

THE BOARD REPORT

BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education met on Monday, January 13, 2020 at Deerfield Primary in the Library for a 6:00pm Work Session and at 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting. Board members present were: Denise Ray, Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Deb Parks, Steve Callaghan, Bob Schoby, Laura Ronning, and Brittney Gunderson. Absent Excused Board Member: Lyle Schjodt

Work Session:

Items Discussed: Classified Staff Wages, Press Box at Krantz Field, and Capital Forecast.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Tom Anderson introduced high school seniors who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The seniors were selected to paint a parking space to have a reserved spot for the 2019-20 school year. The selection was done by a drawing that senior students could purchase tickets for.

Organization of the Board of Education

- The Board of Education elected Kari Loseke as President of the Board of Education.
- The Board of Education elected Brandi Petersen as Vice President of the Board of Education.
- The Board of Education approved a motion to maintain all other current office holders.
 - **Secretary** - Angie Conety
 - **Treasurer** - Leslie Watts
 - **School Attorney** - Edmond Talbot, III
 - **School Physician** - Dr. Jill Reel
 - **Official Newspaper** - Blair Enterprise
 - **Truant Officer** - Washington County Sheriff/Blair Police Department

Consent Agenda and Claims:

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 09, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, and payment of monthly claims.

Recognitions:

- Bob Tichota and Brenda Jenny from the Blair Fire Department discussed and reported on Fire Prevention Week and activities for the K-12 schools.

Acceptance of Gifts:

- **Approved** to accept the donation from Living Savior Church in the amount of \$4,788 to be used to alleviate negative lunch balances at Otte-Blair Middle School.
- **Approved** to accept the donation from Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.
- **Approved** to accept the donation from Wyman & Laurie Wyman in the amount of \$1,900 to be designated toward the purchase of a Spot Vision Screener.

Consideration of Communication:

- **Approved** the request the Blair High School Dance Team to hold a special practice on Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm with parent permission.

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Comments From The Public:

Addressing the Board: Randy Lock, Bridgette Aschoff, and Janet Beasley.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee

- **Approved** on first notification to revisions to policy 1006.02-Use of Tobacco.
- **Approved** on first notification revisions to policies 502.01-Resident Students and 502.00-Option Enrollment Procedures and to approve on first notification new policies 502.00R1-Resolution and 502.00R2-Sample of Option Enrollment Letter of Rejection.
- **Approved** on first notification revisions to policy 502.08-Exchange and Foreign Student Admissions.

Finance Committee

- **Approved** to approve an additional \$103,000 for the increase of classified staff total compensation inclusive of wages and benefits for the remainder of the 2019-20 fiscal year to be allocated by the Superintendent, but designated for K-2 Paraprofessionals, Special Education Paraprofessionals, Preschool Paraprofessionals, Building Secretaries and Custodians and effective for hours worked beginning December 30, 2019.
- **Approved** Washington County Bank and Two Rivers Bank as official depositories of public funds for Blair Community Schools for the year 2020.
- **Approved** authorized check signers for Blair Community Schools accounts with Two Rivers Bank; Kari Losekse – Board President, Angie Conety – Board Secretary, Dr. Randy Gilson – Superintendent, and Tom Shearer – Business Manager.
- **Approved** the District to follow the Federal Business Mileage Reimbursement rate of \$.575/mile for the 2020 calendar year.

Acceptance of Resignations:

- **Approved** the retirement and resignation of certified staff members, Tami Brundige-Huff and Courtney Archer, effective upon the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year.

Closed Session:

The Board entered into closed session at 8:28pm for the protection of public interest on the discussion of collective bargaining. The Board reconvened to the Regular Board meeting at 8:57pm.

- **Approved** the contract between the Board of Education and Blair Education Association for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years and as approved by the BEA.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools