

**Board of Education Work Session**  
September 16, 2024 6:00 PM  
Blair Central Office  
1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

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**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Work Session to order at 6:00pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

**2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None**

**3. Reading Task Force Presentation**

The Reading Task Force is a dedicated group of teachers formed to explore ways to support and improve instruction in classrooms. They shared a presentation on the current reality of our curriculum, revealing areas needing improvement.

**4. Adjournment**

The Board of Education Work Session adjourned at 7:06pm

## **Board of Education Special Meeting**

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### **1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Special meeting to order at 7:10pm.

### **2. Roll Call**

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

#### **2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None**

Mr. Tom Shearer, Business Manager, shared the Blair Community Schools Budget Hearing and Final Tax Request presentation.

### **3. 2024-25 Budget Hearing – Entered into at 7:14pm – 7:35pm**

The Board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-25 Budget for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. Public comments were heard from two (2) patrons.

### **4. 2024-25 Tax Request Hearing – Entered into at 7:35pm – 7:39pm**

The board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-25 Tax Request for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. No public comments were heard.

### **5. Adjournment**

The Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

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## 1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:39pm.

## 2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

### 2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

## 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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented 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

### 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

### 7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

#### 7.3.1. Pacific Life Foundation

The Otte Blair Middle School was awarded a 2024 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education grant in

the amount of \$1,000. The grant funds will be used to support programs at Otte Blair Middle School in the areas of teacher training, technology, or textbooks.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the 2024 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education in the amount of \$1,000 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen 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

### **7.3.2. Blair Dance Team Donation**

The Blair Dance Team received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Sid Dillon Chevy Sports Sponsorship. The funds will be used by the Blair Dance Team to fund their trip to Florida for the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida, Friday, January 31, 2025-Sunday, February 2, 2025.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from Sid Dillon Chevy Sports Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund the Blair Dance Teams trip to Nationals passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen 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

### **7.3.3. Precision Machine of Omaha Donation**

Precision Machine of Omaha has donated \$15,000 worth of equipment to the Precision Machine program at Blair High School. With the approval of the equipment will come costs associated with moving the equipment from Omaha to Blair as well as some electrical work for power. The cost estimate is \$3,560.00.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept a donation from Precision Machine of Omaha for \$15,000 worth of equipment to the Precision Machine program at Blair High School 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

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

##### **7.4.1. FBLA 2024 National Fall Leadership Conference**

A letter was received from Mrs. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Adviser, requesting permission for FBLA members to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio from Thursday, November 7th through Sunday, November 10th, 2024. Mrs. Schrick and Mrs. Amy Lueders, Assistant FBLA Adviser, will provide guidance and support to the members at this event. The advisor fees will be covered by Blair FBLA and students will cover their own expenses for the trip.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the request for FLBA members to attend the National Fall Leadership in Columbus, Ohio from Thursday, November 7th through Sunday, November 10th, 2024 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen 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

##### **7.4.2. Blair High Sparx Dance Team**

A letter was received from Cashell Shonka, Blair High Dance Team Head Coach, requesting permission for the Blair High Sparx Dance Team to attend a dance competition on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The competition is located at Millard North High School in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the Blair High Sparx Dance Team to attend a dance competition on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen 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

**7.5. Comments from The Public** – Public comments were heard from five (5) patrons.

#### **7.6. Committee Reports**

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

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Deb Parks.

**Motion Passed:** I move to reaffirm policy-Title IX and to approve the first reading on revised policy 103.03-TitleIX – Procedure for Complaints of Sexual Harassment 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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the 2025-26 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, August 27, 2024 at 4:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from SEI in the amount of \$17,578 for the installation of cameras and door fobs at the BCAT Building 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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Craftsman Window Coverings, Inc. in the amount of \$5,975.00 for the purchase and installation of shades at Deerfield Elementary 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

### 7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Brandi Petersen.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the purchase from Electronic Sound, Inc., in the amount of \$56,320 for the installation of Telecenter U All Page System at Deerfield Elementary, Arbor Park Elementary, Otte Middle School, and Blair High School using funds from the Savings Depreciation Fund 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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve second and final reading on revisions to Policy 612.10-Curriculum Review Cycle 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

**Motion Passed:** I move to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with ESU#3 to provide Physical Therapy services to ESU#3's Brook Valley Program for the 2024-25 school year 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. Surplus Sale

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the bids for the sale of surplus items totaling \$2,383.30 passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor 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 authorize the administration to sell, donate, recycle or dispose of items remaining from the Surplus Sale 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

#### **7.8. Approval of the 2024-25 Budget**

**Motion Passed:** I move approve the 2024-25 budget for Washington County School District 589-0001 as presented 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

#### **7.9. Approval of the 2024-25 Tax Request Resolution**

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the 2024-25 Tax Request Resolution for Washington County School District 89-0001 as presented 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

#### **7.10. Approval of New Teachers – None**

#### **7.11. Acceptance of Resignations – None**



**7.12. Superintendent Report**

**7.13. Informational Items**

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** I move to adjourn meeting at 8:50pm 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

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Angie Conety  
Secretary Board of Education

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Randall Gilson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent