

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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: David Thompson, Jeff Stalheim, Sarah Staff, Michelle Steien, and Perry Kujak, absent Blaine Koxlien. Also present, Jeffrey Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz, Linda Nering, and Bryce Dokkestuel.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

Public comments. None

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve the July 2019 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by S. Staff to approve the bills for the month of July. July bills include payroll advice of deposits #32776-32834, payroll checks #58373-58374, money wires #279, #546-547, #3394-3395, #154120-154122 expense checks #61382-61449 and employee paid HSA contributions \$40.00. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by J. Stalheim to approve the July financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve bills for month of July passed by 6-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Report – Jeffrey Eide. Reported on the three day PLC training last week. Flow and event ran smoothly. Kitchen staff did an excellent job, set the bar high. Maintenance staff did an outstanding job preparing the site, facilities and upkeep during the event. Hanson Consulting, our contract IT consultant well prepared, with networking and new A/V hardware structures operating smoothly. Curriculum planners did a great job, and have already met to see where enhancements should occur. Blair-Taylor will host again next year. This facility functionally works best to host such an event.

MS/HS Principal Report-Dana Eide. Based on feedback from the PLC, looking into adding a focus on Para-professional needs, and involvement change. Working on presenters for next year. Adding lower elementary focused speakers and specific locations for team time. Panel discussions were phenomenal, with 95% of respondents wanting to continue team-work. Curriculum days for Blair-Taylor held the following two days. Great discussions with other schools/teachers. Coordinating shared in-service days, and joint curriculum days with other schools to build on this momentum. Social event was engaging, all generally had a great time. Student orientation Thursday, Aug 22, 2019 with 50% of students already completed with on-line registration.

Elementary Principal Report-Lynn Halverson. Preparing for start of school year, working on school improvement goals. Results from last year presented. Reading, fell short of goal, however math goal was shattered. Reviewing the results, adjusting to improve reading scores, and sustaining the math results. Behavior referral goals also fell short. Goal was 1200 or less referrals, ended year with 1290. Results are an improvement over previous year, which had 2505 referrals.

Special Education Director – Katie Belitz. Self-Assurance testing completed. Teachers are writing really good IEP's therefore no additional review required. District passed with flying-colors. Fall SPED newsletter was distributed.

Discussion:

Superintendent Eide gave a brief update on preliminary proposals from RJ Jurowski and HSR Associated for building addition, related to costs, designs, and ideas regarding building addition in the elementary wing, and site improvements for playground and baseball field. After the presentation of the proposals, direction given by Board obtain additional information and pricing. Potential of a-school day-care center also discussed. Additional investigation regarding licensure is still underway. Direction given by Board to obtain additional proposals and preliminary pricing.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with second by S. Staff to approve resignation of Melissa Clemens, Elementary Paraprofessional. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve voiding very old expenditure and payroll outstanding checks, and recognizing such as misc. income. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by D. Thompson to move into closed session at 6:40 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss teacher handbook and support staff handbook. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

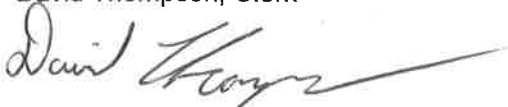
Motion by D. Thompson, with second by J. Stalheim to move into open session. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by S. Staff to approve the first reading of the teacher and support staff handbooks. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by Jeff Stalheim to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Thompson, Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Thompson", written in black ink.