

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 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: Blaine Koxlien, Perry Kujak, Sarah Staff, Michele Steien, Jeffrey Stalheim, Troy Tenneson, and David Thompson. Also present, Jeffrey Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz, Linda Nereng, Gwen Kidd, and Bryce Dokkestuel.

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 D. Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Oath of Office read aloud, and signed by newly elected Board member Jeffrey Stalheim and re-elected Board members David Thompson and Blaine Koxlien.

Motion by S. Staff to nominate T. Tenneson for President, second by J. Stalheim. As there were no other nominations, J. Eide moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for T. Tenneson. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0. Troy Tenneson will serve as President.

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to nominate P. Kujak for Vice-President. Nominations closed. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by M. Steien. Staff to nominate D. Thompson for Clerk. Nominations closed. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by T. Tenneson to nominate S. Staff for Treasurer. Nominations closed. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by M. Steien to approve the following committees for 2019-20 --  
**Finance/Property/Transportation:** B. Koxlien, P. Kujak, M. Steien; **Long-Range Planning:** S. Staff, T. Tenneson, D. Thompson; **Teacher Negotiations:** S. Staff, B. Koxlien, T. Tenneson; **Support Staff Negotiations:** J. Stalheim, P. Kujak, M. Steien; **Board Policy Review:** J. Stalheim, S. Staff, D. Thompson; **Compensation Model:** P. Kujak, S. Staff, M. Steien. Motion passed by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by J. Stalheim to keep meeting schedule the same. Motion carried unanimously. Regular meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month (except April and October will be the fourth Monday) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the United Campus Board Room.

Public comments none.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by M. Steien to approve minutes of the March 2019 regular and closed meetings. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve bills for the month of March. March bills include payroll advice of deposits #31628-31858, payroll checks #58306--58323, money wires #106-109, #275, #538-539, #3385-3386, expense checks #15413, #60556-#61067, and employee-paid HSA contributions of \$1,685.00. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve the March Financial Statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Reports:

Jeff Eide – Update on technology: K-2 have iPad's for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3-12 we have Chromebooks. We are budgeting for a second set of grade level iPad's. Live cycle is 4-5 years, so will continue to purchase a set each year for rotation. For Chromebooks, the operating software will continue with updates, therefore extending use for an additional year or even two. No need to budget for new Chromebooks for 19-20. May need a few smartboards for Elementary. H.S. Teachers prefer TV's for display, which are less expensive and readily available. Health Insurance--District is in a consortium pool to avoid large insurance fluctuations. Rate increase was appx. 7.3%. Stop loss ratio is 130%, and premiums could have been in the 20% range based on the history. Additional schools were added to the pool bringing renewal rate lower. Total increase for 2019-20 budget will be \$70,000. Concession stand--5-year summary generated \$35,000 for the various extra-curricular groups. PLC Institute will be hosted here July 12-14. Crisis Go app is loaded and ready for substitute teachers to use with information and training instructions. This app allows for electronic notification, digital roster checks and much more. Can be loaded on smart phone. This app is another school safety initiative.

Lynn Halverson - Elementary Principal: Wisc. Forward Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade completed, and grades 4-6 this week. 5<sup>th</sup> grade math is next week. School year winding down, planning kindergarten graduation for June 3, 2019. Making scheduling adjustments to achieve goals for next year. Title I reading – Young Author Night – will have students reading their own works both at night and during the day. Ashley VEX robots –all students will have been exposed at all grades, and summer school will include an EIE (Engineering in Early) program with Ashley Foundation donating two kits for summer and another for the school year

Dana Eide – PLC Institute will be hosted here for the consortium. Will not be necessary for staff to travel to Mpls. Writing a Peer Mentoring Grant and will apply the grant funding towards running our own PLC. This year mentors will actually observe the classroom activities of the mentees. Forward Testing for grades 7-8 and ACT Testing of 9-10 currently underway. Second breakfast has been largely popular. Graduation scheduled for May 25, 2019 and need three school board members to assist with the ceremony.

Katie Belitz - School Psychologist: Wellness committee is very active. Monthly challenges for staff to complete. Winners monthly for completion of the challenge. Big wellness / mental health event May 10. Starting at 1:00 p.m. elementary carnival, at 5:30 the color run/walk, then a community event with sandwiches and drinks and four stations for mental health / drug / technology and a mock bedroom.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to appoint Sarah Staff as Blair-Taylor's representative at the CESA #4 annual meeting on June 5, 2019. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by J. Stalheim to appoint S. Staff and D. Thompson as our representatives for the consortium joint powers board. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by D. Thompson to approve Pape Bus contract addendum. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by M. Steien to approve the final version of the staff recognition board. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to approve the CESA 10 Services Agreement for the 2019-20 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by J. Stalheim to approve the 2019-20 Audit Contract with Johnson Block.  
Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with second by D. Thompson to go from a 7-year athletic uniform rotation to a 5-year rotation.  
Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by M. Steien to accept resignation of Jennifer Hessler, Dance Coach. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by M. Steien to accept resignation of S. Gauch, H.S. Social Studies. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with second by S. Staff to approve resignation of Jill Robinson. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by M. Steien to approve purchase of a Special Education van up to \$65,000.  
Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, second by J. Stalheim to approve Speech/Language contract for Emma Steines for the 2019-20 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0

Motion by J. Stalheim with second by S. Staff to approve H.S. English contract for Kenzie Larson for the 2019-20 school year. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0

Motion by M. Steien with second by D. Thompson to approve the second reading of the adoption resolution to approve the Bylaws and Policies of Blair-Taylor Board of Education. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with second by D. Thompson to move to closed session at 7:28 p.m. in accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss staffing needs, compensation/compensation model, administrative contracts.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk