

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21st – 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, Sarah Staff, David Thompson, Blaine Koxlien, Michele Steien, and Perry Kujak. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Dana Eide, Beth Lisowski and Katie Belitz. Meeting also live-streamed on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by D. Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien to approve October 2022 regular, closed and special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak to approve bills for the month of October 2022. Motion passed by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by S. Staff to approve the October 2022 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports:

District Administrator - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson updated the board that Gundersen Lutheran will be canceling our trainer services contract as of 1/1/23. We are researching other options and will be brought to the next board meeting for discussion. Mr. Halverson & Mrs. Lien attended a Baird Model workshop. We are excited to see how this will help our budget forecast for next school year.

Elementary Principal - Beth Lisowski - Ms. Lisowski reported the elementary had parent/teacher conferences on November 3rd and November 8th. We have been experiencing some sickness so not all parents were able to attend. Teachers have been accommodating to meet at another time. Prior to the holiday break Mrs. Gappa had a Kindergarten Thanksgiving program. Grades 3-5 will have their holiday concert on December 16th at 1:00.

MS/HS Principal - Dana Eide - First trimester ended November 17th. We are looking at having students learn about what it takes to create an environment. We are tracking attendance, percent of students passing all classes and percentage of students with no discipline referrals. We are working with class officers at setting goals and how to celebrate these goals once achieved. The winter sports season has begun. We are fortunate to have great coaches and

many students participate. Our first trimester band/choir concert was held October 24th & 25th. The holiday handbell concert is December 21st. Mrs. Eide gave an update on our TVC 2.0 teacher collaboration.

Special Ed Director - Katie Belitz - In Ms Belitz's absence Mr Halverson reported on her behalf. Ms. Belitz has 7 members of a girls who code club for middle and high school students. This club aims to increase equity in the coding/computer science field. She participated in a new member panel to discuss the advantages of having a club. Ms. Belitz received funding to purchase \$500 worth of supplies including robots, books featuring female coders, and not computer coding materials to use with her students.

Discussion Items:

Track and Field Improvement Requests - Mr. Halverson updated the board with bids for the possible discus throwing area and long jump update. This will be further discussed at a future meeting with updated bids.

School Report Cards 2021-22 - Mr. Halverson reported the school report card results from tests taken during the 21-22 school year. According to the DPI, our Elementary meets expectations. The Middle/High School also meets some expectations. Overall our district meets expectations according to the dpi. We still need to continue to find ways to increase growth, and the overall achievement of our students.

Elementary Gym Scoreboards - Mr. Halverson presented three separate quotes for a new scoreboard. Conferring with Mr. Storlie the scoreboards were obsolete when we purchased them years ago. To be made as an action item for the next meeting.

Superintendent Evaluation - Mr. Halverson discussed with the board three different superintendent evaluation template examples. Mr. Halverson would like to know if the board would like to incorporate something similar to one of these options.

Operational Referendum Discussion - Mr. Halverson discussed a possibility of going to an operational referendum. The past couple years the district has dipped into the fund balance each year significantly. Of the 26 schools in the CESA 4 district, we are one of the 4 schools that have not had to go to an operational referendum. Expenses are increasing and no further state aid is expected at this time.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to approve Sarah Staff as our delegate and Neil Kniseley as our Alternate for State Education Convention. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve - Policy Updates - Second Reading. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien to approve terminating our contract with Chestnut Consulting Contract as of November 30, 2022. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve future IT support with Whitehall School District beginning December 1, 2022. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by T. Tenneson, to table the purchase of technology education equipment until the next board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the consent agenda items which include, resignation of cheer coach, Julie Ann Carmona, hiring Hilary Walters and Pam Beam as dance co-coaches, Robin Sedden as cheer coach, resignation of paraprofessional Melissa Crivits, and to hire Abigail Keenan as a phy. ed. intern. 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) to discuss Fall coaches 2022, student reinstatement, and winter sports contract. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by T. Tenneson, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff to approve winter sports contracts as presented. Motion carried roll call vote, 6-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Thompson", written in black ink.

David Thompson, Clerk

