

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Jeff Stalheim, Sarah Staff, Perry Kujak, Michele Steien. Absent, Troy Tenneson. Also present; Haylei Lyga, Emma Steines, Dessa Karl, Sean Newbury, Gwen Kidd, Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Bryce Dokkestuel.

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 agenda. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

There were no public comments.

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

Motion by M. Steien, with second by Sarah Staff to approve bills for the month of August 2019. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by Sarah Staff to approve August 2019 financial statement. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Reports:

Superintendent’s report – Jeff Eide. Consortium Board meeting will be attended by M. Steien, J. Stalheim, and S. Staff. Future meeting dates for consortium governing board provided. All future meetings held in Independence at WTC. Special meeting for the Blair-Taylor School District scheduled for, September 30, 2019 to review preliminary budget, Baird financing model, and additional information regarding building expansion options, baseball field and daycare.

Special Education Director – Katie Belitz. Introduced new special education staff. Emma Steines, speech and language pathologist; Haylei Lyga, K-2 SPED teacher; Sean Newbury - H.S. 10/11 SPED teacher; Jacklyn Posa - M.S. SPED teacher.

M.S. / H.S. Principal’s report – Dana Eide. Student Council acting advisor is Dessa Karl. Student Council currently interviewing freshman for vacant positions. Starting this fall, Dairyland Conference will be ranking schools towards sportsmanship awards. Three categories: coach sportsmanship, student sportsmanship, and adult sportsmanship. The softball team received honorable mention for sportsmanship for the state softball tournament. Homecoming events ramping up soon. High School is compiling a no toilet papering list for students to follow. There is also a sign up list for assistance in clean up from potential toilet papering.

Elementary Principal’s report – Lynn Halverson. New school year off to a smooth start and new staff blending in well. No other major items to report.

Discussion items:

J. Eide gave a brief update on expanding 4K and classrooms. If construction completed, would allow for full day 4K, which Whitehall and Arcadia already have. Head start is applying for federal funding to go to half days. Several building maps presented with potential layouts of the elementary wing. Discussions on how classrooms

reconfigured to accommodate needs, and what barriers present themselves in each option. L. Halverson provided some brief information regarding licensing and inspection requirements. Still in the process of gathering information, with an update provided during the Sept. 30, 2019 Special meeting.

Action items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by P. Kujak to approve teacher handbook. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by J. Stalheim to approve support staff handbook. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by S. staff, with second by D. Thompson to approve support staff contract for Kristen Arends. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by J. Stalheim to approve head baseball contract for Jessie Lien. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien to approve annual meeting date of Monday, October 21, 2019. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with second by D. Thompson to approve sealed bids for the automotive lift, with school retaining the right to reject any bids. Motion passed by roll vote 6-0

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to approve Student Council Advisor contract for Dessa Karl. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson to approve early graduation request for Kayla McConnell. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by P. Kujak to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1)©(f) to discuss spring sports, and student expulsion. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by J. Stalheim to move back into open session. Motion passed.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by S. Staff to approve spring coaching contracts: Brad Becker-Head Track Coach, Lindsay George-Assistant Track Coach; Christopher Morene-Assistant Track Coach; Greg Bratina-Head Softball Coach; Kimberly Nehring-Assistant Softball; Jessie Lien-Head Baseball; Hank Kujak-Assistant Baseball; Jennifer Lien-Middle School Track; Mara Peterson-Assistant Middle School Track, open position for Boys Golf. Motion approved by roll call vote 5-0 with one abstaining vote by P. Kujak.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by S. Staff to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0 and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk