

THE BOARD REPORT

BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education met on Monday, November 11, 2019 at Deerfield Primary for a 6:00pm Board of Education Work Session and a 7:00pm Board of Education Regular meeting. Board Members Present: Lyle Schjodt, Brittney Gunderson, Denise Ray, Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Laura Ronning, Bob Schoby, Deb Parks, and Steve Callaghan. Board Member Absent Excused for Regular meeting but Present for the Work Session: Lyle Schjodt.

Work Session:

Dr. Gilson shared a presentation of the Capital Forecast Plan that has been developed to address and prioritize short and long term facility and grounds plans to support a quality and safe learning environment for staff and students.

Regular Board Meeting:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Erin Lane, 4th Grade Teacher, introduced Arbor Park students who shared how they are using their Chromebooks and what they like best about them. The students then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda and Claims:

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the October 14, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, and payment of monthly claims.

Acceptance of Gifts:

- **Approved** the donation from Sid Dillion/Chevrolet Youth Sports Program, in the amount of \$1,500, to be used to assist in providing necessary equipment and materials for our athletic department.
- **Approved** to accept the donation from Cubby's, in the amount of \$1,094, from the Let's Raise Dough promotion where they pledge to donate \$1.00 for every large pizza they sell.

Consideration of Communications:

- **Approved** the request from Mrs. Rebecca Mathiesen, Blair TeamMates Chapter Coordinator, for District bus transportation to the Men's Creighton Basketball game on Sunday, November 24, 2019 for all mentees and mentors of the Blair TeamMates Program.
- **Approved** the request from the BHS Dance Team to attend the Skyhawk Cheer and Dance Competition on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Skutt Catholic High School with parent permission.

Comments from the Public:

- Comments were heard from Star Cook, Director of Education Explorers Learning Center.

Committee Reports:

- Policy Committee
 - The Policy Committee met on Monday, October 28, 2019. A report of the committee was given by Laura Ronning.
 - **Approved** on the dissolution of Policy 404.09-Tobacco Use. Policy 1006.02-Use of Tobacco reemphasizes Policy 404.09 and is more antiquated.
 - **Approved** on first and final notification revisions to policies 404.06-Harrassment by

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Employees, 404.07-Substance-Free Workplace, and 404.11-Facilities for Milk Expression.

- Curriculum Committee
 - The Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. A report of the committee was given by Denise Ray.
- BG&T Committee
 - The BG&T Committee met on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. A report of the committee was given by Bob Schoby.
- Finance Committee
 - The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, November 11, 2019. A report was given by Brandi Petersen.
 - **Approved** an agreement with Dan F. Cole & Co. LLP., to serve as the District's Auditor for an additional three (3) years beginning with the 2019-20 school year.
 - **Approved** to accept the bid from Superior Lighting, in the amount of \$510,300.99, for the purchase and installation of LED lighting throughout the District, to be paid using bond proceeds which constitutes an infrastructure improvement as approved by the voters at the November 8, 2016 bond election.
 - **The Blair Community Schools Board of Education accepted** the high bid of \$522,322.50 by Jane E. Bouwman, owner of Little Blossoms Childcare and Pre-School, Inc. and authorized Dr. Randy Gilson, Superintendent of Blair Community Schools, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase that includes but is not limited to the purchase Agreement, Right of First Refusal, Warranty Deed, and Non-Compete Agreement. ***Complete Press Release is attached.**

K-2 Schools Computer Lab Computer Replacement:

- **Approved** the purchase of ninety (90) Chrome Boxes for replacement of the K-2 Computer Labs computers to be funded through Savings Depreciation.

Acceptance of Resignations:

- **Approved** the resignation of Certified Staff Member Heather Mead, K-2 Music Teacher, upon the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year.

Closed Session:

The Board went into closed session at 8:35 pm for the protection of public interest on the discussion of collective bargaining and evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting. The Board came out of closed session at 9:58 pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools