

**BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH - 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, Perry Kujak, Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, and Neil Kniseley. Absent: Michele Steien. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, and Becky Brouillet. 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 on.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by P. Kujak, to approve August 2023 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with second by S. Staff, to approve bills for the month of August 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by N. Kniseley, to approve the August 2023 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

**Reports:**

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson reported Sarah Staff will be recognised for her involvement with conventions/Meeting with WASB as level 3 on October 5th. Congratulations Sarah! With declining enrollment numbers Osseo-Fairchild would like to join the Dairyland conference. With the approval from the Dairyland Conference and Cloverbelt conference this may be fast tracked and begin as of the 24-25 school year. Mr. Halverson updated the board, the athletic trainer services ceased after the football season 22-23 school year. Currently, we acquired Jared Bechel with Pank Chiropractic each Tuesday from now until the end of December.

4k-12 Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski is looking at fundraising procedures and policies, graduation requirements, and alternative ed pathways are her main projects. Today was ACP day. Some students visited different area colleges such as UW Eau Claire, Winona, Viterbo, Western Technical College and CVTC. Some students also attended the Wisconsin Education Fair in La Crosse. It is also homecoming week. A couple changes were made where instead of taking a little time each day for decorating and playing games, Thursday all day will be decorating and Friday will be for games and the parade.

4k-12 Assistant Principal - Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen reported during the first couple weeks of school he has been visiting the classrooms. It is great to see routines are already being established. We have been working on conscious discipline. Conscious discipline teaches children to name their emotions and helps them regulate them and solve the problem. We had a staff meeting on Wednesday about our Second Step curriculum. Second Step is to work on our behaviors, social skills in the classroom, and mental health. We are also celebrating homecoming with dress up days. It's a great start of the year.

Special Ed Director- Becky Brouillet - Ms. Brouillet reported her main goal for this year is to help our special ed students to become as independent as possible. Many of our students attended ACP day by attending Career Development Planning Center with L.E. Phillips. Our middle school students are working on staying in their regular education classrooms to receive core instruction before being pulled out for separate instruction or different curriculum. Special ed in elementary are working on settling in on a new school routine after the summer break. Ms. Brouillet mentioned a couple teachers were impressed with a few of their returning students maintaining their skills over the break.

**Discussion Items:**

Mr. Halverson presented updated bids on the possible updates to our current track. Unfortunately, we won't know the condition of the concrete underneath the track until we pull up the poly mat. We need to budget for the worse and hope for the best. Mr. Halverson recommended the bid from Fisher Track as they are more cost effective. They would also take care of subcontracting the concrete where Pro Track would require us to find our own. If approved, Mr. Halverson would like to schedule the installation of the poly mat this coming summer once the 23-24 track season completes.

**Action Items:**

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by D. Thompson to approve a contract Speech Language Services with Axis Teletherapy. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by S. Staff to approve - Speech Language Services with Debra Hanson. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0 .

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley to approve the consent agenda items which are: contract for Mara Windjue as Middle School Volleyball Coach (7th Grade), resignation of Samantha Anderson as MS Girls basketball coach and also MS Head track coach. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

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 extra-curricular and co-curricular compensation schedules.

With no action taken place in closed session, motion by S. Staff with a second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson