

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011 – 5:00 P.M.

Regular Board of Education meeting called to order by President D. Smikrud. Board members present: F. Aleckson, R. Arneson, J. Clark, B. Koxlien, K. Lien, D. Smikrud. Absent: T. Tenneson. Also present: D. Dervetski, C. Biedron, D. Eide, J. Eide, Laurie Marsh, Keegan Eide, Brandi Tum mire, Lisa Tum mire, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by J. Clark, seconded by K. Lien to approve September regular/closed minutes and September bills. Bills for September include payroll checks #57523- 57529, advice of deposits #13118-13292, money wires #63-65, #185, #354-355, #3204-#3205, Flex expense checks #1756-1761, hand payable expense checks #4981-4982, and computer expense checks #49973-50101. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by J. Clark to approve the September Financial Statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Student Council Report by Keegan Eide: Five council members participated in a leadership workshop at Arcadia on October 21st. Workshop was a great learning opportunity for all who attended. Haunted hallway will be set up in the elementary school on October 31st. Veteran's Day Program - November 11th at 9:00 a.m. Penny wars are being discussed.

D. Devetski's Report: Congratulations to Dr. Biedron for being selected to serve on the State Superintendent's Advisory Council for Charter Schools for another three-year term! Congratulations to Coach Eide, all football coaches, and football team on their perfect record and conference championship! Congratulations to Coaches Al Lien and Jenny Pickett, boy's cross-country team, and Mariama Dryak for earning another trip to state cross-country! They will compete on October 29th in Wisconsin Rapids. F. Aleckson, J. Clark, and Mr. D. attended the WASB fall regional meeting on October 13th. Main topic was legislative advocacy. TCI gave community facility presentations in Taylor on October 10th and Blair on October 17th. Next step will be to meet with Property Committee (J. Clark, K. Lien, D. Smikrud). Administration is currently working on the new teacher handbook. Board committee (F. Aleckson, K. Lien, D. Smikrud) will meet with administration on November 29th. Teachers will also be included in the process – two from elementary, one from middle school, and two from high school. Support staff handbook will be separate with work beginning after January 1st. Senate Bill 93 new concealed carry weapon law becomes effective on November 1st. Should signs be posted at the main entrances or all entrances of both buildings? No weapons within 1000 feet of school buildings still apply. Mr. D. will attend "Learning Lessons from Tragedy" at CESA #4 on November 11th. Meeting is about tragic Chippewa Falls bus accident.

C. Biedron's Report: Changes to improve safety issues at elementary school include chain across north parking lot that only comes down when buses are loading or unloading, sign along Main Street in front of building for limited parking, articles in Blair Press and Trempealeau County Times. Hopefully these changes will result in improved safety for all our students. State WKCE testing window opened today. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 will be tested during the next few weeks. P-T Conferences are set for October 25th and 27th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Book Fair is also taking place this week.

J. Eide's Report: Congratulations to cross-country coaches, boy's team, and Mariama Dryak for making it to state! Pep rally will be held on Thursday. Football will play Level 2 football game on October 29th against Bangor at home. Voice mail reminder about P-T Conferences will be sent via School Messenger. Guidelines for athletes to participate in dual sports were presented.

D. Eide's Report: Hilary Walters, Britny Gabert, and D. Eide recently visited the world-famous school in Illinois - Lincolnshire. Professional Learning Communities originated at this school of 4,200 students and 300 staff. Presentations from teachers and staff emphasize the fact that they take no personal credit for their successful programs and students, but it is a shared responsibility. Communication is well planned out, even the uncomfortable conversations, but they are very goal orientated. We're moving in the same direction with student learning and growth as the most important thing.

Motion by J. Clark, seconded by K. Lien to post "no weapons or firearms" signs on main entrance doors of both buildings, then check into posting signs in parking lots. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by J. Clark to approve Brandi Turnmire's request for early graduation. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by D. Smikrud to approve Billie Jo Koxlien's leave request for January 6-13, 2012. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by R. Arneson to approve extra-curricular contract for Kathryn Bentz, Lettermen's Club Advisor. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve extra-curricular contracts for Chris Fremstad and Christopher Hulne, shared National Honor Society advisors. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by R. Arneson to approve extra-curricular contracts for following Odyssey of the Mind coaches: Dennis Sampson-4th Grade, Adam Tulkki-5th Grade, Heather Johnson-6th Grade, Dana Nelson-Middle School, and Pastor Liz Albertson-High School. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by J. Clark to approve the five-year Pupil Nondiscrimination Self Evaluation report. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by K. Lien to accept the Rural and Low-Income School Program Grant Title VI-B(2). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. This \$14,017 federal grant will be used for technology at both buildings.

Motion by R. Arneson to appoint J. Clark as the first WASB legislative representative/contact, D. Smikrud the second contact, and K. Lien the third contact. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by J. Clark, seconded by R. Arneson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk