

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 18th – 5:37 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, Michele Steien, Neil Kniseley, Perry Kujak, and Blaine Koxlien. Absent: Troy Tenneson, Sarah Staff and Beth Lisowski. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Dana Eide, and Katie Belitz. 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 M. Steien, with second by D. Thompon to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by N. Kniseley to approve June 2022 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with second by P. Kujak to approve bills for the month of June 2022. Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson with second by M. Steien to approve the June 2022 financial statement. Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0.

Reports:

Superintendent - Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson is getting comfortable with his new role with the District. He reported the parking lots have been completed. BT Cleaning will continue to work hard to have the building ready to go by the end of July, with leaving the middle/high school and district offices to be complete in early August.

Middle/High Principal - Dana Eide- Mrs. Eide introduced our new Tech Ed teacher and head cross country coach, Andrew Scheller. Kailee Jahr has assisted Daisy, Kelly and Sue with setting up our online orientation. Mandy Swenson, the district's new instructional coach and Mrs. Eide will be meeting with a CESA rep on what this roll looks like. We have also reached out to CESA to help support our English learner program. The coop has many new staff members and/or other staff shifting. So we've had many meetings and a staff get together to broaden our networking over the summer.

Board member Mr. Kujak asked the admin to go through our violence prevention procedure at Blair-Taylor.

Elementary Principal - Beth Lisowski - Mr. Halverson reported on behalf of Mrs. Lisowski that her first couple of weeks have gone very well. She is setting into the office and has been learning the new reading curriculum, PBIS structures/policies and the elementary schedule. She has also spent time getting to know staff, the building set up, and creating the elementary family handbook. Everyone has been so supportive and willing to help.

Special Ed Director - Katie Belitz - We continue to look for a special education teacher. We also continue to have counselors come in twice a week to continue helping our students meet their needs.

Discussion Items:

Mr. Halverson went through the potential changes to the elementary student handbook. We are reviewing this month and hopefully approve at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Eide updated the board on some language changes in the middle/high school student handbook. Just a couple updates should be completed prior to the hand book approval at the August board meeting.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the resignation of 6th Grade Teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve - the resignation, Middle School Cross Country. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve the audit contract for Johnson Block. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by N. Kniseley, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the bid from Winona Controls for a new water heater in the amount of \$15,225.00. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve changing the authorized signature from Jeff Eide as he has retired to Lynn Halverson with American Deposit Management Company. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve the new tuition rates for B-T Child Care Center starting in September 2022. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by N. Kniseley, to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Motion by M. Steien with a second by D. Thompson to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss compensation model, staffing for 2022-23.

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

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by P. Kujak, with a second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



David Thompson, Clerk