

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Jeff Stalheim, and T. Tenneson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Mac Bowen, Isaac Walters, Carlene Wolter, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Jeff Stalheim, new At-Large Board member, read the Oath of Office.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by P. Kujak to approve the open and closed minutes for the August regular meeting, September 21 special meeting, and August bills. Bills for August include payroll checks #57928-57929, payroll advice of deposits #23120-23207, money wires #232, #448-449, #3298-3299, expense checks #15213-15219, #55569-55651, and #500266-500268. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve the August financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Student Council Report by C. Wolter: Ten students applied to serve on the Student Council and new members should be selected by October 6th. Looking to change the constitution. Plans are underway for a middle school dance on October 30th instead of a haunted hallway and the Veteran's Day Program on November 11th.

J. Eide's Report: Shared a thank-you note from Kim Stephenson, who plans to return to work on October 12th. WASB Fall Regional meeting will be held at C-F.C. on October 21st – let Mr. Eide know by the end of this week if interested in attending. Support Staff Negotiations Committee (K. Lien, P. Kujak, J. Stalheim) will meet on October 1st at 6:00 p.m. and Transportation Committee (K. Lien, P. Kujak, D. Smikrud) will meet at 7:00 p.m. Policy Committee (F. Aleckson, K. Lien, J. Stalheim) will start meeting soon, as many policies need attention.

CESA #4 Report by D. Smikrud: Board of Control monthly meeting will be held at Blair-Taylor United Campus on October 7th.

L. Halverson's Report: PBIS initiative continues as we're working on a new focus each week and teaching students the right way to behave and what is expected of them. Grade-band teams will start on September 29th during a one-half hour block within the school day. First building leadership meeting was held today after school. Purpose of leadership team is to assess where we're at, set goals for what we want to do with curriculum and PBIS, and address bussing issues. Leadership Team will meet monthly for 45 minutes.

D. Eide's Report: Mac Bowen, 7-12 Tech. Ed. Teacher, was introduced. Per an approved grant written by Chris Stalheim, middle school students will now have the opportunity to participate in Robotics. Army representative will be bringing one of their large trucks to school for students to examine. Third meeting was recently held with community members about the Wildcat Way. Discussed the importance of incorporating what employability skills students need, classroom procedures stressing that the bell is for teachers and students are dismissed by the teacher, and what students find valuable in school. Copies of minutes will be mailed to Board members. Next meeting will be held on October 20th at 6:30 p.m. Gathering ideas for the community Hall of Fame. This is Homecoming Week with several student-driven activities taking place each day. Bonfire will be held on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Friday's parade for Grades K-12 will start at 12:30 p.m. followed by pep rally, then other activities for

high school students. Football team is sponsoring a tailgate supper before Friday night's game. Dance will be held on Saturday night with grand march at 8:30 p.m. Volleyball team's "Dig Pink" event will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. K. Lien asked about the progress of the wildlife exhibit with response that Wava Jacobchick is trying to work on the drywall.

Discussion Items:

Isaac and Hilary Walters would like to create an educational school trip for students to Rome and Greece through Education First Tours, which has been sponsoring trips for 50 years. A nine-day trip would cost \$3,700 plus \$600 more if a cruise and additional sights were added. Students could earn about ¼ of the cost through fundraisers and other resources are available, but students will have to pay some of the cost. Would need to have at least six students to make the trip, but ten or more students is preferred. Trip would be taken during the summer opposite the year of the Spanish Club trip.

Jeff Eide presented the 2015-16 preliminary budget giving explanations for increases and decreases of the various expenditure and revenue accounts. Proposed expenditures show an increase of \$165,000 from the 2014-15 actual expenditures and a decrease from last year's proposed budget. Proposed revenues show an increase of \$130,000 from the 2014-15 actual revenues. Preliminary budget projects deficit spending of \$59,000. Open enrollment expenditures have decreased and open enrollment revenues have increased. For the first time since open enrollment began Blair-Taylor School District has more students coming into the district under open enrollment than going out.

Jeff Eide would like to purchase one unit of a four-camera system for the school buses to see how it works. Safety Track sells this basic 4-channel unit, which is less expensive than cameras previously considered.

Action Items:

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve the 2015-16 preliminary budget and Fund 10 expenditures of \$7,140,637. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by J. Stalheim to approve contract for Bradley Becker, Food Service dishwasher. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve Western Dairyland contracts for Headstart transportation (\$700/month), rent (\$300/month), and student/adult breakfasts and lunches. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by D. Smikrud to table approval of Winona Controls DDC (Direct Digital Control) upgrade for HVAC system until we receive numbers for potential energy savings with this new system. Motion carried.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by J. Stalheim to approve the purchase of one school bus video camera system unit. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve contract for Cynthia Schein, Library Media Director, to work one day per week for 36 weeks. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by K. Lien to approve contract for Kristine McNamer, Library Media Assistant, to work four hours per day. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by F. Aleckson to move to closed session at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) to discuss compensation model information, vehicle storage, and spring coaching contracts. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Meeting reconvened to open session.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by K. Lien to approve the following extra-curricular coaching contracts: Allan Lien-Head Track, Bradley Becker-Assistant Track, Alexandra Lisowski-Assistant Track, Benjamin Anderson-Assistant Track, Gregory Bratina-Head Softball, Kimberly Nehring-Assistant Softball, Joshua Peterson-Head Baseball, Michael Soto-Assistant Baseball, and Jennifer Lien-Middle School Track. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Smikrud announced that bids for the vehicle storage shed will be accepted until Monday, February 1, 2016.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by K. Lien to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk