

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.**

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Perry Kujak David Thompson, Blaine Koxlien, Sarah Staff, Troy Tenneson, Jeff Stalheim, Michelle Steien. Also present: Bryce Dokkestuel, Kris Smith, Gwen Kidd, Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz.

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 J. Stalheim to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed by majority.

Public Comments.

Kris Smith, 3rd grade elementary teacher voiced concerns regarding proposed 2020-2021 school calendar from the elementary grade level perspective.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by P. Kujak to approve November 2019 regular and closed Cooperative meeting minutes. Motion passed by majority.

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

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to approve November 2019 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Jeffrey Eide – Superintendent Report. Recently purchased a new Ford Transit van for \$28,000. Ashley's Angels came to the school, and was well received by those who needed the support. Received a \$100 donation by My Second Home Softball Team. Katie Bentz, high school English teacher is a member of the softball team. Money to be used for student needs. Savings from WE Energy for comparative months Sept. – Nov. 2018 over Sept. – Nov. 2019 produced an energy savings of \$2,573.00 over the three month period.

Elementary Principal's report – Lynn Halverson. Currently looking at stepping stone units to assist in working to continue improving math scores. Scores have been increasing, but are still at 53% Also looking at other programs that have been implemented in other schools and have been successful. PBIS update. Majors – which are disruptions to learning environment have a significant improvement. 287 out of 306 students had no majors. Graph showing the trend line shows the improvement to the learning environment. Winter concert was held Friday, Dec 13, 2019 and was split into two times, which seemed to work well for the second year in a row. No parking issues were reported.

Middle School/High School Principal report – Dana Eide. CESA assisting into diving deeper into assessing our school needs and the testing results for math scores, and what current resources are available and how are they being utilized. Feb 28, 2020. Going to a meeting with resource vendors and determining what program would fit best. Arcadia, Whitehall and Independence are also involved with the collaboration and hopefully supplementing with same resources. Dessa Karl – MS/HS History teacher in the new Student Council advisor and is trying to define the rules of the organization fundraising, and the criteria. New milk machine has gone over well and sold out first stock. Presented overnight field trip rules to define what is expected as a school function.

School Psychologist – Katie Belitz report. Reviewed the list of skills currently implemented at Blair-Taylor. Heidi Meyer, mental health coordinator, and K. Belitz were presenters at the Comprehensive Social Emotional Skills Plan conference.

Discussion:

2020-2021 Calendar was reviewed. Jan. and Feb. usually experience snow days. Calendars are usually approved in January for parents and staff to plan accordingly. Postponing approval for more time to review the impact of the calendar change will be problematic.

ALICE drill was held December 4, 2019. Goal was to practice lockdown barricade. Staff checked doors, windows, and hallways. Could students be seen or heard? There will be a couple of more drills yet this school year. A written assessment by Chief Deputy Harland Reinders, and Detective Dana Stoner provided some post drill recommendations. Number all classroom doors within the hallway in a manner that can be viewed as you travel down the hall. Number all exterior doors with 6" numbers inside and outside. Install speakers in the bathrooms, keep gym doors locked during the day, install ceiling tile clips, issue badges for all staff, and add visitor signs for parking lot.

Action Items:

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by S. Staff to approve the written safety assessment / intruder safety drill. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to approve Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator, Kristy Aleckson, and Danielle Gregory, Rita Wagner, and Brandy Kohel as coaches. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve Emma Steines as the M.S. Girls BB Coach.. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to approve D. Dale, C. Thompson, D. Mattison, T. Lydon and R. Olson as consortium van drivers. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by D. Thompson to approve Kristie Gill and SADD Advisor. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, second by D. Thompson to move into closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e) to discuss, administrative review. Pape bus service contract. MS/HS School Counselor position.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to move back into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to approve MS/HS School Counselor contract for Cole Van Schyndel. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thompson".

David Thompson, Clerk