

THE BOARD REPORT

BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education met on Monday, December 14, 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, Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Deb Parks, Dave Warrick, Bob Schoby, Jennifer Rezylik, and Ginger Fredericksen. Board members absent excused: Lyle Scjodt.

Work Session:

Dr. Dani Ladwig, Director of Curriculum & Assessment, shared an overview of PLC, Professional Learning Community, and why it is needed at the Blair Community Schools. PLC is to allow dedicate, embedded time to allow teachers time to collaborate and use data to improve instructional strategies and increase student achievement. The requirements and demands placed on schools has continued to increase and we have seen changes in our student population which require us to look differently at how we do things in order to meet the increasing needs of our students. Dr. Ladwig and high school representatives visited Hastings Public School and met with administrators and teachers to learn about their model. She will continue to meet with teachers to get their feedback and report back with the Curriculum Committee in February.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Principal Mike Janssen introduced Mackenzie Storjohann, 3rd grade student at Arbor Park, who lead the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda and Claims:

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the November 23, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, and payment of monthly claims.

Recognitions:

- Mr. Buddy Fausett, Manager of CF Industries, presented the CF Industries Classroom Minigrant awards to recipients: Krissy Anderson, Laura Bloomfield, Jennifer Chikos, Ann Kobs, Jill Petersen, Peggy Rutcosky, Meredith Schneider, Ross Udey, Julia Vogel, and Todd Wick. The minigrants, totaling \$3,285.00, are to support local education and emphasize agricultural and environmental literacy.

Acceptance of Gifts:

- **Approved** to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Wal-Mart Community Grants Team and Facility #4568 awarded to the K-2 buildings to be used for Character Education.

Consideration of Communication:

- **Approved** permission for the 8th grade band to travel to Adventureland on June 6, 2016 with no district funds being used for the trip.

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Committee Reports:

The Policy Committee met on Monday, November 30, 2015. The Board action taken from this committee:

- **Approved** on second and final notification revisions to policy 1005.06-Community Resource Persons.
- **Approved** on second and final notification new policies 1005.12-Volunteers, 1005.12R1-Volunteers-Procedures, and 1005.13-Resident Sex Offenders.

The BG&T Committee met on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. The Board action taken from this committee:

- **Approved** the submission of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Grant for the 2016-17 school year.

The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, December 3, 2015. No action was taken from this committee.

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The Board action taken from this committee:

- **Approved** to accept the 2014-15 Audited Financial Statements from the Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP.

Facility Study:

The Blair Community Schools Board of Education has been reviewing district facilities in order to gain an understanding of current and future needs that must be met to support the infrastructure and operational aspects of buildings and facilities. The Board has prioritized work on this project through Work Session discussions and Board Meeting discussions, and has developed a needs list to be presented to the public for feedback.

- **Approved** the presentation of the Facility Study at public forums scheduled for January 7, 2016, January 12, 2016, and January 19, 2016 in order to obtain public feedback and input.

Board and Superintendent Goals:

- **Approved** the Board and Superintendent Goals for the 2015-16 school year as presented.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm at The Blair Community Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Rex Pfeil
Superintendent of Schools