

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 25th– 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: Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, 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.

Motion by S. Staff, with second by M. Steien to approve the agenda.

Official Oath of Office was read and signed by newly re-elected school board members, David Thompson and Blaine Koxlien, and newly elected school board member, Neil Kniseley on April 18, 2022. Congratulations David, Blaine, and Neil.

**Board Reorganization:**

Motion by S. Staff with a second by M. Steien to nominate Troy Tenneson as School Board President. J. Eide moved to close nominations. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien with a second by S. Staff to nominate Perry Kujak as School Board Vice-President. D. Thompson moved to close nominations. Motion passed by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by P. Kujak to nominate David Thompson as School Board Clerk. P. Kujak moved to close nominations. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by P. Kujak with a second by T. Tenneson to nominate Sarah Staff as School Board Treasurer. T. Tenneson moved to close nominations. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by S. Staff to approve keeping committees as presented for the 2022-2023 school year except adding Neil Kniseley to replace Perry Kujak to the Compensation Model committee.

- **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:** P. Kujak, M. Steien, N. Kniseley
- **Board Policy Review:** S. Staff, D. Thompson, N. Kniseley
- **Compensation Model:** N. Kniseley, S. Staff, M. Steien

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff for board meeting date and times to remain the same being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 pm, except for the months of April & October being the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by P. Kujak to approve March, 2022 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of March 2022. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by P. Kujak to approve the March 2022 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

### **Reports:**

Superintendent Report – Jeff Eide - Mr. Eide reported to the board that the net profit of the BT Club was \$3,140.00 for the year after expenses and scholarships were paid.

Elementary Principal Report – Lynn Halverson- Mr. Halverson reported 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students have completed the Forward Testing. We will receive unofficial results in June and final results toward the end of October. On May 20th we will have our elementary spring concert. On May 26th we will have kindergarten graduation. May 27th is the last day of the school year. We have completed our ELA pilot with Into Reading & American Reading Company. The ELA committee chose Into Reading.

Middle/High Principal Report – Dana Eide- Mrs. Eide reported the middle/high school is finishing up state testing. We do have a few students left to test. Our ELA committee are currently piloting StudySync. A WIAA waiver has been submitted to allow double header baseball games to be 5 innings instead of 7. We welcome any board members to attend graduation on May 28th, senior awards night and Baccalaureate on May 22nd, and 8th grade recognition on May 13th. .

School Psychologist – Katie Belitz - Ms. Belitz reported the mental health grant will be entering its second year of this cycle. This is our 4th year of having the grant. All leftover funding from this year will have a 100% rollover to next school year.

**Action Items:**

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff to approve the consent agenda resignations & retirements for Tech Ed, School Psychologist, Elementary teacher, and Special Education teacher. A special thank you to Diane Moller for her many years of teaching here at Blair-Taylor. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley to approve the consent agenda contracts for a Speech and Language teacher, Paraprofessional, Child care lead teacher, and a High School English teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with a second by P. Kujak to nominate Sarah Staff to be our CESA 4 representative. Motion carried.

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 meet and discuss staffing needs, fall sports contracts, cleaning service contract, CPI/compensation, superintendent interviews/options, insurance needs, and letters of intent for child care staff, support staff and teachers/OT contract.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to resume to open session. Motion carried.

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

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the 5-year cleaning service contract. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the letters of intent for child care, support staff, and teachers. Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by S. Staff with a second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk

