

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

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Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in the room at a location accessible to members of the public and attached to the online agenda. The meeting notice was published in the Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

### **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, Ginger Fredericksen, Tim Welch, and Courtney Tabor

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

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

### **6. Consent Agenda**

#### **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**

Monica Maly, High School Special Education Teacher, has received donations from the following local companies to help ACP (Alternative Curriculum Program) students learn life skills and academics to set them up to be successful adults.

- RVR Bank - \$500 donation towards a new sensory room/STEM activity.
- Washington County Bank - Funding a bank simulation in the ACP room with real life materials (money bags, money tray, check books, debit cards, educational materials, bank statements, etc.)
- Runza - Providing all the materials needed to make a Runza simulation in the room to practice ordering/making orders (papers, bags, cups, apron, headset, etc.)

#### **7.3. Acceptance of Gifts**

##### **7.3.1. Blair FFA Chapter Donation**

The Washington County Cattlemen's Association has donated \$5,000 to the Blair Schools FFA Chapter to help with the State FFA Convention trip expenses.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Washington County Cattleman's Association to the Blair FFA Chapter to help with the State FFA Convention trip expenses passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

### **7.3.2. Clubs FORE Youth Program Grant**

Blair High School Girls Golf Team has been selected as a recipient of the Clubs FORE Youth Program Grant that consists of approximately \$7,500 in equipment and professional instruction from a PGA pro. As a recipient, they will receive the following:

- 6 sets of brand-new Callaway clubs (5 right and 1 left-handed)
- 6 brand new Sun Mountain pushcarts
- PGA Professional Instruction

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the Clubs FORE Youth Program Grant, with a value of approximately \$7,500 in equipment and professional instruction, for the High School Girls Golf Team passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Deb Parks.

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

### **7.4. Consideration of Communications**

**7.5. Comments from The Public** – Comments were heard from three (3) patrons.

### **7.6. Committee Reports**

#### **7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum Committee**

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Deb Parks.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the first reading of Policy 302.01-School Calendar as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes

Brandi Petersen        Yes  
Courtney Tabor        Yes  
Tim Welch                Yes

**7.6.2. BG&T Committee**

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 4:00pm. A report was given by Steve Callaghan.

**Motion Passed:** I move the bid from Floors Commercial Flooring, Inc., in the amount of \$28,000 for new carpet at Blair High School passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Egan/Hardwood Specialists in the amount of \$450,971.76 to repair, sand, and add new graphics to the Blair High Schools Gym passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

**Motion Failed:** I move to approve the bid from McKinnis Roofing in the amount of \$12,559.39 to cover the skylights in the high school main gym failed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

**Motion Failed:** I move to approve the bid from Latitude Signage in the amount of \$11,800 for new signage at Blair Community Schools Central Office and Arbor Park Elementary failed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Superior Lighting in the amount of \$7,273 to upgrade the entrance lighting at Deerfield Elementary passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

**Motion Failed:** I move approve the bid from Superior Lighting in the amount of \$10,315 to upgrade the Atrium lighting at the Blair High School failed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Floors, Inc in the amount of \$96,252 for new carpet at Otte Middle School passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
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 Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee

was given by Brandi Petersen.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the purchase of two (2) new 71-passenger buses with air conditioning from Nebraska / Central Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$279,400 to be paid using the Savings Depreciation Fund passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the bid from Kidwell in the amount of \$21,495, only on an emergency situation, for work to the Arbor Park Elementary Data Closet passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the addition of Unified Bowling at Blair High School 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	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

**Motion Passed:** I move to authorize the sale of used Chromebooks to senior student for the amount of \$25.00 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes

Courtney Tabor        Yes  
Tim Welch              Yes

### 7.7. Approval of New Certified Staff

- Megan Dunn - Grade 5, Deerfield Elementary
- Brooke Boyd - Grade 1, Deerfield Elementary
- Mariah Henry - Special Education, Deerfield Elementary
- Trey Lansman - PE, Otte Middle School
- Shane Keeling - Director of Student Services

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the new Certified Staff, Megan Dunn, Brooke Boyd, Mariah Henry, Trey Lansman, and Shane Keeling as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Deb Parks.

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

### 7.8. Acceptance of Resignation

- Megan Harding, Director of Student Services
- Becky Back, OMS Grade 7 Science
- Taylor Parker, Deerfield Elementary K-5 Art
- Jennifer Grenier, OMS Vocal Music

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the resignation of Megan Harding, Becky Back, Taylor Parker, and Jennifer Grenier upon the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada            Yes  
Steve Callaghan        Yes  
Ginger Fredericksen   Yes  
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 8:20pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan

and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

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Angie Conety  
Secretary Board of Education

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Randall Gilson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent