

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

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## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Denise Cada, Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Steve Callaghan, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, and Courtney Tabor

### 2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the absence of Board Member(s): Ginger Fredericksen passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Brandi Petersen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) students, Izzy Hartvigsen and Claire Locken, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and presented their FBLA Annual Business Report.

## 4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda – None

## 5. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items - None

## 6. Consent Agenda

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

- 6.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting**
- 6.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published**
- 6.3. Receipt of Communications**
- 6.4. Treasurer's Report**
- 6.5. Audit of Claims**

**7. Business**

**7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda - None**

**7.2. Recognitions**

**7.3. Acceptance of Gifts**

**7.3.1. Blair Community Schools Foundation**

The Blair Community Schools Foundation donated \$20,000 to provide support to help finance the purple exchange zones to be added to the Krantz Field track during the upcoming scheduled renovation.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from the Blair Community Schools Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to provide support to finance purple exchange zones to be added to the Krantz Field track passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**7.3.2. Anonymous Donation**

Blair Community Schools received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to help finance new purple exchange zones to be added to the Krantz Field track during the upcoming scheduled renovation.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the anonymous donation in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to help finance new purple exchange zones to be added to the Krantz Field track passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Deb Parks.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**7.3.3. Nebraska FFA Foundation**

The Blair FFA received a donation in the amount of \$1,627.57 from the Nebraska FFA Foundation. Morgan Casper, FFA Advisor, informed the club participates in the "I Believe in the Future of Ag" campaign during their fruit sales fundraiser. This is a program that is run by the Nebraska FFA

Foundation which tries to encourage local donations and support of FFA Chapters at the local level. Local donations get sent to the Foundation, which then returns the donations plus a percentage of a pool of money from corporate sponsors based on how much was donated at the local level.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from the Nebraska FFA Foundation in the amount of \$1,627.57 passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Deb Parks.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

#### **7.3.4. Nebraska FFA Foundation**

Mr. Tyler Siecke, District Activities Director, informed RT Masonry would like to donate paint, an estimated value of \$1,200, to paint the concession stand at Krantz Field, located at Blair High School.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from RT Masonry for paint, an estimated value of \$1,200, to paint the concession stand at Krantz Field, located at Blair High School passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Brandi Petersen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

#### **7.3.5. Family Fare Donation**

Monica Maly, High School Special Education Teacher, has received a donation from Family Fare in the amount of \$1,000. This donation will fully fund the Family Fare grocery store stimulator. In addition, they have also donated signage, stickers and other items to make this a very positive opportunity for kids to know Family Fare. Family Fare was excited to partner with us and to create opportunities for the ACP/Life Skills students at Blair High School.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept a donation from Family Fare in the amount of \$1,000 for the ACP/Life Skills program at Blair High School passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

### 7.3.6. AKRS Equipment Donation

Monica Maly, High School Special Education Teacher, received a donation from AKRS Equipment, Mike Mackie - Store Manager, for tools valued at \$1,000. The high school ACP/Life Skills classroom at Blair High School will receive a fully stocked tool box and replica toys of AKRS Equipment.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from AKRS Equipment for tools valued at \$1,000 for the high school ACP/Life Skills classroom passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

### 7.4. Consideration of Communications

#### 7.4.1. FBLA National Leadership Conference

A letter has been received from Mrs. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Adviser, requesting permission for five (5) FBLA members to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference that will be held in Orlando, Florida from Thursday, June 27 - Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Mrs. Vicki Schrick and Mrs. Tatum Hartvigsen, Assistant FBLA Advisor, will provide guidance and support at this event.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the request for five (5) FBLA members to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida from June 27 through July 3, 2024 passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**7.5. Comments from The Public** – Comments were heard from two (2) patrons.

### 7.6. Committee Reports

#### 7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum/Americanism Committee

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Deb Parks.

#### 7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 4:00pm. A report was given by Steve Callaghan.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Floors, Inc., in the amount of \$37,392 for new carpet at Otte Middle School passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Superior Lighting in the amount of \$90,800 to upgrade the districts exterior lighting passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the purchase from HD Supply for a new Windor/Karcher Chariot scrubber for the amount of \$8,897.95 passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Matheson Gas in the amount of \$46,479.28 for the purchase of an air filtration system for the welding lab at Blair High School and to approve the bid from Mechanical Systems for \$24,650.00 for the installation of the air filtration system for the welding lab at Blair High School passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Deb Parks.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move approve the bid from McKinnis Roofing in the amount of \$33,096.00 for the purchase and installation of new 26-gauge pre-finished steel PBR style panels at the Allen Building and the bid from Dick's Electric in the amount of \$24,225.00 for the supply and installation of items presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

### 7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Brandi Petersen.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the purchase of a new dishwasher from AE Supply in the amount of \$6,600 for Blair High School passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the recommendation for meal prices for the 2024-25 school year as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the administration to enter into a renewal contract with Food Service Management Company, Taher, Inc., as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Deb Parks.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent

Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed (As Amended):** I move to approve to enter into a contract with Finalsight beginning July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2028 with an initial fee of \$27,950 and an annual fee of \$18,200 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Denise Cada.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the purchase from Sterling for a Server VH1 in the amount of \$7,051.41 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the quote from Follett in the amount of \$9,260.12 for the initial set-up and first year service for their Destiny Cloud service and an annual fee thereafter for \$6,230.12 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the quote from NWEA in the amount of \$21,000.00 for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes

Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve Bart Moore's Subcontracting, Inc., to repair the washout issue at Krantz Field with the amount not to exceed \$10,000 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the quote from Bear Painting in the amount of \$5,320 for painting the HAL room at Arbor Park Elementary passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the bid from Fisher Tracks, Inc., in the amount of \$23,200 to add purple exchange zones to the track at Krantz Field passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to allow the Superintendent, at his discretion, to approve emergency paid leave for those staff members affected by the tornado and storm passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent



Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Failed:** I move to approve the district to pay for a work visa for a Spanish Teacher at Otte Middle School not to exceed \$20,000 failed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	No
Steve Callaghan	No
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	No
Deb Parks	No
Brandi Petersen	No
Courtney Tabor	No
Tim Welch	No

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the quote from PowerSchool for services of PowerSchool Records and Applicant Tracking for an initial first year set-up in the amount of \$25,179.00 and an annual fee of \$12,044.50 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve \$50,000 for the increase of certified administrators' total compensation inclusive of wages and benefits, for the 2024-25 school year to be allocated by the Superintendent passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**7.7. Approval of New Certified Staff**

- Emily Jackson – Otte Middle School Vocal Music
- Lori Morrison – Otte Middle School Grade 7 Science
- Layne Lueders – Otte Middle School Guidance Counselor

- Isabella Jetensky – Deerfield Elementary Art Teacher

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve new certified staff members, Emily Jackson, Lori Morrison, Layne Lueders, and Isabella Jetensky as presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

### 7.8. Acceptance of Resignation

- Jordyn Hite – Speech Language Pathologist
- Maggie Swenson – Grade 2, Deerfield Elementary

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the resignation of Jordyn Hite and Maggie Swenson upon the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

### 7.9. Superintendent Report

### 7.10. Informational Item

### 8. Adjournment

**Motion Passed:** I move to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

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Randall Gilson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent