

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 – 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, David Thompson, Sarah Staff, Michele Steien, Blaine Koxlien, and Perry Kujak. Absent: Jeff Stalheim. Also present: Jeff Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz and Matt Karls. Dana Eide via Zoom. Meeting also live-streamed 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 S. Staff, with second by M. Steien, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public comments at this time.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by S. Staff, to approve December 2021 regular & closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of December 2021. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by M. Steien, to approve the December 21 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports

Superintendent - Jeff Eide - Mr. Eide reported the new scoreboard is in. R.J. Jurowski will be installing the first chance they are able to.

Middle/High Principal - Dana Eide - Happy to report we had a school play this year. It is written by one of our own students, Paige Subra. The high school will be having a winter formal dance on Saturday, January 22nd. However, due to the current number of covid cases, we are only allowing students from Blair-Taylor to attend. We plan to have our high school students take State and National testing within the next month. The plan is to take place at the end of February with just our 8th grade. Middle & high school staff are also working on new ELA strategies.

Elementary Principal - Lynn Halverson - Elementary report cards will be going out January 26th. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for February 17th and February 22nd. We plan to take students to Bruce Mound on February 15th as a reward for good behavior. So far our major/minors are significantly lower from this time last year. Our ELA committee is working with CESA 4. During our inservice on January 24th, we plan to have a vendor fair. Vendors will have the opportunity to present different ELA programs. Plan to implement a new curriculum next school year.

Special Education Director - Katie Belitz - February 3rd and February 4th we are having in-person child development days. Recommending all children to go through development prior to Kindergarten. We have two outside mental health providers, Peace of Mind from La Crosse and Center of Resilience and Healing out of Independence. Having them provides the opportunity for students to receive mental health counseling without having to miss school. Currently, all of these slots are full.

Discussion:

Matt Karls, the chairman for the Town of Curran, presented a broadband project for the township. They are applying for a grant to provide 41 miles of buried fiber optic to the area. The overall project cost is approximately \$50,000 per mile. The grant they are applying for is 70/30. Meaning the grant will cover 70% with the remaining 30% to be funded with local dollars. A part of the District is located in the Town of Curran. He is asking the board to consider providing some ESSER III money to help fund this project.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve - 2022-23 Calendar. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve no capping of open enrollment, but capping the open enrollment of students with Intellectual disabilities due to not enough staff. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the second reading of Policy 5530 Drug Prevention Policy & 5530.1 Suspicion Based Testing. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Swimming Coop with Black River Falls. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the increase of Substitute Teacher Pay. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the Assistant Track Coach contract with Jessica Mikesell. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the resignation of Paraprofessional Jessica Juarez. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(f), to discuss District administrator contract, and administrative contracts/evaluation and review - with CESA 4 EE overview. Motion carried.

The school board discussed the district administrator contract and administrative contracts/evaluation and review - with CESA 4 EE overview.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to go back into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to accept Jeff Eide's retirement effective June 30, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk