

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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, Bill Hinman, Breanna Janzen, Guy Leavitt, Lee Henschel, and Colton Thies.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve the open and closed minutes for the September regular meeting and September bills. Bills for September include payroll checks #57930-57935, payroll advice of deposits #23208-23369, money wires #88, #233, #450-451, #3300-3301, expense checks #15220-15226, #55652-55811, and #500269. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Student Council Report by Breanna Janzen: Selection of new council members is finished. Upcoming events include Middle School Halloween Dance on October 30th and K-12 Veteran's Day Program on November 11th.

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

D. Eide introduced Bill Hinman, Grades 7-12 Spanish teacher.

J. Eide's Report: 13 people (including two parents) have expressed interest in Hilary and Isaac Walter's trip. Board members interested in attending the annual WASB Convention in Milwaukee on January 19-22 should contact the district office. Superintendents from Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Independence, and Whitehall recently met to discuss possible educational opportunities, educational resources, and educational services by working together amongst the four school districts. Would like to have two Board members from each district attend a meeting in Arcadia on November 9th at 7:00 p.m. A local family gifted over \$10,000 to the school through their foundation with a request that the money be used for curricular needs.

L. Halverson's Report: Is feeling more comfortable each day in his role as Elementary Principal. Blair-Taylor staff and students have been great to work with. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the evenings of Thursday, October 29th, and Tuesday, November 3rd. First publication of "Blair-Taylor Elementary Highlights" was sent to parents and will be sent twice per month. It will highlight recent and upcoming activities (via print and pictures) and hopefully keep parents informed of what's happening at the elementary school.

D. Eide's Report: PBIS work continues. School counselors and SADD students coordinated Red Ribbon Week activities for this week. On Tuesday everyone will wear red (for respect), have an entire group picture taken, then SADD students will teach all other students a special dance. Recent Reading Buddies activity in which older and younger students partnered to read was very successful. Students are looking forward to next time. Minutes of Wildcat Way community meeting were shared. Their next meeting will be held on November 17th. National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is taking place tonight.

Discussion Items:

The number of riders on the after-school activity bus to Taylor was low at the end of the 2014-15 school year, but has been higher at the start of this school year. Will continue to monitor the number of riders on the after-school activity bus, which costs \$35.00/day plus fuel. Question was asked if a school van could be used for this route.

Action Items:

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve extra-curricular contract for Jared Peterson, National Honor Society advisor. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by J. Stalheim, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve transportation contracts for Tom Lydon and Clifton Thompson at a rate of \$15.00/trip for one student and \$20.00/trip for more than one student. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by P. Kujak to accept Allan Lien's resignation as Head Track and Head Cross-Country coach. Motion carried. Board members expressed their appreciation to Allan for his many years of dedicated service to Blair-Taylor athletics. One student, Chance Johnson, will be competing at the state cross-country meet in Wisconsin Rapids on October 31st.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by J. Stalheim to approve extra-curricular contracts for Kristi Smith, Elementary Robotics advisor and Andy Nehring, Assistant Robotics advisor. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by F. Aleckson to accept Winona Controls' bid of \$42,000 to update the school's heating and air conditioning system. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by K. Lien to approve the memorandum of understanding with Peace of Mind Counseling. Motion carried unanimously. Peace of Mind Counseling will offer professional counseling for Blair-Taylor individuals and families one day per week at no cost to the school district. MOU with them can be terminated at any time by written notice.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by T. Tenneson to move to closed session at 6:10 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss athletic compensation/concern. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Budget hearing and annual meeting continued from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Special Board of Education meeting was called to order by President D. Smikrud at 7:30 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, Colton Thies, and Lee Henschel.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by P. Kujak to approve 2015-16 Fund 10 budget expenditures of \$7,159,643 including functions 100000, 200000, and 400000. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by J. Stalheim, seconded by T. Tenneson to approve proposed 2015-16 General Fund 10 tax levy of \$2,460,580 and Debt Service Fund 39 tax levy of \$1,105,787 for a total tax levy of \$3,566,367. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by P. Kujak to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk