

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st – 5:30 P.M.

President Troy Tenneson called the Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, Michele Steien, Perry Kujak, Jeff Stalheim. Absent: Sarah Staff. Also present: Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz. 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 D. Thompson, with second by J. Stalheim to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by P. Kujak to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by D. Thompson to approve the August bills. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to approve the financial statement for August. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0.

Reports:

Superintendent Jeff Eide - We plan to have a special board meeting to discuss the preliminary budget on October 5th. Our annual meeting will take place on October 26th. Meeting will include our regular board meeting, then discuss the budget. WASB Regional Meeting for board members will be held virtually on October 6th. The state of Wisconsin revenues was higher than expected so school districts did not see a legislative session to reduce the money approved in the second year of the biennium budget. This was a positive.

MS/HS Principal - Dana Eide - Fall sports have begun. Each athlete is given 4 tickets for spectators to attend sporting events. Spectators are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. We continue to monitor social distancing and have hand sanitizer available. We have ideas of roping off around the football field for more room to social distance. Music programs will also perform. Still looking at creative ways to continue with programs during this trying time of Covid. Parent/Teacher conferences will take place virtually. We are making accommodations for virtual students to arrive for school pictures.

Elementary Principal-Lynn Halverson - Students are extremely excited to be back in school. Staff have been wonderful working through the changes, as some students are learning virtually and also in the classroom. A number of students who initially chose to learn virtually decided to return face to face. Currently we have 26 K-6 students learning remotely.

Special Ed Director -Katie Belitz - We continue to have our IEP's virtually or by phone. We are still hoping to plan a virtual family fun night.

Discussion:

We plan to have a referendum presentation to the taxpayers of the school district at all municipalities. Current timeline is: September 28-Township of Ettrick, October 5th-City of Blair, October 7th-Township of Pigeon, October 12th-Village of Taylor, Township of Preston, Township of Curran, October 13th-Township of Albion, October 13th Township of Springfield, October 14th-Township of Franklin, and Township of Arcadia. An updated referendum information fact sheet along with an article from WASB regarding the daycare crisis was distributed.

Action Items:

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve the policy of personal protective equipment during pandemic/epidemic (First Reading) Data. Motion carried.

Motion by M Steien, with a second by D. Thompson to approve Western Dairyland Head Start Facility Use Agreement. Motion carried with roll call vote. 6-0

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien to approve a food service dishwasher contract to Rita Borreson. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0.

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve the resignation of Ned Laughery as head wrestling coach. The board would like to thank Ned for his many years of dedication.. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by P. Kujak to approve the resignation of Kim Nehring as assistant softball coach. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson to approve a physical education teacher contract to Kevin Jensen. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve a part-time speech-language contract to Kelly Mattison. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by M. Steien to approve a part-time cleaning service support staff contract to Samantha O'Quinn.. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim approved to hire Travis Sprague as Assistant Volleyball Coach, Kailee Jahr as C-Team Volleyball Coach, Taylor Widiker as Middle School Volleyball Coach, and Haylei Lyga as Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) support staff compensation/handbook. Motion carried.

Without the need to reconvene in open session a motion by S. Staff, with a second by B. Koxlien to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk