

BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd - 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, Blaine Koxlien, Troy Tenneson, Michele Steien, David Thompson, Neil Kniseley, and Perry Kujak.. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Dessa Mathews, and Andrew Dennehy. 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 on.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve September 2023 regular, closed and 10/16/23 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve bills for the month of September 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff, to approve the September 2023 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Admin Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson informed the board it was unanimously approved by both the Dairyland Conference and Cloverbelt Conference to allow Osseo Fairchild to join the Dairyland conference beginning next school year for all sports except football. We have entered into an agreement with Black River Falls for swimming as we have in the past. This year we also entered a coop with La Crescent High School for hockey. It was previously with Winona Cotter.

4k-12 Principal - Beth Lisowski - In the middle/high school side, we have a lot of activities taking place. Parent teacher conferences will be held tomorrow October 24th, a choir concert tonight, and band concert next week. We are also beginning to look at what next year's high school schedule will look like.

4k-12 Assistant Principal - Jared McCutchen - In the elementary we had parent-teacher conferences last week Thursday night & Friday morning. We had many parents attend. This week we are celebrating red ribbon week. Red Ribbon Week highlights the importance of living a drug free life. During this time the elementary will participate in dress up days. Tuesday will be our Halloween parade. Parents/spectators are welcome to watch. Family reading night on November 16th. Currently, we are finishing up our math units. Teachers have been using star data to derive our lesson plans. Going very well for the elementary.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Student Travel Opportunity. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve Track Maintenance with Fischer Tracks Inc. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Compensation for 2023-24. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Winter Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Contracts. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to adjourn for the evening. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Thompson", with a long, sweeping underline.

David Thompson, Clerk