

**BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 16th – 5:30 P.M**

Vice President Perry Kujak called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present:, David Thompson, Sarah Staff, Michele Steien, Perry Kujak, Blaine Koxlien, and Neil Kniseley. Absent: Troy Tenneson Also present: Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, and Katie Belitz, and Jeff Eide by zoom. Meeting also 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. Motion carried.

There were no public comments at this time.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by N. Kniseley, to approve the minutes for April 2022 regular and closed minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff to approve bills for the month of April 2022. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve the April 2022 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

**Reports:**

Superintendent - Jeff Eide - We will be having a governing board meeting in June, with a full board meeting in July. The new scoreboard for the softball field has been installed.

Middle/High School Principal - Dana Eide - Dairyland conference athletic directors have met to discuss pushing out the start of baseball season next year. The middle/high school is also extremely busy at the end of the year. Senior exit interviews begin tomorrow, May 17th. Board members are invited to attend interviews. We had 8th grade recognition on Friday, May 13th. Baccalaureate is Sunday, May 22nd at 5:30. Graduation will be on May 28th at 1:00. Summer school/credit recovery begins 6/6 - 6/24. This includes credit recovery, detentions, and portfolio make up. The TV 2.0 talking about doing some retreats this summer to work forward to make our consortium successful.

We have a few FCCLA members presenting a short presentation of what FCCLA is and what they have done this year.

Elementary Principal - Lynn Halverson - The elementary school is extremely busy at the end of the year. Grades 3-5 spring concert will be on 5/20/22. We plan to have a field trip to the Blair

park and aquatic center on 5/24/22 with a grill out. In case of rain, we will move the field trip to 5/25. Kindergarten graduation is 5/26/22 beginning at 1:00. Summer school is set for June 6 -17th. We have the highest number of students attending this year. We believe that is due to providing transportation for all students. Looking at next year, our biggest change will be our new ELA program which is Into Reading. We have scheduled a professional development day on 8/16.

Special Ed Director - Katie Belitz - May is mental health awareness month. Jackson County is sending a speaker to all the school districts within the county to discuss social media and its impact on the lives of students. The middle/high school will have a wellness day Friday, May 20 to promote making healthy choices.

**Action Items:**

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve early graduation requests. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve an IT Contract with Chestnut Consulting. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the Open Enrollment In. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve food service meal prices as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff to approve the first reading Board Policy. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by M. Steien, to approve - Policy 5112 Early Entrance Policy First Reading. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the resignation of cross country coach Alex Olson. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the resignation of physical education teacher Jessica Kish. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve - Johnson Controls Fire Panel and Components. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Superior Sealers bid for parking lot and track repairs, with the addendum to check the cost reduction if silica sand was donated by one of our local sand mines. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss staffing needs, support staff contracts/scale, Teacher's contracts, insurance proposal review/approval, superintendent contract review/discussion and athletic director annual coach review of 2021-22.

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

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by S. Staff, to accept the health insurance contract presented by Mr. Eide with the board deciding to spend the \$122,479 dollars that would equal to the insurance premium increase with our current deductible and instructed Mr. Eide to take the premium of the higher deductible increase and the balance left to roll over to employees HSA. Noting that the board is committed to spending the \$122,479, not a move to save money, but put monies into the pockets of its employees rather than into the pockets of corporate insurance. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk

