

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

President T. Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, B. Koxlien, K. Lien, J. Stalheim, and T. Tenneson. P. Kujak was absent at beginning of meeting and arrived at 6:00 p.m. Also present: J. Eide, D. Eide, L. Halverson, Katie Belitz, Angie Dummer, Deke Williamson, Susan Frederixson, Lee Henschel, and Scott Scholtz.

Mission statement was read aloud.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by J. Stalheim to approve the August regular and closed session minutes, minutes of special meetings held on August 17<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, and September 12<sup>th</sup> and bills for the month of August. August bills include payroll advice of deposits #25550-25600, payroll checks #58031-58032, money wires #244 and #472-473, #3322-3323, expense checks #15300-15306 and #57029-57108. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by K. Lien to approve the August financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Discussion Items:

Angie Dummer and Lynn Halverson presented information about the Wildcat Way Wall in which one student per grade level per year would be recognized for demonstrating good behavior with the four PBIS traits of respect, responsibility, honesty, and safety. Nomination forms will be sent out in the school newsletter and due back by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Selection committee would consist of one teacher from K-6, one teacher from 7-12, one Board member, one Wildcat Way committee member, and one community member. Student's picture would be displayed on the wall for year, then their name would be placed on plaque for long-term recognition. Deke Williamson and Dana Eide presented information about the Wall of Inspiration in which community members who've inspired children would be recognized. Nomination forms will be sent out with selection process the same as for Student of the Year. Past or present community members could be selected with their names placed on an on-going plaque. Proposed design with 3-D images of oak tree pathway and lighted paw prints was displayed.

WASB Fall Regional meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> in La Crosse with J. Eide and J. Stalheim attending. Board listening session will be held at Taylor Community Center on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

J. Eide's Report: Monthly meeting for October will be held on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. followed by Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. and Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Discussions about possible ways to reduce our electrical costs have been taking place with three companies, Schneider Electric, Noble Conservation, and Performance Services. Checking into the cost effectiveness of retro-fitting the 1999 building with LED lighting.

L. Halverson's Report: New school year is off to a great start! PBIS lesson updates were done for each student. PBIS minors and majors are being tracked. Bench-mark testing is being done later this week so students can be grouped according to their ability. Once this final testing piece is finished, the normal daily schedule will be followed.

D. Eide's Report: Orientation Day was very well attended at middle/high school, as all but approximately ten students out of 250 were here. Hourly presentations for homeroom teachers did not work that well. Chromebook laptops have arrived, were set up very quickly, and distributed to students. Teachers were very creative with their lessons prior to getting the laptops. Chromebooks should work much better for state testing. However, there have been some challenges with home networks.

Action Items:

Motion by K. Lien with second by F. Aleckson to approve Western Dairyland 2016-17 contracts for Headstart transportation, child and adult care food program, and building rental. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

B-T Cleaning Service will cut back one night of complete cleaning on Wednesday nights on a trial basis resulting in a \$7,035 savings. Only services provided that night will be garbage pick-up and cleaning of bathrooms, locker rooms, and cafeterias. Cleaning schedule of gymnasium for athletic events and cleaning for special events were discussed. Motion by D. Thompson with second by F. Aleckson to approve a three-year cleaning contract with B-T Cleaning Service with 1.5% increase each year. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by J. Stalheim to approve the second reading of Policy 751.2 Bus Riding Protocol. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve the second reading of Policy 345.43 Graduation Exercises. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by T. Tenneson with second by F. Aleckson to approve the second reading of Policy 494 Student Parking. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve the first reading of Policy 450.1 AED Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by T. Tenneson to approve the first reading of Policy 761 Free and Reduced Lunches. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by K. Lien to approve contract for Baleigh Kehe, Head Middle School Volleyball Coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by D. Thompson to approve contract for Catherine Slenczka, Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by D. Thompson to approve six-week maternity leave for Jaclyn Hauser. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by J. Stalheim to approve \$15,000 expenditure from Fund 21 (contingent that additional \$6,500 needs to be raised) for Wall of Inspiration/Wildcat Way project. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by K. Lien to move to closed session at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss compensation model, administrative salaries, support staff negotiations, spring coaching contracts, and boys golf. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by F. Aleckson with second by K. Lien to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by F. Aleckson to approve .25 per hour increase per year for the next two years for 9-month support staff employees (2016-17 and 2017-18 school years). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by K. Lien with second by D. Thompson to approve salary increase to 17.50 per hour for Food Service Director. Motion carried with 6-0 vote and T. Tenneson abstaining.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by J. Stalheim to approve boys golf for the 2016-17 school year. Motion passed.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by T. Tenneson to approve the following spring sports coaching contracts: Jeremy Hanson-Head Track, Mac Bowen-Assistant Track, Bradley Becker-Assistant Track, Alexandria Lisowski-Assistant Track, Gregory Bratina-Head Softball, Kimberly Nehring-Assistant Softball, Joshua Peterson-Head Baseball, Michael Soto-Assistant Baseball, Jennifer Lien-Middle School Track, and Allan Lien-Assistant Middle School Track. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by K. Lien with second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Aleckson, Clerk