

THE BOARD REPORT

BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education met on Monday, August 10, 2015 at The Blair Community Administration Building for a 6:00 pm Public Work Session and a 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting. Board members present were: Molly Dahlgren, Ginger Fredericksen, Kari Loseke, Deb Parks, Jennifer Rezylik, Lyle Schjodt, Dave Warrick, and Bob Schoby. Board members absent excused: Brandi Petersen

Work Session:

The Board of Education continued a discussion from last months meeting on the results of the self-evaluation they completed.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Otte Blair Middle School Apple Core students led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing for Amended Budget:

A notice was published in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the Board of Education will meet on the 10th day of August, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at Blair Community School's Administration Building, 2232 Washington Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget amendment. The Bond Fund Budget is being amended because of refinancing bonds in order to lower the interest rate of the bond. This amendment will not impact property tax rates for the current year. Both the bond revenue and expenditures were increased by \$9,500,000 in order to pay for the refinancing. The District will save approximately \$340,000 over the remaining life of the bonds. All other things stayed the same. No comments from the public.

Public Hearing for the 1005.03-Parental Involvement in the Schools:

Per state statue §79-531 through §79-533, each school district shall develop, adopt, and annually review and reaffirm a policy outlining parental involvement in regard to 1) how the school district will provide access to parents concerning textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials used in the school district; 2) how the school district will handle requests by parents to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities; 3) under what circumstances parents may ask that their children be excused from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences the parents may find objectionable; 4) how the school district will provide access to records of students; 5) what the school district's testing policy will be; and 6) how the school district participates in surveys of students and the right of parents to remove their children from such surveys. No comments from the public.

Consent Agenda and Claims:

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Board meeting, The Treasurer's Report, and payment of monthly claims.

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Taher Food Service Report:

Judy Cameron and Laura Jost from Taher, the Districts School Lunch Management Service, were on hand to present an overview of the 2014-2015 school year and the 2015-2016 school year USDA changes and regulations.

Comments from the Public:

Mr. Justin Wolsmann addressed the Board regarding the Option Enrollment Policy.

Committee Reports:

The Policy Committee met on Monday, August 3, 2015. The Board action taken from this committee:

- **approved** second and final reading on policy 2015.04-Policy Communication.
- **approved** all handbooks as presented.
 - K-2 SP Handbook
 - 3-5 SP Handbook
 - 6-8 SP Handbook
 - 9-12 SP Handbook
 - Certified Staff Handbook
 - Classified Staff Handbook
 - Substitute Teacher Handbook
- **approved** first and final notification revisions to the Board Policies as presented.
 - 204.11-Meeting Minutes
 - 402.01-Equal Opportunity Employment
 - 404.11-Facilities for Milk Expression
 - 508.16-Return from Pediatric Cancer
 - 603.01-Curriculum Development
 - 902.03-Procedures-Bidding Construction Projects
 - 902.04-Bids and Awards for Construction Projects
- **approved** to reaffirm existing Policy 1005.03-Parental Involvement in the Schools.
- **approved** to reaffirm existing Policy 504.19-Bullying Prevention.

The BG&T Committee met on Thursday, July 30, 2015. No action was taken from this committee.

The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, July 30, 2015. No action was taken from this committee.

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, August 5, 2015. The Board action taken from this committee:

- **approved** to amend the 2015-2016 budget as prepared by Mr. Shearer.

Hazard Mitigation Resolution:

The Papio-Missouri River NRD is in the process of updating the regional, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is an update to the 2011 plan and the primary goal is to reduce vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards. Participation in a hazard mitigation plan makes the community (and school district) eligible for applying to FEMA grants that help fund mitigation projects such as back-up power generators and safe rooms.

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- **approved** the Resolution for Participation in Papio-Missouri River NRD Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Approval of New Teachers:

- **approved** new teacher Marcella Garnett for a .40 FTE position as School Psychologist for the 2015-2016 school year.

Closed Session:

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:18 pm for the protection of public interest on the discussion of real estate matters and litigation matters. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:42 pm. The Board took the following action:

- **approved** to survey the Arbor Park property into three sections for an amount not to exceed \$4,200.00.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm. The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm at The Blair Community Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Rex Pfeil
Superintendent of Schools