

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 18th – 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. Also present: Jeff Eide; Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz.via Zoom. 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.

There are no public comments.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by M. Steien to approve the agenda. Motion passed by majority.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve April, 2020 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to approve bills for the month of April 2020. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to approve the April 2020 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Discussion:

Jeff Belongia from Huntington Securities informed the board of a possible option regarding the 2021 borrowing program. The school district will need to refinance roughly \$9 million in 2021. Mr. Belongia states that yes, if Blair-Taylor has a successful referendum, provides new money, restructures debt service as we intend to do, we will not have to raise the tax levy. The school districts' tax levy should not raise taxes, we would just extend our existing loan by 3 years.

Jeff Eide summarized the initial plans for the referendum. A resolution should be completed by June or July if the board decides to move forward with a referendum in November. The board discussed the possibility having different options on the referendum or is it all or none. The board would like to meet with both contractors. A special board meeting will be scheduled.

Reports:

Superintendent Report - Jeff Eide - Lisa Perry has given the concession stand totals for the year. Total sales for the 34 events increased by 15% from prior year. The amount paid out to different groups who worked each event has increased by 17%. Over the past 6 years over \$44,000 by working the concessions to raise money for their specific group.

School Psychologist-Katie Belitz – “Girls who Code” is a new group to Blair-Taylor. Currently, there are 15 girls between grades 7-12. They are learning about coding and other computer sciences. Meeting virtually and the students are creating a time capsule about how being educated during the Pandemic.

Elementary Principal Report - Lynn Halverson. May 28th will be the drop off date for library books and computers from 1 – 7pm. Personal student supplies will be bagged up and ready for parents to pick up during that drop off date. Lynn Halverson will be meeting with elementary staff regarding what worked or didn't work during the COVID-19 pandemic teaching. A letter went out today that summer school will not take place face to face. There is a possibility of having a virtual summer school. However, not sure if students want more virtual learning.

Middle/High Principal Report – Dana Eide – Scheduled upcoming events will be held virtually. Senior exit interviews will begin May 19-21st. Graduation will be Saturday, July 25th. End of year checkout for middle/high will begin Friday, May 22 – 29th. 4th quarter grades will be recorded on the report card. Students may opt for a P-passing instead of a letter grade. However, if a student is below 65% an incomplete will be issued. Students will need to attend summer school to acquire needed skills and get credit.

Action Items:

Motion by S. Staff with a second by J. Stalheim to approve the resignation/retirement for Karen Pennekamp. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by D. Thompson to approve the resignation for Mac Bowen. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien with a second by S. Staff to approve a 4K contract for Emily Becker. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by J. Stalheim to approve early graduation requests by Steven Ekern and Kyla Goodbear, with the contingency they have remained on track to graduate early. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff to approve the Auditor contract with Johnson Block. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff to approve 66.030 with G-E-T for CTE Coordinator. Motion carried by a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with a second by M. Steien to approve Winona Controls for air conditioning replacement. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff to approve the first reading of the updated and new policies of Blair-Taylor Board of Education. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss extra-curricular sports contracts, staff letters of intent, staffing 2020-21 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien to approve all extra-curricular/winter sports contracts for the 20-21 school year: Dessa Karl-High Quiz Bowl, Lisa Perry-Lettermen's Club, Dessa Karl-Student Council, Cole Van Schyndel-SADD, Kathryn Bentz-National Honor Society, William Hinman-Spanish Club, Lisa Perry-Yearbook, Nicole Lien & Amy Schultz-Shared Basketball Cheerleader Advisors, Amy Schultz-Pom Poms, Randy Storlie-Head Boys Basketball, Scott Janzen-Assistant Boys Basketball, Duane Waldera-Head Girls Basketball, Jayme Thompson-Assistant Girls Basketball, Brad Becker-M.S. Girls Basketball, Ned Laughery-Head Wrestling, Gregory Bratina-Assistant/M.S. Wrestling, Kathryn Bentz- Head Forensics, Adam Arends-Head Drama, Melissa Massman-FFA, Lisa Perry-FBLA, Kristie Gill- FCCLA.

Contracts for approval – will be issued at start of season: Pending number of participants: Hank Kujak-Assistant M.S. Boys Basketball, Emma Steines-Assistant M.S. Girls Basketball, Jesse Lien-Freshmen Boys Basketball, Mara Peterson-Freshmen Girls Basketball, Kimberly Joten-Assistant H.S. Forensics, Dessa Karl- Middle School High Quiz Bowl, Andy Nehring-Elementary Robotics, Christy Aleckson-Head Odyssey of the Mind. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve all staff letters of intent for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried with roll call vote 7-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk

