

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.

President D. Smikrud called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: F. Aleckson, R. Arneson, B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, K. Lien, D. Smikrud, T. Tenneson. Also present: D. Dervetski, J. Eide, D. Eide, M. Thomley, Chris Stalheim, Dennis Hakes, Carolyn Frederixon, Ned Laughery, Amanda Jensen, Guy Leavitt, Terri Williams, Cody Krause, Deborah Wogh, Navy Recruiter, Lee Henschel, Fred Nehring, Ernie Tourville, Ben Johnson, Kevin Lisowski, and Tim Ruppert.

Mission statement was read aloud.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by R. Arneson to add Early Graduation request for Cody Krause with the other Early Graduation request and Assistant Middle School Track coaching contract for Bradley Becker as the last action item. Motion passed.

Official Oath of Office was administered to Perry Kujak, who was appointed to fill Joe Clark's vacant School Board position.

Public comments: F. Aleckson complimented the boys basketball team on a great tournament. It was the hot topic on the WWIS Monday morning's sport show including comments on how well the team played and the great community support. Two players made the Division 4 All-State Team and will also play on the All-Star Team this summer. Everyone agreed that the WIAA needs to change the school divisions for private schools.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by R. Arneson to approve February regular/closed and special meeting minutes and February bills. Bills for February include payroll checks #57771-57776, payroll advice of deposits #19211-19423, money wires #214, #412-413, #3262-3263, expense checks #15079-15085, computer expense checks #53687-53782, and computer expense checks #500040-500046. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve the February Financial Statement. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

No Student Council report. Students are attending Teen Summit in Wisconsin Dells.

Guy Leavitt, CESA #4 Administrator, spoke about the services their cooperative service agency provides to smaller school districts that cannot afford to hire their own staff, specifically Occupational Therapy and other Special Ed. services. CESA #4 would like to continue serving the O.T. needs of the district by providing an experienced person who is committed to children. Blair-Taylor's caseload is currently 19 students. Terri Williams spoke about her role as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. Her duties include providing treatment, assist educational staff, ensure consistency in services provided, provide backup for the O.T., and collaborate with CESA team. Blair-Taylor Special. Ed. staff are wonderful to work with.

Amanda Jensen shared copies of her resume, proposed O.T. contract, and letters of recommendation with Board members. She has resigned her position with CESA #4 because of personal reasons. Her current caseload is 60 students in five school districts and 13 school buildings. She felt a better service could be provided with less travel time, better connections if in the same place all day, more flexibility for picking up missed days because of student absence or no school days, and increased availability for staff questions and attendance at IEP meetings. Her contract rate would be the same for two years with no mileage costs.

Navy Recruiter spoke about requirements for enlisting in the Navy and Cody's wish to join the Navy as soon as possible.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by K. Lien to approve early graduation requests for Cody Krause effective immediately and Deborah Wogh in December 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by F. Aleckson, seconded by R. Arneson to approve 2014-15 Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine contract for \$1,215. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by K. Lien to approve the three-year Technology Plan for school years 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by P. Kujak, seconded by F. Aleckson to approve extra-curricular contract for Bradley Becker as Assistant Middle School Track coach. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Cortney Smith, School Psychologist from Arcadia School District, shared an invitation for a community event promoting mental health awareness to be held on April 30th.

Motion by T. Tenneson, seconded by R. Arneson to move to closed session at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (g) to consider staffing and contracts. Motion passed.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by F. Aleckson to return to open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by P. Kujak to approve a three-year Occupational Therapy contract with Amanda Jensen for 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 school years. Motion passed by roll call with 6 yes votes and D. Smikrud voting no.

Motion by K. Lien, seconded by F. Aleckson to reduce one full-time teaching position (19 to 18) at the elementary school. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by R. Arneson, seconded by P. Kujak to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fern Aleckson, Clerk