

**BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH - 5:30 P.M.**

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Sarah Staff, Michele Steien, Troy Tenneson, and David Thompson. Absent: Blaine Koxlien, Perry Kujak and Neil Kniseley. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Becky Brouillet, Lori Lisowski, Gwen Kidd and Andrew Dannehy. Meeting also on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Mission statement - "To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens" read aloud.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

With no Public comment we will move forward.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson, to approve December 2023 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve bills for the month of December 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by S. Staff, to approve the December 2023 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0.

**Admin Reports:**

Superintendent: Lynn Halverson - During the December board meeting Mr. Halverson discussed needing the services of CESA 10 to remove chemicals in the Chemistry room storage. This expense was verified with DPI and ESSER funds can be used. Beginning in July, 2023 the district went to a self funded dental insurance program. When approved we anticipated a \$10 - \$13,000 cost savings. So far, we are on track and are at \$5,548.00. Mr. Halverson gave an update on Artificial intelligence and how that will change education in the future. One thing the coop did talk about is the scheduling process with set time schedules. Maybe in the 25-26 school year we can increase flexibility with class schedules.

District Principal, Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski updated the board that Wednesday is the big day for the coop while discussing scheduling and meeting the students' needs for the next school year. Then we will start setting next year class schedules beginning with this year's Juniors and working our way down. Second trimester parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 5th. Since we came back after Christmas break our middle school is busy with girls basketball and wrestling seasons beginning.

District Assistant Principal, Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen reported it's been a nice transition for the elementary coming back from break with each week being a 4 day week with a snow day & teacher inservice. Report cards will be coming home soon as we are mid way

through the year. We have scheduled a staff Conscious Discipline training during inservice this Friday. Kindergarten has a parent event at the end of the month. Child development days February 1st and 2nd.

Special Ed Director, Becky Brouillet - Today is the day Ms. Brouillet made the statement of assurance with DPI we are on the 5 year self assessment cycle. That we made all the changes to IEPs they had checked. They will be doing a compliance check on further IEPs through April 15th.

**Discussion Item:**

Mr. Halverson presented an updated Pape Bus Service Contract proposal that would take effect on August 1, 2024. Over the next three years, on average, the district would be paying about \$37,000.00 more per year. Similar proposals were presented to neighboring districts. Mr. Halverson stated we are very pleased with the service that Pape Bus Service provides and would like to support the approval of this proposal. If the board supports these increases, an updated contract will be brought to the February board meeting for approval.

**Action Items:**

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by T. Tenneson, to approve Daily Structure 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve District Calendar 2024-25. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve - Unreconciled Check History Transfer to Fund 10. Motion carried by roll call vote, 4-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve capping the Open Enrollment for special education students during the 2024-25 school year. However, not capping regular education open enrollment students. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve a contract with Jared Bechel for Athletic Trainer services. Motion carried by roll call vote, 4-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the consent agenda items being head football coach resignation of Andy Nehring, contract for Sharon Seifert as a Nutrition Services cook, and a contract for Haleigh Klopp as an Assistant childcare teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote, 4-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss staffing 2024-25, school nurse contract, district administrator evaluation and administrative position evaluations. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk