

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.

President D. Smikrud called the regular Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, R. Arneson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, K. Lien, D. Smikrud, and T. Tenneson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, M. Thomley, Chris Stalheim, Kari Lejcher, Lisa Nestingen, Randy Storlie, Dave Lemke, Darrin Jahr, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by R. Arneson to approve the November regular/closed meeting minutes. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by K. Lien to approve November bills, which include payroll checks #57857-57870, payroll advice of deposits #21107-21311, money wires #223, #430-431, #3280-3281, expense checks #5006, #15146-15152, #54571-54661 and #500219-500231. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by T. Tenneson to approve the November financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

No Student Council report.

Chris Stalheim's Technology report: Acknowledged Sherry Simmons' generosity in providing and decorating a beautiful Christmas tree for the new LMC. She'll provide different decorations each month. Thanks to Jacob Eckel and Brennen Eide for helping with the lights and sound in the new auditorium. 7-12 nonfiction books are being housed in the hallway. Will be working on getting LMC software on iPads or telephones and having a checkout area for E-books during second semester. Work on new distance learning labs and training for new equipment continues. Acoustics in two-way rooms needs improvement as there is too much background noise. Last week's SLATE conference focused on leadership and technology for libraries. Question of how damages to student computers have been in our second year of usage with reply that it has been considerably less. Chromebook laptops have been given to a few students.

No Legislative report.

WASB resolutions that will be voted on at upcoming WASB Convention were discussed.

J. Eide's Report: 2013-14 Financial Audit books were reviewed. United Campus Dedication ceremony went very well with special thanks to the music teachers, Karla Hulne, Jaci Hauser, and Colin Stiemke for all their hard work. WASB offers a policy manual quick check service to identify areas of need for \$1,200. This may be something to consider in the future.

M. Thomley's Report: Reading Night (Nov. 20th) and Movie Night (Nov. 21st) were well attended as well as the Christmas Concert. Student Leaders are working with Mrs. Heard and Mrs. Walters to provide Christmas gifts and meals to about 30 families. Lego Robotics team competed on December 13th finishing with a very good score

even though they will not advance. This was a very good learning experience for the students. Child Development Day screening is scheduled for February 5th.

D. Eide's Report: OM season has begun with five teams. Skills USA middle and high school students along with their advisor, Brent Steinke, are competing in Eau Claire tonight. Athletic practices are scheduled over the holidays, but are optional for students to attend. Wrestling will have a short weigh-in practice on Sunday, Dec. 28th at 4:00 p.m. prior to their holiday tourney on the Dec. 29th-30th. Students have taken the ACT Aspire pre-test this fall with results showing that our students are below the national average in some areas. Results are shared with students so they know what areas need to be worked on. The actual test will be taken in the spring.

Discussion Items:

J. Eide apologized for the overcrowding that took place in the new auditorium during the K-6 Christmas Concert on December 12th. Procedures and policies will be developed so this problem never happens again. Darrin Jahr stated that the maximum capacity for the auditorium is 460 including the audience and performers. Board Policy Committee (F. Aleckson, R. Arneson, K. Lien) will meet on January 28th at 6:00 p.m. Darrin Jahr will also be invited to offer input. Next K-6 concert is scheduled for April. In spite of the overcrowding issues K-6 Christmas Concert was excellent.

Two assistant track coaching positions are being offered to Alex Lisowski and Bradley Becker.

Support Staff Negotiation team and Support Staff Board committee are recommending a .20/hour increase for 9-month employees plus a paid Christmas holiday and .30/hour increase for 12-month employees.

Dave Lemke, representative of the Wildcats semi-pro football team, talked about their proposed contract with the school including the payment timeline, dates and times of practices and games, liability insurance, facility usage, etc. Approximately ten indoor practices are scheduled from February 22nd through April 26th. Then outdoor practices will be held until games begin in late July. Team will pay \$5,000 for using the school facilities plus \$1,000 deposit for incidentals.

The DPI contract for our SoSET Charter School needs to be renewed.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by R. Arneson to approve extra-curricular contract for Karla Hulne, Assistant Drama Coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by K. Lien to accept resignation of Bob Schulz, Head Football Coach. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve .20/hour increase and paid Christmas holiday for 9-month employees and .30/hour increase for 12-month employees for 2014-15 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote with six members voting yes and D. Smikrud abstaining.

After much discussion about using the school facilities, a motion was made by P. Kujak and seconded by R. Arneson to approve proposed contract with Wildcats semi-pro football team on a one-year trial basis and contract will be reviewed after the season. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes and K. Lien casting a no vote.

Motion by D. Smikrud, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve the DPI SoSET Charter School contract. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by R. Arneson to approve Brittany Scholl's request for six weeks of maternity leave. Motion passed.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to create a policy for auditorium usage. First policy committee meeting will be January 28th. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by P. Kujak that Board members will not conduct any official business while attending upcoming WASB Convention. Motion passed.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to move to closed session at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss non-curricular issues, staffing, administrative contracts and other personnel issues. Motion passed.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by K. Lien to return to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by K. Lien to approve extra-curricular contracts for Alex Lisowski and Bradley Becker, Assistant Track Coaches. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by P. Kujak to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Fern Aleckson, Clerk