

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Board members present: Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, Blaine Koxlien, Jeff Stalheim, Michele Steien, Sarah Staff, Perry Kujak. Also present: Gwen Kidd, Scott Nelson, Katlyn Lejcher, Carlie Frei, Amy Stewart, Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, and Katie Belitz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mission statement – “To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens” read aloud.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by D. Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with second by M. Steien to approve the minutes of the September 2019 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by J. Stalheim to approve the bills for the month of September 2019. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve the financial statement for the month of September 2019. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Student Council Report. Katlyn Lejcher gave a brief report on their activities. Six new members have now been accepted. Student Council recently completed their homecoming activities and are planning a Veterans Day program for November 2019.

Superintendent Report – Jeff Eide reviewed the impact of financing chiller replacement separately, or wrapping the expense into any future referendum. Analysis, given the current interest rates, indicate including in a potential referendum would be the best course. WASB, meeting will be held Jan 22,23,24, 2020. J. Eide needs to know who plan to attend. S. Staff indicated she would be attending. Next consortium meeting will be Wed, Nov 6 at 6:00 p.m. WTC in Independence. Consortium calendar will be presented along with daily scheduling. Planning ahead to 2021, scheduling 2 days for PLC rather than 3. Also trying allow for some additional days within the schedule. Working on a joint 2020-21 calendar for the group. On preliminary draft, the last day for students would be May 28, 2021.

Principal’s Report – Lynn. Introduced new staff. Amie Stewart 5th Grade Elementary teacher, Scott Nelson, Title 1 Reading and Math Interventionist., Carlei Frei, 1st Grade Elementary teacher. Scott Nelson shared Information regarding family reading night. A book vending machine proposal was also discussed. Vending would be used as a reward basis to promote reading. No expense to district, but

need to determine how to earn a reward token to have a free book dispensed. This is primarily for K-6. P. Kujak requested an update regarding a previous roof drain issue near the elementary playground.

Principal's Report – Dana Eide. PLC Institute gave new energy to planning and exchange of ideas. Consortium working towards joint efforts for creating student opportunities by considering a trimester schedule. Benefits are longer class periods daily, creating more opportunities to take optional class offerings per year - especially for career tech courses, and ability to take more general college level courses.

Special Education Director Report – Katie Belitz, - Dynamic Learning tests – all districts need to be under 1 percent, and last year we were over by .10%. We have to report to the state reasons why our testing results did not show expected results.

Motion by J. Stalheim, second by D. Thompson to approve Dessa Karl as the High School High Quiz Bowl Coach. Motion by roll call vote passed 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by S. Staff to approve Mara Peterson as the C-Team Girls Basketball Coach. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by J. Stalheim to approve Brad Becker as Girls Middle School Basketball Coach. Motion passed 7-0 by Roll call vote.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by J. Stalheim to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by roll Call vote 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Thompson, Clerk