

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 24th– 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, David Thompson, Michele Steien, Blaine Koxlien, Sarah Staff, Perry Kujak and Neil Kniseley. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Dana Eide, Beth Lisowski, Katie Belitz. Meeting live-streamed on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

The Official Oath of Office was read and signed by newly re-elected school board member, Sarah Staff. Congratulations Sarah.

**Board Reorganization:**

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to keep Board officers and committees the same as 22-23 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by N. Kniseley to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by P. Kujak, to approve March 2023 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley to approve bills for the month of March 2023. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the March 2023 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

**Administrative Reports:**

Superintendent Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson congratulated Sarah Staff for being re-elected to the Board for another term. He was happy to report our referendum passed with a 53-47% vote. Statewide 50% of April's referendums passed, while 80% passed in November. It shows inflation has created money being tight everywhere. Senior interviews are May 16th. Board members are invited to attend.

Middle/High School Principal, Dana Eide - FCCLA and HOSA is hosting a mock car crash on Friday, which is the day before Prom. This is a reminder of what could happen while texting and driving. We have just a few students left to finish the state testing. The end of the school year is upon us. During May we have numerous events scheduled. A band concert will be held on

May 8th, senior exit interviews and a choir concert on May 16th, senior last day is May 24th, 8th grade recognition is May 26th and graduation is May 27th.

Elementary Principal, Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski has one more student to finish state testing. Summer school registration is open. So far we have 103 students from kindergarten through 5th grade attending. Mrs. Lisowski is waiting to hear results from a Summer School grant she applied for. Anticipating to have an answer by the end of April.

**Action Items:**

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson to approve purchase of a Dalco floor wax machine in the amount of \$5,083.50. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve purchase of an air handling unit #1 in the amount of \$7,200.00. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve CESA 4 services contract for the 23-24 school year in the amount of \$101,014.00. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the first reading of the Board Policy Updates and Approval. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Tenneson with a second by D. Thompson, to nominate & elect Sarah Staff as our CESA 4 delegate. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve resignation of 4th grade teacher Mianna Stegemeyer. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve retirement resignation for Allan Austad with many thanks. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.


Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c), to discuss staffing needs 2023-24, staff compensation 2023-24, administrative contracts, letters of intent for staff (support, child care, teachers). Motion carried.

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

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve letters of intent for staffing (support, child care, teachers) for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
David Thompson, Clerk