

**BLAIR-TAYLOR DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 22nd- 5:30 P.M.**

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Sarah Staff, Blaine Koxlien, Troy Tenneson, Michele Steien, David Thompson, and Perry Kujak. Absent: Neil Kniseley. Also present: Lynn Halverson, Beth Lisowski, Jared McCutchen, Becky Brouillet, Lori Lisowski, and 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 a second by M. Steien, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The Official Oath of Office was read and signed by newly re-elected school board members, Troy Tenneson, Perry Kujak, and Michele Steien.

**Board Reorganization:**

Motion by P. Kujak, with a second by S. Staff, to nominate Troy Tenneson as our board president. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by T. Tenneson, to nominate Perry Kujak as our board vice president. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to nominate David Thompson as our board clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to nominate Sarah Staff as our board treasurer. Motion carried.

Congratulations to everyone!

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak to keep the standing committees as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to keep board meetings at 5:30 pm the third Monday of each month, except for April and October which will be the fourth Monday. Motion carried.

With No public comment, we will move on.

Motion by P. Kujak, with second by S. Staff, to approve March 2024 regular and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by M. Steien, to approve bills for the month of March 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with second by P. Kujak, to approve the March 2024 financial statement. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Superintendent Lynn Halverson - Mr. Halverson reported so far during this school year we have had two school days closed due to weather. The district is required by DPI to meet a certain number of instructional hours for elementary and middle/high school. Even with these two days, we will still meet the number of required hours. With that being said, we would like to keep the last student day for this school year as May 31, 2024. Last week, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Staff, and Mr. Halverson attended the Governing Board Meeting. CESA 4 presented more information about artificial intelligence. With AI it might be a possible solution to close the learning gaps and make staff more efficient. Last week, Mr. Halverson also attended a Learning & the Brain conference. Which also ties into the CESA 4 AI presentation. Maybe we need to be willing to experiment with AI to meet the needs of our students. On May 1st CESA will be presenting AI to the Blair-Taylor staff.

District Principal Beth Lisowski - Mrs. Lisowski reported Wednesday we will be having a freshman orientation for our 8th graders and their families to learn the scheduling process and what next year may look like. April 26th, we will be hosting a middle school dance. This week is the last week of Forward Testing. Monday, April 29th is parent/teacher conferences. Summer school registration was open for two weeks beginning last week Friday. So far we have 121 elementary students signed up.

Assistant District Principal Jared McCutchen - Mr. McCutchen updated the board that the elementary school had finished up their Forward testing last week. We hosted the 4th grade Heritage Fair. Tomorrow is the regional Heritage Fair in Black River Falls. Mr. Nehring will be taking those students who were chosen to go on to present their projects. We have begun to work on the class lists for next year. 4k registration will be on Wednesday, April 24th. As always we have a bunch of end of the year field trips coming up. We are in the beginning stages of starting a PTO.

Special Ed Director Becky Brouillet - Ms. Brouillet is scheduling the last of her special ed evaluations. Teachers are working on students testing for their end of year progress reports.

### **Discussion Items:**

Mr. Halverson presented three different health insurance renewal options he received from Security Health. If we keep our current plan, which is a deductible of 4,000 single / \$8,000 family with a maximum out of pocket \$5,000/\$10,000, the rates will increase 8%. A second option would be to raise our deductibles from \$4,000 single / \$8,000 family to \$5,000/\$10,000. With the maximum out of pocket increasing from \$5,000 single / \$10,000 family to \$6,000/\$12,000. This would increase our rates 4.48%. The third option would be to keep our

deductible and maximum out of pocket the same, just decreasing the co-insurance from 100% after deductible to 80%. This will increase our rates 2.99%.

**Action Items:**

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien to approve Official Payments as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Golf Spring 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by P. Kujak, to approve CESA 10 Contract 2024-25. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to approve CESA 4 Contract 2024-25 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by S. Staff, to approve Jill Anderson retirement Anderson with special recognition and appreciation for her years of education service. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by P. Kujak, to nominate Sarah Staff as our CESA 4 Annual Meeting Representative. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to table the Waste Disposal with CESA 10. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve consent agenda items being Paraprofessional Resignation for Tasha Becker and Shayla Killian, purchase girls basketball uniforms, contract for Elementary Teacher to Jordyn Walters, contract for Middle School Teacher-Madeline Wolff, contract for Middle School Teacher-David Cowley, contract for Middle School Teacher-Gracey Mlsna. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

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 discuss individual staffing 2024-25 and non-renewal considerations. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thompson, Clerk

