

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLAIR-TAYLOR ANNUAL MEETING

October 21, 2019

United Campus Board Room

President Troy Tenneson called the Budget Hearing of the Blair-Taylor School District to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Troy Tenneson, Perry Kujak, Michele Steien, David Thompson, Sarah Staff, Jeff Stalheim, Blaine Koxlien. Also present Jeff Eide, Lynn Halverson, Dana Eide, Katie Belitz, Al Robertson, Brenda Olson, Mary Ann Hullett, Gwen Kidd, Kari Lejcher.

Superintendent Jeff Eide presented the 2019-20 budget explaining details of the proposed revenues and expenses for all funds and functions, certified tax values and the projected tax levy. Expenses increased causing our Fund balance to decrease slightly. Deficit spending is projected for the 2019-2020 due to a new roof needed on the C-wing and half of the elementary gym. Due to an early payroll in August, the district will need to apply for a short-term borrowing. The short-term borrowing will be paid off immediately. The end of June cash flow will go back to normal.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by J. Stalheim to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Troy Tenneson call the Annual Meeting of the Blair-Taylor School District to order. Motion by Brenda Olson, seconded by Gwen Kidd to nominate Troy Tenneson to chair the meeting. Motion by Brenda Olson, seconded by Mary Ann Hulett to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Troy Tenneson. Motion carried.

Motion by Al Robertson, seconded by Gwen Kidd to approve the 2018 annual meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Superintendent Jeff Eiede reported the 2018-19 audit has been completed, but the audit report books have not been received yet.

Motion by Brenda Olson, seconded by D. Thompson to approve the general fund tax levy of \$3,038,486.00 and debt service tax levy of \$1,233,400.00 for a total district levy of \$4,261,886.00. Motion passed.

Motion by Mary Ann Hulett, seconded by Gwen Kidd to approve short-term borrowing to maximum of \$500,000, if needed. Motion passed with one opposed.

**Building Goals:**

Elementary School Improvement goals. – Lynn Halverson, Principal. Reading goals need some improvement, currently falling under the state average. Math currently above state average. We exceeded our goal by 7.2%. Hoping to apply the changes made in math to improve reading. Currently, we have a math coach that comes in once a month to assist in math improvements. School discipline goals are improving, but have still fell just slightly short of the goal, yet trending in right direction.

Middle/High School goals. – Dana Eide – Principal. Data for the high school hard show and to compare due to each level having different required testing, and results are not in a common format. State report card presented. Student achievement results over the past four years were reviewed. Goal for 2019-20 is to receive a growth score in language arts and math that is above the state average by having the percentage of students who are proficient and advanced at or above the state average. The district foal of increasing the use of high impact practices will positively impact this growth.

District Goals – Jeff Eide. School improvement team goal to increase effective collaboration and sense of community to improve school culture to have a high positive impact. 2019-20 continue to focus collaboration with consortium, specifically within the career tech areas. PLC institute training for staff, improving building safety and security, and expand business relationships, move from half day 4K to full day 4K., supporting special needs students with a life-skills area, and improve overall academic scores.

Motion by Al Robertson seconded by Brenda Olson that salaries for School Board members is \$2,000. With the addition of \$40.00 for special meetings, \$80.00 for full day, \$40.00 half day and \$200/year for committee meetings. Motion passed.

Motion by Gwen Kidd, seconded by David Thompson to authorize the purchase of textbooks and software for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion by Brenda Olson, seconded by Sarah Staff to designate the Union Bank of Blair, Jackson County Bank (Taylor Branch) and Local Government Investment Pool as the district depositories for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mary Ann Hulett, seconded by Gwen Kidd to designate the school newsletter, school website and Facebook, WWIS and WHTL radio stations, and School Messenger as official news sources for the 2019-20 school year. All required legal notices will be sent to both Trempealeau County Times and the Banner Journal. Motion passed.

Motion by Jeff Stalheim, seconded by David Thompson to authorize the board to establish and set the date and time for the 2019 Budget and Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

Motion by Gwen Kidd, seconded by Brenda Olson to adjourn the annual meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thompson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

David Thompson, Clerk.