

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, May 15th – 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, Perry Kujak, David Thompson, Michele Steien, Neil Kniseley, and Blaine Koxlien. Absent: Sarah Staff. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Dana Eide, Beth Lisowski, Katie Belitz, Karter Kindschy, Emmalee Johnson, Kristie Gill and Kim Joten. Meeting also on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Mission statement- "To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens" read aloud.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No Public comment given tonight.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak, to approve April 2023 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley, to approve bills for the month of April 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the April 2023 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - There has been a lot of planning discussions for the next school year. At this time we are still unsure what the Biennial budget will be. Admin have been discussing professional development, staffing, and district needs while trying to save money.

MS/HS Principal - Dana Eide - Mrs. Eide's report consisted of Karter Kindschy and Emmalee Johnson educating the board on the FCCLA activities over the last school year. Mrs. Kim Joten updated the board on a Library Advisory club she has started. Mrs. Eide reported the coop curriculum directors worked hard to adopt a new science resource for the middle schools. It was decided by all four districts to go with Open SciEd. Mrs. Eide reported the Dairyland Conference principals met and updated the board on some of the changes they discussed. Also, Mrs. Eide reminded the board of all the activities scheduled for the remaining 3 weeks of the school year.

Elementary Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski reported the elementary will be having an art show on Thursday, May 18th and an elementary concert on Friday, May 19th. She updated the board Blair-Taylor was awarded the Summer school grant. All expenses for the 22-23 & 23-24 summer school sessions will be paid by this. That includes salaries, supplies, food, and

activities. Mrs. Lisowski also mentioned she applied for and was awarded another CTL grant which is \$500,000 to use over the next 5 years. In total Mrs. Lisowski has received \$1.1 million in grants for our district.

Special Education Director - Katie Belitz - Ms. Belitz has updated the board that of the 37 students in SAT (student assistance team meetings to support students in academic or behavioral intervention), only 5 students were referred for a special education evaluation and 2 of those students qualified. It is important to catch students and get them support early. This improvement is due to the amazing efforts of our staff.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the second reading of Board Policy Updates and Approval. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve open enrollment in and out. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve - D-109 Remodel. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve - the purchase of Bleachers for a total of \$26,450.00. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve Johnson Block Audit Service in the amount of \$16,700 Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to table the Facility Concrete Bids as presented until next month. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve consent agenda items with a special note to Sue Waldera for all her years of service. Consent agenda items also include resignation of Elementary Administrative Assistant, Sue Waldera, Special Education Director Contract to Rebecca Brouillet, Art/ELA teacher Contract Mara Windjue, Special Education Teacher, Alexa Brenner, School Psychologist, Courtney Stearns, and Trap Teach Coach resignation for Kari & Shawn Ekern. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c), to discuss staffing needs 2023-24, staff compensation 2023-24, administrative contracts, non-renewal consideration, and Fall sports contracts. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to reconvene in open session.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve fall sports contracts for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thompson". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

David Thompson, Clerk

