

Board of Education Work Session

February 10, 2025

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in the room at a location accessible to members of the public and attached to the online agenda. The meeting notice was published in the Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Denise Cada, Steve Callaghan, Ginger Fredericksen, Nate Larsen, Kari Loseke, Bob Schoby, Melaini Sturm, and Courtney Tabor

2.1 Approval of Absent Board Member(s)

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 Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	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. CF Industries Minigrants

A check was received from CF Industries for Minigrant awards totaling \$2,313.00 for the following teachers:

1. Morgan Casper
2. Adam Dreger
3. Todd Wick, Justine Weisbrod, Heather Dreibus
4. Mandy Grabbe, Chelsea Kwapnioski, Makenzie Scollard, Peggy Rutcosky
5. Callie Ward, Hollie Booth, Anne Chrans, Sheryl Krueger
6. Julia Vogel, Kristen Wullschleger, Briana Reinig
7. Rachel Aten, Rachel Hambidge

The goal of the CF Industries Classroom Minigrant Program is to support local education and improve agricultural and environmental literacy. We thank them for their continued support for the students at Blair Community Schools.

Motion Passed: I move to accept CF Industries Minigrant awards totaling \$2,289.00 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.5. Comments from The Public – Public comment was heard from two (2) patrons.

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum Committee

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Monday, January 20, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Denise Cada.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the recommended revisions to the current Social Studies requirements as presented passed with a motion by Denise Cada and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve first reading on revisions to the Curriculum Design and Program Evaluation Model as presented passed with a motion by Denise Cada and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Monday, January 27, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the purchase of a new 2026 Freightliner 71-passenger bus from Thomas Built Buses in the amount of \$149,650.00 passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Courtney Tabor.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the quote from 95 Percent Group, in the amount of \$198,216.69, for the purchase of reading materials and professional development for grades K-5 passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the quote from Kidwell, in the amount of \$72,985.00, to replace cabling for access points and organizing technology closets passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor

and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.7. Approval of New Teacher(s)

- Emily Cade - Kindergarten Teacher, Deerfield Elementary
- Jordyn Smith - Computer Science, Blair High School
- Shelby Kaup - Grade 1 Teacher, Arbor Park Elementary

Motion Passed: I move to approve new certified staff members Emily Cade, Jordyn Smith, and Shelby Kaup, as presented passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.8. Acceptance of Resignation & Retirements

- Briana Reinig - Kindergarten Teacher, Deerfield Elementary
- Tracey Wieser - Speech-Language Pathologist, Arbor Park Elementary
- Ryan Wiczorek - Otte Middle School Principal
- Kersten Schissel - Skills Academy Teacher
- Claire Everitt - Grade 8 Science, Otte Middle School
- Miranda Stade - Preschool Teacher, South Early Childhood Center
- Adam Dreger - 7-12 Agriculture Teacher, Otte Middle School/Blair High School

Motion Passed: I move to accept the resignation of certified staff members Briana Reinig, Tracey Wieser, Ryan Wiczorek, Kersten Schissel, Claire Everitt, Miranda Stade, and Adam Dreger upon the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes

Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.9. Superintendent Report

7.10. Informational Item

8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

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Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent