

THE BOARD REPORT

BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education met on Monday, November 12, 2018 at The Blair Community Schools Administration Building for a 7:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting. Board members present were: Kari Loseke, Lyle Schjodt, Ginger Fredericksen, Jennifer Reyzlik, Deb Parks, Bob Schoby, Brandi Petersen, and Denise Ray. Members absent excused were: Brad Kreifels.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Whitney Hodson and Mrs. Angie Boyd, 4TH grade teachers at Arbor Park, introduced students who shared details about their recent trip to Good Shepherd Lutheran Home for their Veterans Day activity and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Students: Nolan Olson, Lane Christensen, Tucker Storjohann, Cece Thompson, Havah Huber, and Regan Blatert.

Recognition:

American Broadband Scoreboard Advertisement Agreement

- American Broadband recently signed an agreement to enter into contract as a “Founding Partner” for the Blair Community Schools scoreboards. The scoreboards are located in the high school gymnasiums and the Krantz football field.

Acceptance of Gifts:

Direct You Dollars – Otte-Blair Middle School Band Boosters

The Otte-Blair Middle School Band Boosters collected \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts to participate in the Direct Your Dollars program. Nonprofit organizations can earn \$1,000 by collecting \$150,000 in eligible receipts. The Band Boosters received a \$1,000 check for meeting the threshold for the awards program.

- **Approved** to accept the \$1,000 check/donation for participating in the Direct Your Dollars Program to be split between Otte Band Boosters and Otte Student Senate.

Spot Vision Camera

Mrs. Holly Mackie, school nurse, wrote and received a Cargill Community Enrichment Grant. The Cargill Community Enrichment Committee awarded Blair Community Schools a donation in the amount of \$2,000 to be designated towards the purchase of a Spot Vision Screener. The screener would assist the nurse’s in efficiently screening students and be able to screen for more eye conditions than the traditional vision eye charts.

- **Approved** to accept the donation from Cargill Community Enrichment Committee in the amount of \$2,000 to be designated for the purchase of a Spot Vision Camera.

Consideration of Communications:

Blair High School Dance Team

- **Approved** the request for the BHS Dance Team to hold their choreography clinic on Sunday, December 2, 2018, and Sunday, December 9th with parent permission.

OBMS 8th Grade Band

- **Approved** the request for the Otte-Blair Middle School 8th Grade Band to attend Adventureland in Des Moines, IA on Monday, June 3, 2019.

Blair Dance Center

- **Approved** the Blair Dance Center to use the Blair High School Auditorium on Sunday, June 2, 2019 for their annual dance recital.

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Policy Committee: Met on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 4:30pm.

Curriculum Committee: Met on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 12:00pm.

BG&T Committee: Met on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 8:30am.

Finance Committee: Met on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 12:45pm.

The carpet at Blair High School became significantly damaged as a result of roofers, Scott Enterprises, Inc., allowing an apparent leak at BHS and the science rooms renovations completed by Sampson Construction. Dr. Gilson has been working with an independent consultant assigned by Scott Enterprises insurance carrier, EMC Insurance, to come to a decision on an amount they will cover.

- **Approved** the installation and purchase of new carpet at Blair High School in the designated areas pending the outcome of the insurance money.

There is a mandatory need to upgrade the District Radio Communications. Recent updates in the radio infrastructure now require the replacement of the radios. The District is interested in continuing the use of subscriber radios on the Washington County Radio System for day to day activities within their jurisdiction and beyond for emergency events. The administration reviewed other options for our radio and emergency communications but felt this was the best option for the District.

- **Approved** entering a Memorandum of Understanding Joint Purchase of Communications with the Washington County Public Safety Communications Agency, a purchasing agency appointed under the direction of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of subscriber radio devices.

Acceptance of Resignations:

- **Approved** to accept the resignation of Board of Education member, Brad Kreifels, effective November 12, 2018.

Method of Appointment:

The board discussed and considered all necessary action to adopt a procedure for the appointment of a new member to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy thereon created by the resignation of Brad Kreifels.

- **Approved** to informally recruit candidates and to have Board vote to appoint successor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term of two (2) years, which ends on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January 2021.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Upcoming Board Meeting: December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm located at the Blair Administration Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools