

Board of Education Special Meeting

August 26, 2024 5:00 PM

Blair Community Schools Central Office

1326 Park St., Blair NE 68008

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Special meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Ginger Fredericksen (5:10pm), Kari Loseke, Brandi Petersen, Deb Parks, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Steve Callaghan and Tim Welch

2.1 Approval of Absent Board Members - None

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Comments From The Public – None

5. Business

5.1. 2023-24 End of the Year Claims

Motion Passed: I move to authorize the Administration to pay all claims through August 31, 2024 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second 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

5.2. Tommy Gate For 2015 Ford Box Truck

The District was successful with overhauling its Ford box truck. It now has a need to replace its lift gate due to safety concerns that existed prior to the engine failure. Mr. Steinbeck recommends a lift gate replacement so the box truck can be available for hauling items like show choir, football equipment, band equipment, and other activities. The truck with a new lift could also alleviate miles put on the current district food truck. Mr. Steinbeck recommends the Badger Body & Truck Equipment Co. quote in the amount of \$9,371.00 to replace the existing lift gate and install a new Tommy Gate.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the quote in the amount of \$9,371.00 from Badger Body & Truck Equipment Co. to replace the existing lift gate and to install a new Tommy Gate on the District's Ford Box Truck passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second 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

5.3. High School Staff Parking Lot Improvements

Dr. Gilson and Mr. Steinbeck recommends approving the \$16,700 Bart Moore Subcontracting, Inc. quote for concrete work to the bus loop in the High School staff parking lot. The estimate will remove trees and dirt from the landscaping that exists as an island in the High School staff parking lot that formed the bus loop and tear out the curbs and replace it with more concrete. The area as a landscaping project has been difficult to maintain with the available manpower and/or volunteers. The hope was to start the project near the same time as the High School Habitat pad that Bart Moore is installing.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the quote from Bart Moore Subcontracting, Inc. for concrete work to the bus loop located in the Blair High School staff parking lot in the amount of \$16,700 passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second 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

5.4. Activity Fund Transfer

The District budgeted a \$58,000 General Fund transfer to support the Activity Fund and transferred that amount following the August 12, 2024 Board Meeting. However, the District is responsible per State Statute to finance all activities with a deficit balance. Mr. Shearer to share the current status of the Activity Funds deficit balances and recommend an additional amount be transferred from the General Fund to support the Activity Fund.

Motion Passed: I move to transfer \$58,000 from the General Fund to the Activity Fund to help offset any deficits within the accounts in the Activity 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	No
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

5.5. 2023-24 Saving Depreciation Transfer

The district budgeted \$826,000 to be transferred into its Savings Depreciation Fund for 2023-24. Mr. Shearer recommends transferring that amount unless the Board would prefer a lesser amount because of the additional activity fund transfer.

Motion Failed: I move to approve the transfer of \$826,000.00 from the 2023-24 General Fund into the Savings Depreciation Account failed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Tim Welch.

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 Passed: I move to approve the transfer of \$768,000.00 from the 2023-24 General Fund into the Savings Depreciation Account, with the lesser amount taken from the budgeted transportation expenses due to the additional activity fund transfer passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan 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

5.6. 2024-25 Preliminary School District Budget – Present Budget Proposal for Public Hearing

Mr. Shearer presented budget information to Board Members at Budget Workshops held on August 21, 2024, and August 22, 2024. At those workshops, Mr. Shearer and Dr. Gilson gathered Board Member feedback and will present a proposed School District Budget and Tax Request draft they recommend being shared for Public Hearing(s). The Board is only to approve tonight a proposed budget that will be advertised via public notice for its public hearing(s) to be held at 7pm on September 16, 2024, prior to the start of the Regular Board Meeting. The Board will not approve the adoption of its Budget and Tax Resolution until sometime after the budget and tax public hearings request.

Motion Passed: I move to present the proposed School District Budget for Public Hearing at the September 16, 2024 Board of Education Meeting passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

6. Approval of New Teachers - None

7. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:40pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan 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

Angie Conety
Board Secretary

Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent