500.00. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to approve the October financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Student Council Report by Chad Williamson: Veteran’s Day Program went well. Planning to host a winter formal dance in January. Question of whether student council representative could have more input at Board meetings. Board members asked that the Student Council present a written request to the Board for their consideration and response.

Lockdown anchors for elementary classroom doors were demonstrated.

Doug Ebert, S.O.S. Security project manager, and Dave Nalzny from Security Marketing Consultant demonstrated new security cameras that would replace the black and white security cameras in 1999 building and color ones in 2014 building. 360 digital security camera zooms in and out, spins 360 degrees enabling the use of less cameras for more areas of coverage, can be set to motion activated for certain times of day, and can have picture within a picture. Instead of viewing tapes with current camera system you can view camera images from a laptop, cell phone, or tablet. Police could also have login rights. When equipment is purchased with five-year warranty, there is a one-time fee upfront with free updates for life and no recurring fees. Software is what makes the cameras unique with many capabilities. S.O.S. Security provides technical support.

Reports:

Superintendent by Jeff Eide: Shared thank-you note from Julie Nehring for plant received at time of her mother’s death. Jeff Belongia from HSE & Company, who worked with us on bonding for our recent building referendum project, will be at our December Board meeting to discuss upcoming balloon payment. F. Aleckson and S. Staff plan to attend WASB Convention in January – any other Board members interested in attending? Consortium transportation concerns have been addressed and classes seem to be going well for both students and teachers. Communication with attendance, grading and the teachers’ ability to communicate with parents still need to be worked on. On November 14th the four school districts and some career tech teachers made a presentation at UW-Stout with DPI, UW-Stout, technical colleges and other school district officials in attendance. Presentation went well and was very good publicity for our consortium. Consortium Board meeting will be held at

Independence on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Possible Joint Powers Agreement that could include a sub-committee with reps from each school will be discussed at January meeting. Main focus needs to be working together with all resources for everyone's benefit.

Elementary Principal by Lynn Halverson: Continue to do good things for students academically. Christmas concert schedule will be different this year on a trial basis. Grades 3-5 concerts will be held on Friday, December 15th in the auditorium. Grades 3-4 will perform at 12:30 p.m. with doors opening at 12:00 noon; grade 5 and grades 3-5 SoSET will perform at 2:00 p.m. with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. First letter was sent to parents about this schedule and another letter will be sent to parents about their child's performance time. Students who perform at 12:30 p.m. will be encouraged to finish out the school day. Received no feedback from parents on very first notice stating there would be changes in this year's concert schedule.

Middle/High School Principal Report by Dana Eide: Student-led conferences were held for the first time. Surveys for teachers, parents, and students will be sent out soon so should get valuable feedback. Middle school did especially well and career-based conversations were good. Question was asked what percentage of students attended conferences – estimated 80-90%. Students who did not attend will need to reschedule with their parents and homeroom teachers or present to the School Counselor/Principal. ACT practice program seems to be a very good resource, as tests were scanned that night and results were available the next day. With test results available in such a timely manner it really helps the students know what they need to work on. Will be joining Alma Center and Melrose-Mindoro for ACT Boot Camp in February so cost will be split three ways.

School Psychologist Report by K. Belitz: We have 66 K-12 students (33 matches) in our Big Cats/Little Cats program. They've been doing get-to-know each other activities, helping with homework, playing board games, etc. Reading Buddies will take place three times during the school year at the same time for consistency purposes.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to appoint Fern Aleckson as Board delegate at 2018 WASB convention and Sarah Staff as the alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by F. Aleckson to purchase 67 Nightlock Lockdown systems at \$59.95 each for total cost of \$4,016.65. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve a resolution allowing Blair-Taylor School District to become part of the Health Insurance Consortium with approximately 10 other schools. Motion passed unanimously.

Concrete work for softball concession/storage building is complete. The possibility of having the announcing booth on top of the concession/storage building was checked out, but the current 10-foot dugout roof creates a problem. Dugout roof could be lowered so more information will be presented in the future.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve Paige Stendahl for middle/high school paraprofessional position. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by F. Aleckson to accept Jeremy Hanson's resignation as Head Track coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by S. Staff with second by F. Aleckson to accept Jeremy Hanson's resignation as Head Football coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve Chelsea Stephenson's maternity leave for maximum of 12 weeks starting about March 6, 2018. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve Brittany Scholl's maternity leave for maximum of 8 weeks starting about February 7, 2018. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to move to closed session at 7:30 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss administrative compensation, event workers pay, personnel concern, and process for hiring head bookkeeper position. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk