

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, MARCH 20 – 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, Perry Kujak, David Thompson, Michele Steien, Neil Kniseley, Sarah Staff, and Blaine Koxlien. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Dana Eide, Beth Lisowski, Katie Belitz, and Cassie Geary. Meeting also live-streamed on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the February 2023 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the bills for the month of February. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the February financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson presented at all municipalities within our district. He believes they have gone well, and would have liked to see more people in attendance. He reported there is a lot of understanding from the community members on why we need to go to referendum and have had a few recommendations to cut here or there. However, we will lose staff and students if we cut programs. With additional research, Mr. Halverson found that since the revenue limit has been capped, 82% of all school districts in Wisconsin went to an operational referendum. If we were to be unsuccessful with this referendum, it will take years to recoup any "cuts".

The school board election with Sarah Staff running unopposed and the referendum voting will be Tuesday, April 4th.

MS/HS Principal - Dana Eide - Mrs. Eide reported middle school students will be taking the Forward Exam during the week of April 17. Freshman and sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT exam on April 13th & 14th. Juniors have taken the ACT exam earlier in March. Results from all state exams also contribute to the district's state report card score. We have a number of activities scheduled for the next couple months. Prom will be on Saturday, April 29th, with a grand march being at 8:30 in the auditorium. 8th grade recognition is scheduled for May 26th at 2:00. Senior award ceremony and baccalaureate will be held in the auditorium Sunday, May 21st at 5:30. And graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th at 1:00. As of today, the last day of school will be June 2nd. Summer school/credit recovery will be June 5 - 16th.

Elementary Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski reported the elementary will be hosting family fun nights again beginning last week like we had in the fall. Our winter K-5 field trip was postponed due to a snow day. It is planned to take students to a movie in Eau Claire. Mrs. Lisowski reported about 85% have never been to a movie theater.

Special Ed Director - Katie Belitz - Ms. Belitz updated the board this time of year is the busy season of evaluations for special education. Our staff is working hard to complete them. Our mental health grant is also in its last year, so we are working on reapplying.

Discussion Items:

Alternative Education Program - Mrs. Geary, our alternative education teacher, presented what the district's Alt Education program is and how it helps our students/TVC students. She stated we use Edgenuity which is the online credit recovery, and the GED option 2. Currently, we have had 14 students already finish their GED and are taking additional classes or have entered the workforce. Offering this program allows many students another option to graduate instead of dropping out of school.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, the Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds, the establishment of an escrow account with respect to and the defeasance of certain of the general obligation refunding bonds, series 2018A, dated July 9, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve resignation of special education director Katie Belitz with many thanks. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(f), to discuss spring sports contracts and employee evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to reconvene to open session.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the spring sports contracts.
Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thompson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David Thompson, Clerk

