

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

President T. Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: S. Staff, F. Aleckson, D. Thompson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, T. Tenneson, and M. Steien. Also present J. Eide, L. Halverson, D. Eide, K. Belitz, H. Meyer, L. Perry, G. Breidenbach, B. Dokkestuel, L. Hensel.

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

Motion by S: Staff, second by D. Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Public comments.

Lisa Perry addressed the Board as a parent of a special forces service member. L. Perry requested that a flag be present at every Board meeting, and the Pledge of Allegiance be read aloud at every meeting to show support for our country and the proud men and women that serve. The pledge is incorporated in the classrooms, recited every morning at start of school day. S. Staff thanked L. Perry and supported the request.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to approve September 2018 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by F. Aleckson, with second by M. Steien to approve bills for the month of September 2018. September bills include payroll advice of deposits #30405-305577, payroll checks #58254-58267, expense checks #60085-60211, #268-269, #526-527, #3372-3373, employer paid HSA contributions of \$72,333.34 and employee paid HSA contributions of \$1,385. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson to approve September 2018 financial statement. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

New Teacher Introductions:

Greg Breidenbach, new M.S. Social Studies teacher . Greg is very excited to be here and feels his position has been a good fit. Greg currently lives in the Eleva-Strum district after moving back to the Midwest from Denver.

Heidi Meyer, new Mental Health Coordinator, a shared grant funded position with two other districts. Heidi is from Winona.

Reports:

Jeff Eide-Superintendent report. Second safety grant was awarded to BTSD, with primary focus of improving the building locking system. Funds will be used to re-key the entire building, including classrooms. Boiler system for 1999 building is due for replacement. Cost estimated to be \$184,000. Staged replacement planned. Remove one boiler, replaced with two in same space, leaving one boiler operational during the process. Large potential savings in energy consumption, repairs and rebates. More information to follow at future meeting. WASB School Board Convention will be attended by S. Staff and J. Eide. Next consortium meeting date is Nov. 12, 2018. Mobile Skills Lab will move to BTSD on Nov. 6, 2018. Tours will be available for those interested.

Lynn Halverson-Elementary Principal report. Balanced calendar is being reviewed. Earliest date it could be implemented is 2020-2021 school year. No recommendation yet. Continue work/planning with consortium group on coordinated school schedules.

Dana Eide-High School Principal report: Character Strong - program curriculum being used this year provided by a philanthropic group out of La Crosse. Program includes collaborative training with our consortium group during staff in-service. Student grade goal of 90% celebration will happen Oct 23. Grade goal is an effort to encourage students helping students.

Katie Belitz-School Psychologist report: Updated on ALICE Drill. Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate. Purpose of ALICE is to be prepared in the event of an incident. S. Staff inquired how students and staff are informed about ALICE training. Big Cats, Little Cats will be starting again.

Motion by D. Thompson, second by M. Steien to approve the food service contract for Marie Nyen. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, second by S. Staff to approve Cierra Rose as the Odessey of the Mind Coordinator. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson, second by D. Thompson to approve Baleigh Kehe as the M.S. Forensics Coach. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, second by S. Staff to approve resignation of H.S. English Teacher, Troy Tiedens. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson, second by M. Steien to approve the hiring of Heidi Meyer, Mental Health Coordinator. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk