

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 27th– 5:30 P.M.**

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, Michelle Steien, Blaine Koxlien, Sarah Staff, Jeff Stalheim, Perry Kujak arrived after meeting started. Also present: Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz. Meeting live-streamed 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 second by M. Steien to approve the agenda. Motion passed by majority.

Official Oath of Office was read and signed by newly re-elected school board member, Sarah Staff. Congratulations Sarah.

**Board Reorganization:**

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by S. Staff to nominate Troy Tenneson as School Board President. J. Eide moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for T. Tenneson. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with a second by D. Thompson to nominate Perry Kujak as School Board Vice-President. Nominations closed. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by M. Steien to nominate David Thompson as School Board Clerk. Nominations closed. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by T. Tenneson to nominate Sarah Staff as School Board Treasurer. Nominations closed. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by S. Staff to approve keeping committees the same for the 2020-2021 school year. Which are as follows:

- **Finance/Property/Transportation:** B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, M. Steien
- **Long-Range Planning:** S. Staff, T. Tenneson, D. Thompson
- **Teacher Negotiations:** S. Staff, B. Koxlien, T. Tenneson
- **Support Staff Negotiations:** J. Stalheim, P. Kujak, M. Steien
- **Board Policy Review:** J. Stalheim, S. Staff, D. Thompson
- **Compensation Model:** P. Kujak, S. Staff, M. Steien.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson for board meeting date and times to remain the same being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 pm, except for the months of April & October being the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by J. Stalheim to approve March, 2020 regular, closed and special meeting minutes. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of March 2020. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve March 2020 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

### **Reports:**

Superintendent Report – Jeff Eide. Covid-19 update clarifications for Governor Evers order #28 and #31. Continuing to be a part of the health insurance consortium, the health insurance premiums for 2020-21 school year increased 4.9%. If Blair-Taylor school district had its own health insurance group, our premiums would have increased approximately 30%. Our loss ratio was over 150% which we have never been that high. Rough cost estimates for potential plans for day care, classroom improvements, and baseball field were presented.

School Psychologist – Katie Belitz. Teletherapy has started with our teachers & students. Special Ed paras have started online professional development. Team is also meeting virtually each Friday for updates.

Elementary Principal Report – Lynn Halverson. Teachers have been preparing homework for students to complete for the rest of the school year. The elementary had two homework pick up dates to minimize the number of times parents had to stop. Teachers have been having google hangout meetings and sending letters to keep in touch with their students. Summer school will not take place as scheduled in June, maybe not at all.

Middle/High Principal Report – Dana Eide. Congratulations to Lauren Steien being honored as a WIAA Scholar Athlete. Congratulations to Colyn Berg becoming La Crosse Tribune's Extra Effort Award Recipient. Possible grading modifications will need to be discussed due to COVID-19. Students of the month will be announced on the school's website and Facebook page. The student's last names will be omitted. Wellness day is still planned for May 8th. At this time, prom will take place at a surprise location on a date yet to be determined.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by J. Stalheim to suspend regular board meeting to attend Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by J. Stalheim to resume regular board meeting. Motion Carried.

Middle/High Principal Report-Dana Eide continued - 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition will be held virtually on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00. Last day of school remains as May 29<sup>th</sup>. Paras are scheduled to empty and label each student's locker contents. Students will be scheduled to pick up contents and drop off computers, text books, uniforms, ect during the last week of school. Senior exit interviews and portfolio review are being scheduled. Senior awards night and Baccalaureate is planned for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm virtually.

After receiving input from the seniors, their parents, and the senior advisors have a formal graduation ceremony. A virtual graduation will take place May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 with Z100. Once the Safer at Home is lifted we will discuss the possibility of a senior class trip. Lifetouch has given the school district a banner to display congratulating our seniors.

**Action Items:**

Motion by S. Staff with a second by P. Kujak to approve to continue to pay our support staff, paras, extra spring coaches, and provide letters of intent to our 2020-2021 contracted support staff. Motion carried by a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by D. Thompson to approve CESA #4 and CESA #10 services for 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff to approve School Counselor Contract-Cole Van Schyndle. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by P. Kujak to approve Occupational Therapy Contract for 20-21 school year & 21-22 school year – Amanda Jenson. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by S. Staff to approve modified grading plan. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by M. Steien to approve a formal graduation on July 25<sup>th</sup>, if Stay at Home Order is lifted. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by J. Stalheim to approve Sarah Staff as our CESA #4 representative at the Annual Convention Representative. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by M. Steien to approve Sarah Staff & David Thompson as our Joint Powers Board representatives. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by J. Stalheim to approve ten year with exemption borrowing funds to purchase chiller with a contingency the roof is done. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by P. Kujak to approve to pay the support staff through May 29<sup>th</sup>, pay spring coaches for the 2020 seasons, and approve sending letters of intent for the 2020-2021 school year to the support staff. Motion carried by a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with a second D. Thompson by to approve roof replacement on the 2012 portion of c-wing & elementary gym roof, with the contingency Tranberg Roofing & Winona Controls work together in the installation of chiller & roofing. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk