

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.

President D. Smikrud called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, K. Lien, D. Smikrud, and T. Tenneson. Absent: R. Arneson. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, M. Thomley, Chris Stalheim, Andy Nehring, Lee Henschel, and Fred Nehring.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

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

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by P. Kujak to approve December bills, which include payroll checks #57871-57881, payroll advice of deposits #21312-21526, money wires #224, #432-433, #3282-3283, expense checks #15153-15161, #54662-54801 and #500232-500242. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by K.Lien, seconded by P. Kujak to approve the December financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

No Student Council report.

Chris Stalheim's Technology report: Board meeting is being live streamed for the first time tonight. First graders have been reading with their iPads, taking quizzes, and reading aloud. Exploring idea of having C. Stalheim substitute so classroom teachers can go into other classrooms to observe technology, as it has been difficult fitting staff development into his schedule. Trying to get students involved to do live streaming of athletic events and learning how to use the auditorium technology. May offer this as a ½ credit course for interested students during second semester. For mid-year review will take assessment of equipment and prepare reports for principals.

J. Eide's Report: J. Eide demonstrated the newly-designed Board of Education webpage section on the school district's website explaining the various sections and how to locate important data. Videos about school budgets (by Tony Evers) and school funding were watched giving the message that the current funding system for rural schools is broken and now is the time for changing it. SoSET Charter School curriculum and distance learning classes were also discussed.

M. Thomley's Report: With donations from Ashley Angels, Badger Mining plus many anonymous donors 38 families received food and 88 students received Christmas gifts, which included a set of bunk beds for one family. Many positive comments about the new school building have been received during recent Northwest tournaments. Teachers are observing other teachers through PLC's. Mobymax and Scootpad software programs are being used for Math and Reading, in which students work at their own level. Report cards will be sent home during the first week in February. Will need to have article in the spring newsletter about upcoming summer school program, so planning meetings have already been held. In addition to the reading program would like to incorporate Lego Robotics and Math stations.

D. Eide's Report: Katie Bentz and Karla Hulne are directing the school musical, "Once upon a Mattress" with performances to take place in the new auditorium at the end of February. Early morning practice times are held, but they would like to have a complete dress rehearsal later in the afternoon on Sunday, February 22nd. Forensics season has begun. Graduation policy needs updating so will be presented for first reading next month. Youth Options student Mahalia Dryak was unable to enroll in previously-approved university course so will try to enroll in a different course. Recommended that she take a course that would be related to her career path. Results for ACT Aspire test taken by 9th graders earlier this school year were compared to national averages. Assessment practice exams were taken on computers and this mandated assessment will be taken in the spring. Test results are available much quicker than those of previous WKCE tests. Leadership Team looks at testing data, and then shares with each area. Teachers look at curriculum making adjustments if needed.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to not limit open enrollment spaces at any grade level. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve 2015-16 CESA #10 contract for Project Circuit distance learning services in the amount of \$12,350. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by P. Kujak to approve extra-curricular contracts for 2014-15 Odyssey of the Mind coaches: Carlene Wolter-high school, Brent Steinke-middle school, Baleigh Kehe-6th grade, Laurie Marsh-5th grade, and Sandra Serum-4th grade and Coordinator. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by F. Aleckson that David Smikrud continue serving as our school district's representative on the CESA #4 Board of Control. Motion passed.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to approve 2014-15 extra-curricular contracts for Kimberly Joten-Head Forensics and Kathryn Bentz-Assistant Forensics. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by K. Lien to move to closed session at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss staffing needs, extra-curricular (football), IT Support, and Lead Food Service positions. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

D. Smikrud announced the following actions taken during closed session:

IT Support position (Scott Pooler) will be a full-time (12-month) contract.

Lead Food Service position (Kimberly Tenneson) will move from her current third step to the next step (year 5) on the pay scale.

Jeremy Hanson will be head football coach for 2015-16 school year.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by F. Aleckson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Fern Aleckson, Clerk