

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

President T. Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: S. Staff, F. Aleckson, D. Thompson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, T. Tenneson, and M. Steien. Also present J. Eide, L. Halverson, D. Eide, K. Belitz, B. Dokkestuel, and L. Hensel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mission statement – “To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens” was read aloud.

Motion by F. Aleckson, second by D. Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

No public comments.

Motion by F. Aleckson, with second by S. Staff to approve November 2018 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien to approve bills for the month of November 2018. November bills include payroll advice of deposits #30799-31002, payroll checks #58282-58288, expense checks #60344-60479, #105403-15406, #272, #528-529, #3376-3377, employer paid HSA contributions of \$2,250.00 and employee paid HSA contributions of \$1,385. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by F. Aleckson to approve November 2018 financial statement. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Reports:

Student Council report. Hannia Cecenas, presented a brief report on the activities sponsored by the student council, including adoption of a family for Christmas and planning activities for a winter formal dance.

Jeff Eide-Superintendent report. Consortium Board meeting update was cancelled due to attendance conflicts. Meeting purpose was to review the combined schedules. There will be a full Consortium Board meeting in January. Continue to move forward with strategic planning. Mobile skills lab is being used and instructor keeps students exposed, engaged and interested. Working on some introduction classes for freshmen. The Proposed 2019 School Calendar was reviewed.

Lynn Halverson-Elementary Principal report. Hosted concerts K-2 during the school day were well attended. Julie Gappa, Elementary Music Teacher has been doing a great job. PAUSE kick off, students will be divided into groups for additional support and assistance for individual needs. K-6 has been through the mobile skills lab. Working on incorporating some additional activities for grades K-6 in the lab. When school reconvenes, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will lead PBIS roles and examples to the younger grades.

Dana Eide. Attended cadet graduate from the challenge academy, and witnessed an amazing transition. J. Eide was the students mentor during the process. Snow Fest will include community service hours. M. Massman is leading the efforts. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is the largest community support effort. Students will be building beds for children that may not have a bed to sleep in. M. Bowen and M. Massman are coordinating

the project. Grade Goal of 90% was met and student council is planning a goal celebration. Brief discussion and update about future WIAA football realignment.

Katie Belitz-School Psychologist report: Continuing to work on school improvement team plan. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> 100-day plan, setting new goals. Para-staff are implemented as key members in the goal development.

Discussion Items:

Wall of Honor. Jeff. Eide is still seeing input and direction on criteria for recognition for a future wall.

Board Policies. Reviewing updated policies, some modifications still need to be made. Policy meeting date of January 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m. is set to review with Board prior to final adoption. Once updated, twice per year Neola will update based on changes (if any) by statute.

Action Items:

Motion by S Staff, second by F. Aleckson to approve check signing authority with Jackson Co. Bank authorizing Kelly Johnson, Fern Aleckson and Jeffrey Eide to sign checks, with a requirement of three signers on each disbursement. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.


Motion by D. Thompson, second by S. Staff to approve Emergency Prevention and Response Plan, with updated contact names. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, second by D. Thompson to approve Odyssey of the Mind coaches, Kristie Dingeldein, 8<sup>th</sup> grade coach and coordinator, Marcos Cecenas 7<sup>th</sup> grade coach, and Eric Zentgraf 6<sup>th</sup> grade coach. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, second by S. Staff to approve meal expense reimbursement of \$10 breakfast, \$15 lunch, \$20 dinner during travel events. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by F. Aleckson, second by D. Thompson to move to closed session at 7:16 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1). Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk