

## BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT

### REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH - 5:30 P.M.**

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Neil Kniseley, Troy Tenneson, Michele Steien, David Thompson, Blaine Koxlien, and Perry Kujak. Absent: Sarah Staff. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Becky Brouillet, Bruce Johnson & Gwen Kidd and Lori Lisowski. 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 D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A public comment was made by Bruce Johnson that he is in favor of the Summa Cum Laude points system, but was wondering if there is a way to separate who is Valedictorian/Salutatorian? Those that have higher points should be recognised as such. Also, as Junior class leaders (higher GPA) used to be in attendance of graduation. It wasn't this way last year and he would like to see it again.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak, to approve January 24 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve bills for the month of January 2024. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with second by D. Thompson, to approve the January 2024 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

#### **Admin Reports:**

District Administrator - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson mentioned to the board we are in desperate need of 2 middle school track coaches. An email was sent out by Mrs. Lisowski to staff as the season begins in a few weeks. Mr. Halverson reported we would like to look into replacing two vehicles. One being the Dodge Caravan (special ed van) and the other being the Chevy Traverse. The Traverse is being reported as having transmission slipping issues. The Special Ed van has been in for multiple repairs and is in need of an upgrade. IDEA grant funds can be used for the purchase of an updated Special Ed Van. Mr. Halverson is in the beginning discussions with Coulee Connections. This is a program like our high school alternative ed program but for our elementary & middle school students.

District Principal - Beth Lisowski - For the elementary on February 8th we celebrated National Read Aloud day by having an all school read aloud. At the end, one student from each group got to keep their book that was read. High school student council members had a sweetheart dance. Over 50 students and their family members were in attendance. Elementary parent/teacher conferences are today. On February 29th our elementary school students will be headed to Eau Claire to watch a movie.

In the middle/high school our second trimester will be ending in a couple weeks. Third trimester is to start after the spring break. We have started next year scheduling with this year's juniors then we will meet with sophomores and freshmen once we return from break. Last week was FFA week and this week is FCCLA week with a lot of activities. We are also busy with wrestling & basketball tournaments.

Special Ed Director - Becky Brouillet - We had child development days at the beginning of February. We had about 30 students ages 2.5-4 year olds register. Some high school students are helping deliver meals. We are still in our self assessment phase. We have been updating IEPs and this should be finalized by the middle of April.

**Discussion Item:**

Compensation Model Language Update - Mr. Halverson reported to the board he had 5 meetings with the compensation model language committee consisting of 6 members, 3 elementary and 3 middle/high teachers. The language is written for annual CPI increase. It can be straight across the board so everyone gets the same increase or it can be applied to each and every cell. In order to move a cell, there will be an application process. This will go to a committee for approval or it will be approved by Mr. Halverson if a committee can not be put together. This approved language update will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Action Items:**

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the Pape Bus Service Contract. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve - Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements - First Reading - Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by M. Steien, to approve - Climbing Wall Package. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve Jenny Semb School Nurse Contract. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve consent agenda items which include contract for Andrew Scheller as Head track coach, contract for Michael Lampman as assistant track coach, contract for Seth Dale as head football coach, contract for Kambrie Haas as Forensics coach, MS paraprofessional resignation of Alivia Boe, contract for MS paraprofessional Monique Cox, contract for Katelyn Schade as 24-25 Spanish teacher, and contract for Misha Shramek as dance coach. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss staff compensation 2024-25 and individual staffing 2024-25.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk