

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.**

Vice President Perry Kujak called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: David Thompson, Blaine Koxlien, Sarah Staff – arriving after the start of the meeting, Troy Tenneson, Jeff Stalheim. Absent, Michelle Steien. Also present: B. Dokkestuel, C. Geary, L. Nering, S. Frederickson.

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 second by D. Thompson to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed by majority.

There were no public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to approve October 2019 regular and special meeting minutes. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by J. Stalheim to approve bills for the months of October 2019. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with second by S. Staff to approve October 2019 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Student Council Report, L. Steien reported on the Veteran’s Day program recently completed. Current focus is planning the winter formal.

Jeffrey Eide – Superintendent Report. WASB Convention is Jan 22-24. Next Cooperative Board Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2019 at WTC Independence. S. Staff and D. Thompson are voting members and will be attending. Joint 2020-2021 cooperative school calendar presented. Early release will still be schedule for Wednesday’s. PLC hosted again by Blair-Taylor. Two days this year, with the dates locked in. Calendar jointly created with Coop, a trimester schedule proposed. Benefits and difficulties of the trimester scheduling discussed. A walking tour of the recognition wall and the nature case took place. Upon returning from the walking tour, J. Eide updated the Board on the Crisis, Safety and Emergency Response plan. The next ALICE Drill will be December 4, 2019. Focus this year will be lockdown.

Elementary Principal’s report – Lynn Halverson. Provided state report card scores from testing last year. Overall score is 77.5, which exceeded expectations, and increased from prior year’s score of 74.4. However, it did not include So-Set. .Math scores improving higher than reading. Have more work to do with reading improvement scores. Overall growth scores are improving in both special education and non-special education students.

Middle School/High School Principal report – Dana Eide. Presented the state report card. Overall scorecard slightly increased to score of 68.5. Noteworthy results were post-secondary readiness score was 90.5 as compared to state average of 84. Working on drilling into the data to see where improvements still needed. Difficult to use as raw data.

Cassie Geary, M.S./ H.S. History and Digital Literacy teacher presented a proposal for a student trip to Washington D.C. in 2021. Information, pricing, and fundraising options presented.

Action Items:

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by S. Staff to approve a 3-yr cleaning services contract with B-T Cleaning, with is a 1.5% increase for 2019-20, and a 3% increase for 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0

Motion by P. Kujak with second by J. Stalheim to approve short-term borrowing resolution, requiring two signatures and appointing J. Eide and D. Thompson as the authorized signatories. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve S. Staff as the delegate for the state convention. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to approve updated policy Volume #28.1, #28.2 and School Safety special update. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by S. Staff to approve Library Media Aide resignation, Mindy Hess. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve Library Media Aide contract for Stacy Armitage. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by J. Stalheim to approve maternity leave for Alex Olson. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve the Emergency and Response Plan. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, second by S. Staff to move into closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e) to discuss, policy review, administrative review, MS/HS School Counselor resignation, referendum, contractors and process.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to move back into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve MS/HS School Counselor Resignation. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted



David Thompson