

## Board of Education Work Session

March 10, 2025

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 Regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### 2. Roll Call

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

#### 2.1 Approval of Absent Board Member(s)

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the absence of Board Member(s): Ginger Fredericksen passed with a motion by Bob Schoby and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Blair Sparx Dance Team 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 Nate Larsen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
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**

**7.2.1. TeamMates**

Beth Clarke, the Blair TeamMates Program Coordinator, presented an overview of the TeamMates Mentoring Program, highlighting the positive impact it has on students by providing them with supportive mentors to foster personal and academic growth.

**7.3. Acceptance of Gifts**

**7.4. Consideration of Communications**

**7.5. Comments from The Public** – There were no public comments.

**7.6. Committee Reports**

**7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum Committee**

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, February 27, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Denise Cada.

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

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the new 2026 graduation date from Sunday, May 3, 2026 to Sunday, May 10, 2026 as presented passed with a motion by Denise Cada and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
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, February 24, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

### 7.6.3. Finance Committee

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to enter into a 4-year lease agreement with Apple, Inc. with an annual cost of approximately \$300,000.00 passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the quote from Sterling for Ethernet switches for the district in the amount of \$122,603.78 passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Bob Schoby.

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

### 7.7. Approval of New Teacher(s)

- Leo Clark, Otte Middle School Science Teacher
- Bethany Ashby, Deerfield Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Dr. Dania Freudenburg, Principal of Deerfield Elementary
- Aaron Hemme, 9-12 Agriculture Teacher
- McKenna Sorensen, Blair High School Special Education Teacher
- Merrick Winters, 6-12 Agriculture Teacher

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve new certified staff members Leo Clark, Bethany Ashby, Aaron Hemme, McKenna Sorensen, Merrick Winters and Dr. Dania Freudenburg as presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Steve Melaini Sturm.

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

### **7.8. Acceptance of Resignation & Retirements**

Retirement:

- Todd Wick, Arbor Park Elementary Grade 5 Teacher (34 Years)
- Laura Bloomfield, Deerfield Elementary Title I Reading Teacher (24 Years)

Resignations:

- Morgan Casper, High School Agriculture Teacher
- Barb Vitek, South Preschool Teacher
- Amy Tessendorf, Speech Language Pathologist, South Early Childhood Center

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the resignation of certified staff members Morgan Casper, Barb Vitek, Amy Tessendorf, Todd Wick, and Laura Bloomfield upon the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Nate Larsen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
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 7:57pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Melaini Sturm.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Absent
Nate Larsen	Yes

Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

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Angie Conety  
Secretary Board of Education

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Randall Gilson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent