

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, S. Staff, D. Thompson, and T. Tenneson. Board member absent: K. Lien. Also present: J. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Aaron and Gwen Kidd, Kari Lejcher, Diane Martin, Darrel and Cathy Nelson, Linda Nereng, Fred Nehring, and Lee Henschel.

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

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular and closed meetings and October 9, 2017 special and closed meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve bills for the month of September. September bills include payroll advice of deposits #27975-28152, payroll checks #58139-58148, money wires #257, #500-501, #3348-3349, expense checks #15370, #58573-58721, employee-paid HSA contributions of \$1,640.00, and employer-paid HSA contributions of \$76,583.34. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by S. Staff to approve the September financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Reports:

Superintendent by Jeff Eide: Concrete for softball field is complete. Dana Eide, along with a couple of teachers, is attending a Robotics meeting at Ashley Furniture tonight that will include a tour of their Automation Shop. Ashley Furniture is sponsoring their first Robotics team for grades 7-12 students.

Elementary Principal by Lynn Halverson: Since more activities such as volleyball nets, hopscotch, and gaga pits have been added to the playground, students' behaviors on the playground have improved. He shared a video clip of students playing in the gaga pits, which have been a huge success. Special thanks to Aaron Kidd for helping build the gaga pits.

Student Council by Megan Kohel: Have been holding their meetings online and students seem to like it. Plans are ongoing for the middle school Halloween Dance, which will be held on Friday, October 27th and the Veteran's Day Program that will take place on Friday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Pupil Services by Katie Belitz: Diane Martin, new middle/high school Special Education teacher, was introduced. She is excited to be here connecting with students and is working with a very supportive staff. On October 19th 24 staff members participated in a mental health in-service learning how to identify students' needs, look for warning signs, and then be able to offer them first aid and help.

Middle/High School Principal by Katie Belitz: Hilary Walters, school counselor, coordinated Higher Education Day on Friday, October 13th for all grades 7-11 students. Each grade of students toured several two and four-year colleges in Wisconsin and/or Minnesota. Several positive comments from students about their day were shared. Seniors had the option to go on individual college visits, go on job shadows, or stay at school to work on scholarship and financial aid applications.

Action Items:

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve consortium van trips – shorter trips to Husmoen's and/or Whitehall @ \$15.00 per trip and longer trips to Arcadia @ \$20.00 per trip. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by S. Staff to approve \$50.00 per Special Education van trip to the south side of La Crosse. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve extra-curricular contract for Sarah Davis, High Quiz Bowl coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve three-year snow removal bid from Hegg Contractors, Inc. Hourly rates for equipment and operator for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 years are: pickup with plow = 85.00, 87.00, 90.00; loader with blade and broom or with bucket = 150.00, 155.00, 160.00; salt and sand mix per ton = 45.00, 46.00, 47.00; salt mix per ton = 78.00, 79.00, 80.00. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by S. Staff with second by F. Aleckson to approve teaching contract for Diane Martin, Special Education teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve extra-curricular contract for Teah Waldera, Freshmen (C-Team) volleyball coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk