

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.

President D. Smikrud called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, R. Arneson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, D. Smikrud, and T. Tenneson. Absent: K. Lien. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, M. Thomley, Chris Stalheim, Breanna Janzen, Emma Robertson, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by R. Arneson to approve the April regular/closed meeting minutes and April bills. Bills for April include payroll checks #57910-57915, payroll advice of deposits #22156-22371, money wires #87, #228, #440-441, #3290-3291, expense checks #15183-15190, #55168-55273, and #500254. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by T. Tenneson to approve the April financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Student Council Report by B. Janzen: New Student Council officers for 2015-16 school year are: President-Breanna Janzen, Vice-President-Jennifer Lambright, Secretary-Amber Lambright, and Treasurer-Whitney Saxe. Members helped Mrs. Eide with the second recognition day for high school students. 8th grade students have been selected for next year's freshmen members, but another election will take place in the fall for other vacancies.

Chris Stalheim's Technology Report: Teachers were recently surveyed asking what their skill level was for using their Mac laptops. Staff would like quick-training videos that they can refer to when needing help. Many expressed interest in taking a college technology course for credit. Teachers would like to use more technology for assessments and student homework so we'll be looking to do more new things.

J. Eide's Report: Debbie Scheffletowski from Baird Company will speak to Board members about operational referendums and specific needs to our school district. After the Joint Finance Committee's proposal is finalized, a special meeting date will be set. Chad McEver from Hi-Crush would also like to present their monies to the school district at a special meeting.

M. Thomley's Report: Very busy end-of-year time. K-6 Music Concert will be held on Friday, May 29th at 1:30 p.m. 149 students are signed up for summer school to date and applications are still being accepted. Badger testing is finished.

D. Eide's Report: Very busy, exciting end-of-year. Spring concerts (middle/high school) were beautiful. Senior Award's Night went well. Hilary Walters does an amazing job with this as over \$150,000 in scholarships was awarded to Blair-Taylor students. Five students will be participating at National FBLA in Chicago on June 29th – July 3rd. We hosted the Dairyland Conference track meet on May 14th. Special request from R. Storlie that we may have to play softball and baseball tournament games on Wednesdays if games get re-scheduled due to inclement weather. Special request from N. Laughery about hosting a wrestling camp on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon – June 12th-14th. 8th Grade Recognition – May 22nd 2:00 p.m. Graduation – May 23rd 1:00 p.m.

Discussion:

T. Tenneson will replace P. Kujak on the Long-Range Planning/Safe Facilities committee.

Detailed building plan for new storage shed and bid specs that will be given to potential bidders were reviewed. Jim Halvorson is the architect who prepared the state-approved plan. Shed will have additional storage area, but no restroom. Special Board meeting will be held to open bids.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by R. Arneson to approve the 2015-16 WIAA senior high membership. Motion passed. 2015-16 members ship fees waived by WIAA.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by R. Arneson to approve Andrea Hanson's resignation as Agriculture teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by P. Kujak to approve contract for Amber Frederixon, elementary teacher. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by T. Tenneson to move to closed session at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to consider staffing, compensation model, and extra-curricular contracts. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

The meeting was reconvened in open session.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by F. Aleckson to issue a letter of intent for 2015-16 school year to Amber Frederixon. Motion passed with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by R. Arneson to approve the following extra-curricular contracts: Randy Storlie-Athletic Director, Laurie Marsh-High Quiz Bowl, Lisa Perry-Lettermen's Club, Carlene Wolter-Student Council, Hilary Walters-SADD, Chris Fremstad-National Honor Society, Cara Hart-Spanish Club, Lisa Perry-Yearbook, Randy Storlie-Head Boys Basketball, Scott Janzen-Assistant Boys Basketball, Duane Waldera-Head Girls Basketball, Jayme Thompson-Assistant Girls Basketball, Michael Soto-M.S. Boys Basketball, Scott Pooler-M.S. Girls Basketball, Ned Laughery-Head Wrestling, Gregory Bratina-Assistant/M.S. Wrestling, Kathryn Bentz-Head Forensics, Shari Solberg-M.S. Forensics, Kathryn Bentz-Drama, Karla Hulne-Drama, Lisa Perry-FBLA, Jesse Lien-Freshmen Boys Basketball (pending numbers), Joshua Peterson-Assistant M.S. Boys Basketball (pending numbers), Chelsea Stephenson-Assistant M.S. Girls Basketball (pending numbers), and Kimberly Joten-Assistant Forensics (pending numbers). Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Contract for Jennifer Hessler-Dance Team advisor was not approved at this time.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by F. Aleckson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Fern Aleckson, Clerk