

Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 13, 2020 7:00 PM
Deerfield Primary Library
Electronically at <https://zoom.us/j/802291896> or
By Live Viewing at BSDN Live YouTube

Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted on the wall in this room and attached to the public agenda electronically.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Nebraskans are facing unprecedented challenges to conduct open, public meetings in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Recommendations to limit social gatherings to fight the spread of the virus have generated several questions and concerns about the ability of public bodies to meet electronically. In response, Governor Ricketts issued Executive Order No. 20-03 (“Order”), which provides a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§84-1407 to 84-1414 (2014, Cum. Supp. 2018, Supp. 2019). The order permits all public bodies in the state to meet by videoconference, telephone conference call, and other telecommunications applications, so long as members of the public and the media are provided access to the meetings in some manner. The Order applies to all public meetings beginning now through May 31, 2020.

Governor Ricketts recommended that all citizens avoid public gatherings of more than ten (10) people. The Board urged the public to follow this public health recommendation and avoid in person attendance.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Deb Parks, Brittney Gunderson and Denise Ray.
Present Board Members Electronically: Steve Callaghan, Lyle Schjodt, Laura Ronning and Bob Schoby.

Board President Loseke noted the Board does have a quorum physically present at the meeting. If technology failures or complications would prevent all Board members from participating or voting, the meeting can continue. The meeting room has been setup to follow the recommendation of social distancing.

3. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Gilson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda – None

6. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items – None

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes

Lyle Schjodt Yes
Bob Schoby Yes

- 7.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting.**
- 7.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meetings as published.**
- 7.3. Receipt of Communications**
- 7.4. Treasurer’s Report**
- 7.5. Audit of Claims**

8. Business

8.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda – None

8.2. Recognitions

8.2.1. Classified Administrative Staff Retirement

Mr. Bill Brown, District Transportation Director, submitted a letter of retirement upon the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year. The Board and Administration thanked Mr. Brown for his years of service and dedication to the District and to the students of Blair Community Schools.

8.2.2. Math Counts Program

The Math Counts Team had an outstanding year. The students competed in the 3M Valley Invitational in January and placed fourth (4th) with Zach Anderson posting the highest score of the team. In February, the group competed in the Regional Competition in Omaha where they placed fifth (5th) out of 25 teams and over 150 students. In the top 25% individuals was Ruby Gutzmann whom received 12th place and Zach Anderson and Whitney Belles tied for 28th place.

Members of the 2019-20 team are:

8th Grade: Chaeli Baker, Austin Back, Whitney Belles, Ruby Gutzmann, Jacinta Flynn and Martha Picton.

7th Grade: Zach Anderson, Hunter Camenzind and Cady Quick.

Team Coaches: Mrs. Donna Callaghan and Mrs. Annette Ott, BHS Math Teachers. They would like to thank the Board for their support of the program, it is a great asset to Blair Community Schools.

8.3. Acceptance of Gifts – None

8.4. Consideration of Communications – None

8.5. Comments from The Public

This is traditionally the portion of the meeting when members of the public normally address the board about matters of public concern. Oral public comment will not be accepted however, written public concern or comment is always accepted and can be sent to the Board Presidents email account at kloseke@blairschools.org.

8.6. Committee Reports

8.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Deb Parks.

Motion Passed: I move to adopt the Graduation Resolution for the Washington County School District 89-0001, A/K/A Blair Community Schools, as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Denise Ray.

Steve Callaghan Yes
Brittney Gunderson Yes
Kari Loseke Yes
Deb Parks Yes

Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve on first notification revisions to policy 508.13-School Wellness Program passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.6.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Denise Ray.

8.6.3. BG&T Committee

The BG&T Committee met on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Lyle Schjodt.

8.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Brandi Petersen.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the contract between Washington County School District 89-0001 A/K/A Blair Community Schools and Jackson, Jackson & Associates of 6912 N 97th Circle #1, Omaha, NE 68122 (Jackson Contract) regarding the design and provide construction administration for the renovation of the press box at Krantz Field (football, track and soccer complex) consisting of two (2) stories with two (2) coaches rooms, media areas, one (1) PA/Scoreboard Operating area, first (1st) floor storage, the estimated square footage is 460 per floor. (Hereinafter referred to as the “Project”) passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Deb Parks.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.7. Approval of New Certified Staff

Approval of Certified Staff for the 2020-21 school year:

- Tammy Holcomb, Blair High School Principal.

- Current High School Principal of Centura Public Schools.
- Mrs. Holcomb is looking forward to leading Blair High School's tradition of being Nebraska's top performing high school in academics, fine arts, and activities.
- Mrs. Holcomb will assume the duties of Blair High School Principal beginning July 1, 2020.
- Rose Klein, Blair High School 9-12 Special Education Teacher.
 - Blair High School Graduate.
 - Currently Special Education Teacher, Lexington Public Schools, Lexington, Nebraska.
- Kirk Schjodt, Blair High School 9-12 Vocal Director.
 - Blair High School Graduate.
 - Currently Vocal Music Teacher, Arapahoe High School, Centennial, Colorado.

Motion Passed (As Amended): I move to approve the new Certified Staff, Tammy Holcomb and Rose Klein as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the new Certified Staff Member, Kyle Schjodt, as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Abstain
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.8. Acceptance of Resignations

Approval of Certified Staff Resignations:

- Ashley Miskowiec, Kindergarten Teacher at Deerfield Primary, has submitted a resignation letter effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020.
- The following Administrator has submitted their letter of resignation effective upon the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year:
 - Dustin (Bubba) Penas, Assistant Principal/Activities Director at Blair High School.
- The following Certified Staff have submitted their letter of resignation effective upon the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year:
 - Jeff Kment, Otte Middle School Grade 8 Science Teacher.
 - Emanuel Maldonado, Blair High School 9-12 Spanish Teacher.

Motion Passed (As Amended): I move to accept the resignations of certified staff members, Dustin Penas, Jeff Kment and Emanuel Maldonado, at the end of the 2019-20 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Deb Parks.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed I move to accept the resignations of certified staff member, Ashley Miskoweic, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Deb Parks.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.9. Informational Information

- eLearning
 - Last Day, May 15, 2020
- May 13, 2020 – Seniors Last Day
- 3,746 Free Meals Distributed to Date

9. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm passed with a motion by Bob Schoby and a second by Deb Parks.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Angie Conety, Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D., Superintendent