

**BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH - 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, Neil Kniseley, Perry Kujak, Blaine Koxlien, and David Thompson. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Becky Brouillet, 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 N. Kniseley, 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 November 2023 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with second by S. Staff, to approve bills for the month of November 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve the November 2023 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

**Admin Reports:**

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson stated last year we approved step 1 of a new compensation model. Step 2 is to meet with teachers to gather ideas for the language of how they can advance salary steps. A compensation committee has been started of 3 elementary and 3 middle/high with various years of experience. Even though there are 6 people on the committee, everyone can have a voice and leave pros/cons for the committee to review. Mr. Halverson also updated the board about our chemistry room chemical clean-up. He is working with CESA 10 to see how much this will cost and will bring it to the board at the next meeting.

4k-12 Principal-Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski updated the board and our Access testing has been completed for our EL students. The Middle/High school had our holiday concert last week. We are having some staff and student holiday activities the past couple weeks. The before and after school program is going very well. Our average daily attendance is about 45 per day.

4k-12 Assistant Principal - Jared McCutchen - Elementary just had our holiday concert for Kindergarten through second grade. Mrs. Gappa does a wonderful job. Holiday activities are scheduled this week for our students. We plan to have an interventionist monitor our first graders this week. We will see if we need some extra support or those receiving support no longer need it. On Jan. 19th during our inservice we are having Conscious Discipline training for our elementary and middle school staff.

Special Ed Director - Becky Brouillet - Mrs. Broillet complimented our special ed staff. We have an amazing staff working with getting out in the community and helping with the Adult Day Center and food pantry. Our early childhood is getting ready for child development days.

Discussion items:

During last month's meeting Mr. Halverson proposed the possibility of shortening the length of the school day. He sent out a survey to the staff and of the 51 responded 49 were in favor of shortening the day by 20 minutes. However, we are now looking into how we can stay in compliance with DPI and instruction hours. Possible ways would be taking two of our inservice days and making them student days and/or no longer having the early out Wednesdays. Mr. Halverson presented what a schedule might look like.

Mr. Halverson presented a school day calendar for the 24-25 school year. Speaking with the coop, they would like to continue the week long breaks between trimesters. If this calendar would be approved, all snow days would need to be made up in June. We are still in the beginning stages of planning. Mr. Halverson will share with the staff for comments and further updates will be brought up to the future meetings.

**Action Items:**

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve - Van Driver Contracts for Rob Olson, Leif Olson, and Dave Mattison. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve Shayla Kilian as our 4K Paraprofessional. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve Policy Updates - Board Consideration - Second Reading. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, 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 and student behaviors.

With no action taken place in closed session a motion by P. Kujak, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn for the evening. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk