

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 20th – 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, Neil Kniseley, Sarah Staff, and Blaine Koxlien. Absent: Perry Kujak. Also present: Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, and Katie Belitz, Tracy Hogden, Gwen Kidd. Meeting also 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.

Public comment - Tracy Hogden, a CESA 4 representative of Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services, presented an award to Jeff Eide for his dedication of putting the needs of students first a priority.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley to approve May 2022 regular, closed & special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by D. Thompson to approve bills for the month of May 2022. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by N. Kniseley to approve the May 2022 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

Reports:

Superintendent-Jeff Eide - Mr. Eide informed the board, in 2002, the entire state of Wisconsin and local per pupil spending was ranked 12th highest in the nation being 11% above the national average. In 2020 we are now 26th in the nation which is 5.6% below the national average. Just to keep in mind for the next Biennial budget as with no new money operating may be strained. Summer maintenance has begun. Kitchen floors will be sanded down and refinished this week. The seal coating of our parking lots started today, and will be complete by Friday.

Elementary Principal - Lynn Halverson - Mr Halverson stated the elementary had grades 3-5 concert on 5/20. Mrs. Gappa does a very nice job with our students. On 5/24 was the annual elementary park day. For the first time ever, the 5th graders beat the staff in the kickball game. Kindergarten graduation went smoothly with the helpful Kindergarten staff. The elementary school had about 200 students attending summer school June 7th- 8th. Of that 176 students attended swimming lessons. Other summer school events were a touch a truck event, and the Amazing Loon both sponsored by Kris McNamer and the Blair Preston Library.

MS/HS Principal-Dana Eide - Mrs. Eide presented the Alternative education progress reports from Mrs. Geary. We received great outcomes and an excellent turn out for credit recovery. During credit recovery we also gave opportunities to make up community service hours and detention time. Mrs. Eide gave the board a copy of an updated Handbook. Just updated the board on some potential changes. She is intending to bring this to the board for the first reading at July's board meeting. Mrs. Eide presented Dairyland conference sportsmanship cards for fall and winter sports.

Special Ed Director-Katie Belitz - Currently we are still looking for a MS/HS Special Ed teacher. Two counselors continue to meet weekly with students during the summer to meet their needs without having to travel as far.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve increasing milk prices from .30 to .35 per carton. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the second reading of board policy 7450 and 7455. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the second reading of policy 5112 Early Entrance Policy. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff to approve - WIAA Membership renewal for 2022-2023 school year with adding boys hockey as a coop. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve removing Jeff Eide and adding Lynn Halverson to accounts at Waumandee State Bank as of July 1, 2022. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss two-year support staff contracts, office staff contracts, teaching staff contracts/compensation model, staffing needs, elementary principal contract, and club support for students going to state or nationals. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

The school board discussed two-year support staff contracts, office staff contracts, teaching staff contracts/compensation model, staffing needs, elementary principal contract, and club support for students going to state or nationals.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by M. Steien to approve the support staff two-year contract for a .75 increase for 2022-23 and .40 increase for the 2023-24 school year. In addition, a .50 increase will be steps for every three years after years 15 (18, 21, 24, 27 etc.) Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley to approve the teaching staff contracts by 3.95% or \$1,501 and approve the base salary from \$38,000 to \$40,000. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve Beth Lisowski as the elementary principal and approve the contract as presented pending the approval of her resignation from her former school district. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve \$250 per student for overnight for state events, and \$500 per student for nationals and cover meals for day trips. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

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

Respectfully submitted:



David Thompson, Clerk

