

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

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, Michele Steien, Blaine Koxlien, Sarah Staff, Jeff Stalheim, Perry Kujak. Also present: Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz, and Kevin Lisowski. Meeting also aired on Wildcat TV.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mission Statement: "To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens"

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

No public comment tonight.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by M. Steien, to approve minutes of the October 2020 regular meeting, special meeting, closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve bills for the month of October 2020. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S, Staff to approve the October financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Jeff Eide - Sarah Staff and Jeff Eide have been signed up to attend the WASB Convention. Board members who wish to attend this virtual convention are to let Mr. Eide know. There is a web link to view available sessions and can be listened to at a later time.

Elementary Principal - Lynn Halverson - Last week Wednesday was the first early out at noon. It went very smooth. Parent/teacher conferences went very well. Even though held virtually or by phone. Having a virtual reading night Thursday 11/19. We are having a Wildcat Spirit Day to promote Star math & reading growth. Mr. Halverson would like to say a huge thank you to our staff & our parents for all support of the changes.

Middle/High School Principal - Dana Eide - Last week Wednesday was our first middle/high school virtual day this year. We are currently using a virtual bell program, but will further discuss to make the best out of virtual learning. Mrs. Hulne is presenting some music to be broadcast on Facebook live. Winter sports started today with girls basketball. Boys basketball & wrestling will start next week. Continuing to work with the county health department for safety trying to keep our covid numbers low. Coop Principals and counselors are meeting to put together a master schedule to offer as many different classes as possible.

A proposal was shared with Mrs. Eide to bring our math program to 3 trimesters instead of 2. We will also look into raising our graduation requirement to include more credits of math, otherwise students could meet their 4 year math requirement by Sophomore year. Hopefully a plan will be brought to the next board meeting. ACP(Academic Career Planning) day is this Friday all day. Middle/high school students will listen to career speakers virtually.

Special Education Director- Katie Belitz - Child development days. In the past we had parents and children come in with their child to complete a screening. This year to omit having a large group, we will be holding virtually.

Action Items:

Discuss/approve - Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson, to delegate Sarah Staff for State Convention 2021. Motion carried.

Discuss/approve - Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the 1st reading of the policy updates to the following policies:

Review by the school board:

po1260 Incapacity of a district administrator, po2260.02 English Language Proficiency, po2266 Special Update - Title IX Regulations, po2460 Exceptional Education Needs, po2700.01 School Performance and Accountability Reports, po3120.04 Employment of Substitutes, po3122.01 Drug-Free Workplace, po3131 Reduction in Staff, po3215 Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff, po3230 Conflict of Interest, po3231 Outside Activities of Staff, po3362.01 Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members, po4122.01 Drug-Free Workplace, po4130 Assignment and Transfer, po4131 Reduction in Staff, po4215 Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff, po4230 Conflict of Interest, po4231 Outside Activities of Staff, po4362.01 Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members, po5111 Eligibility of Resident - Nonresident Students, po5200 Attendance, po5460 Graduation Requirements, po5512 Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students, po5630.01 Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint with Students, po6145 Borrowing - Do not need to have this one, po6147 Debt Management, po7230 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests, po7434 Use of Tobacco on School Premises, po7440.03 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems, po8390 Animals on District Property po8395 Student Mental Health Services, po8410 Crisis Intervention, po8900 Fraud.

Technical Review by the board:

po226.01 Prohibition against discrimination based on disability, po2131.01 Reading Instruction Goals and Kindergarten Assessment, po2271.01 Start College Now, po3120 Criminal History Record Check, po3120.01 Job Descriptions, po3531 Unauthorized Work Stoppage, po4120.01 Job Descriptions, po4161 Unrequested Leave of Absence Fitness for Duty, po4210 Support Staff Ethics, po5451.02 Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarships, po7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, po7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve maternity leave for Ms. Cable. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve coop and special education van drivers - Tom Lydon, Clif Thompson, David Mattison, Dean Dale, and Rob Olson. Motion carried by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim, to approve assistant wrestling coach Austin Goergen. Motion passed by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve December 21 & 22nd as no school days. Motion passed.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve Jurowski General Contractor Contract. Motion passed by roll call vote. 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss, support staff contracts, administrative review, staffing needs for 2020-2021. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to move to open session.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve that sick leave will not impact our staff due to COVID-19 quarantine or COVID-19 illness if it is directly related to contracting the virus or contact tracing working at school. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by David T., second by Michele S., to approve the 2020-2022 support staff contracts.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Thompson, Clerk