

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.

President D. Smikrud 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, J. Stalheim, and T. Tenneson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Jeremy Hanson, Kim Tenneson, Jacob Eckel, Hamza Ali, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by J. Stalheim, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve the minutes of the October regular meeting, October 26 special meeting, and October bills. Bills for October include payroll checks #57936-57950, payroll advice of deposits #23370-23602, money wires #89, #234, #452-453, #3302-3303, expense checks #15227-15233, #55812-55973, and #500270-500273. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by T. Tenneson to approve the October financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Student Council Report by Jacob Eckel: Can goods collected at the Halloween Dance will be donated to community food pantries. Veteran's Day Program went well. In observance of International Education Week Hamza Ali will be talking to students about his country this week.

J. Eide's Report: Shared a letter from Western Wildcats Board of Directors thanking us for the use of the school's facilities and support of their team, which earned a 7-3 record this past season. Jeremy Tranberg would like to speak at the December Board meeting to discuss possibilities for future collaboration and partnership. Winona Controls will start working on November 23rd. TCI building project work is nearing finalization as Kendall Doors has been here working on locks. Recent school lockdown practice was successful. The principals stayed indoors checking doors while J. Eide checked the exterior. Will try another lockdown drill again soon. Board Committee (K. Lien, P. Kujak, D. Smikrud) must schedule a meeting to discuss B-T Cleaning Service contract. Shared a thank you from Ray Nereng family.

L. Halverson's Report: Elementary students collected over \$1,000 for their Penny War activity. SADD students performed skits about making good choices during Red Ribbon Week. Halloween Parade took place around the building on October 30th. Had 99% attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences. During November 6th inservice teachers worked with CESA #4 staff on guided reading. Building level Paws Cycle I will end on November 20th with Cycle 2 kicking off on December 14th. Upcoming events this week include Reading Buddies and Annual Reading Night when each student will receive a free book.

D. Eide's Report: Reading Buddies activity has been successful. Specific PBIS team (apart from Leadership team) has been developed and meeting regularly. Winter sports practices have begun, which includes girls and boys basketball and wrestling. Also with Cheerleading, Dance Team, OM, and Robotics practices there are many after-school activities taking place. School store is open after school. Public release with results of last year's state assessments is not out yet. Copy of testing schedule for this year was shared with testing to be done in the spring instead of the fall. Two high school teachers have been nominated for the Herb Kohl Scholarship, but only one can be selected. Committee will be formed to help make this selection.

Discussion Items:

F. Aleckson, K. Lien, and J. Stalheim will be attending the WASB Convention in January.

Jeremy Hanson, Head Football coach, talked about the poor condition of the football practice field. Field is rocky and with no watering system gets very hard making it dangerous to practice on. With all grades at this site plus the youth football teams the field gets used about five days per week. Will check further into what is needed to repair the practice field.

Shelves are needed in the 7-12 LMC as some library books are currently housed in the hallway. Students have also been asking for tables. Total cost from Marshfield Book & Stationery Company for these items is \$8,956. If Redsten Foundation gives \$7,500 for library needs, it could be used for this expenditure with \$1,456 coming from General Fund 10 or Fund 21.

Board Policy Committee (F. Aleckson, K. Lien, J. Stalheim) will start meeting monthly during the first full week of each month.

Superintendents and Board members from the four schools met on November 9th. Discussion focused on how collectively we can enhance opportunities for students. Some ideas were sharing a common calendar, scheduling so everyone had the same class times, sharing teachers, hands-on teaching via the internet, and taking the number one strength from each school to bring more opportunities to the table. It will be a slow process, but there was excitement about the potential. Superintendents will meet again. Board members agreed that our school district should move forward with the other schools on this.

Action Items:

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve a \$.30 per hour increase for support staff for the 2015-16 year. Motion passed by roll call vote with five members voting yes and D. Smikrud and T. Tenneson abstaining. A two-year contract had been discussed at the negotiation meetings, but the support staff group was not interested. Future negotiation meetings may be separated into groups by 9-month support staff, 12-month support staff, and food service.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve purchasing library shelves and tables for total cost of \$8,956. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by J. Stalheim to approve Isaac and Hilary Walter's Global Education trip. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Currently 13 people (2 adults and 11 students) have signed up for this trip and are making monthly payments to the travel company.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by P. Kujak to approve extra-curricular contract for Mandy McDonald, Basketball Cheerleader advisor. Motion passed by roll call vote with six members voting yes and T. Tenneson abstaining.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve extra-curricular contract for Jennifer Hessler, Dance Team advisor. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by J. Stalheim, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve extra-curricular contract for Annette Brekke, C-Team Girls Basketball coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by K. Lien to appoint F. Aleckson as WASB delegate for 2016 convention with J. Stalheim as alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by J. Stalheim to move to closed session at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss Food Service Director contract. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk