

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014 – 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, and T. Tenneson. Absent: R. Arneson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, M. Thomley, Chris Stalheim, Karla Hulne, Colin Stiemke, Ben Johnson, Dave Lemke, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve minutes of the October regular meeting and October 28th special meeting. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by K. Lien to approve October bills, which include payroll checks #57840-57856, payroll advice of deposits #20892-21106, money wires #82-83, #222, #428-429, #3278-3279, expense checks #15136-15145, computer expense checks #54443-54570 and #500200-500218. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve the October Financial Statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

No Student Council report.

C. Stalheim's Technology Report: New two-way rooms are operational. Have moved into two rooms with one left. Took two students to CESA #10 for training on broadcasting basketball and wrestling events over the internet. This may also include a morning news channel. May be able to do live broadcast of the Dedication. New library and technology position is working well.

Ben Johnson's Building Plan Update: Gymnasium is complete. Last area to be completed is the auditorium, which is in the finishing stages. Rest of the building is occupied. Buzzers at three office entrances will be installed by Dec. 1st. The number of toilets in the elementary boy's bathroom was questioned with response that according to a code analysis the number of fixtures for the entire building exceeds code.

Jeff Eide's Report: United Campus Dedication will be on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2:00 p.m. Hopefully Chris Danou will be speaking. New tractor is here and being used for snow removal. Sim Sound and Video will be installing the auditorium projection box in the next couple of weeks. Thank you card was received from Trempealeau County Retired Educators Association honoring educators during this week's American Education Week.

M. Thomley's Report: Veteran's Day Program held on Nov. 12th went very well. The Student Council and Music Dept. did an excellent job on this! One 5th and 6th grade Lego Robotics team will advance to state competition on Dec. 6th or 13th. Most team participants and parents plan to attend. Students are having fun in the snow with the new sleds. Grade 4 WKCE testing is finished. Reading Night will take place on Nov. 20th – the 19th year for this event. Movie Night will be held on Nov. 21st.

D. Eide's Report: School counselors, SADD, and Student Council members coordinated many excellent activities for K-12 students in observance of Red Ribbon Week including speakers, dress-up days, dance party, and a big red ribbon of all students in the gym. WKCE testing for 8th and 10th graders is finished. Winter sports are practicing. About 80 entries were submitted for the United Campus shirt design, and one will be selected by the student body.

Music teachers Karla Hulne (instrumental) and Colin Stiemke (vocal) spoke about their musical events. Dairyland Honors Band was held on Nov. 8th. The best musicians from the conference schools participated in this event. Upcoming events: Handbells at La Crosse Center on Nov. 21st, Handbells at Rotary Lights on Dec. 1st, Dedication on Dec. 7th performing commissioned piece for the first time, Community Band playing at Dedication on Dec. 7th, 5-8 and 9-12 Christmas Concerts on Dec. 8th, Handbells Concert on Dec. 10th hosting Black River Falls Handbells plus many church performances during the holiday season. Seven Choir students participated in Dairyland Honors Choir. The small, but talented Choir has grown from 13 to 20 students. Will have a combined 7-12 Choir for the Dedication. Elementary Christmas Concert, "Bring on the Snow" will be held on Dec. 12th with 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. performances. Would like to start a vocal jazz group. Teachers commented that their new classroom area was amazing!

Discussion Items:

D. Smikrud, K. Lien, and F. Aleckson plan to attend 2015 WASB Convention.

Dave Lemke, President of the Wildcat Semi-Pro Football team, talked about possibly using the Blair-Taylor facilities for winter practices and five football games. Team has been a part of the WI State Football League since 2003. They played in Black River Falls, but are looking to move due to financial constraints. They would pay the school district \$5,000 for the season, which is negotiable. Payments would be made in February, April, and July. Players sign a player code of conduct and sign off on any liability issue. Liability insurance is provided through American Football Association. Practice for the season begins in February – one time per week with five home games and five away games played on Saturdays throughout the season. Question was asked who would be liable if any damages were done to gym, locker room, etc.

Board committee (R. Ameson, P. Kujak, K. Lien) will meet with Support Staff Negotiations Team on November 19th at 4:45 p.m.

Cost for installing the illuminated Wildcat logo on the building front is approximately \$13,000. If approved tonight, logo will be installed by Dec. 6th. If logo is installed at a later date, there will be an additional special trip charge.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by P. Kujak to appoint Fern Aleckson as the delegate for the 2015 Convention and David Smikrud as the alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by K. Lien to approve the installation of the Wildcat logo on the front of the school building. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to move into closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss non-curricular personnel issues at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Fern Aleckson, Clerk