

Board of Education Work Session

April 14, 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, April 8, 2025.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Courtney Tabor, Vice 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, and Courtney Tabor

2.1 Approval of Absent Board Member(s)

Motion Passed: I move to approve the absence of Board Member(s): Melaini Sturm passed with a motion by Kari Loseke and a second by Bob Schoby.

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the Otte Blair Middle School's Student Senate 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 Kari Loseke and a second by Nate Larsen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Nate Larsen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes
Melaini Sturm	Absent
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. Future Farmers of America (FFA)

The Washington County Cattlemen's Association has donated \$5,000 to the Blair FFA Chapter to help cover expenses for the upcoming State FFA Convention, which will take place in Lincoln from April 2-4, 2025. The Chapter appreciates their continued support.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation, gifted to the Blair FFA Chapter, from the Washington County Cattlemen's Association in the amount of \$5,000 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Nate Larsen.

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

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 Monday, March 17, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Denise Cada.

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 31, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the quote from Alberio in the amount of \$19,961.00 for 10 new heat pump controllers for Deerfield Elementary 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	Absent
Courtney Tabor	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the purchase and installation of new carpet at Otte Middle School in the amount of \$14,095.00 passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Kari Loseke.

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

7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Courtney Tabor.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the addition of one full-time Early Childhood Preschool teacher beginning the 2025-26 school year passed with a motion by Bob Schoby 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	Absent
Courtney Tabor	Yes

Motion Failed: I move to approve the recommendation to forgive seven contract days for certified staff for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Bob Schoby and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	No
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	No
Nate Larsen	Yes

Kari Loseke	No
Bob Schoby	No
Melaini Sturm	Absent
Courtney Tabor	No

Motion Passed: I move to authorize Superintendent, Dr. Randy Gilson and representative of Blair Board of Education to meet with the Blair Education Association (BEA) to discuss and approve the last certified teachers' workday for the 2024-25 contract year on behalf of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Bob Schoby 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	Absent
Courtney Tabor	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the renewal contract as presented from Taher to continue as the food service manager company for Blair Community Schools for the 2025-26 school year passed with a motion by Bob Schoby 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	Absent
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.7. Approval of New Teacher(s)

- Katrina Yale - Otte Blair Middle School Principal
- Erin Field - Director of Curriculum and Assessment
- Avery Michalski - Grade 7 Science Teacher, Otte Blair Middle School
- Kerrie Riley - Preschool Teacher, South Early Childhood Center
- Lisa Leinen - Grade 4 Classroom Teacher, Deerfield Elementary
- Briana Reinig - Kindergarten Teacher, Deerfield Elementary
- Patrick Mallette - Grade 2 Classroom Teacher, Arbor Park Elementary
- Nicholas Konen - Special Education Teacher, Deerfield Elementary
- Neenah Lindner - Grade 4 Classroom Teacher, Deerfield Elementary
- Brett LeGrand - Assistant Principal, Otte Middle School

Motion Passed: I move to approve new certified staff members Katrina Yale, Erin Field, Avery Michalski, Kerrie Riley, Lisa Leinen, Briana Reinig, Patrick Mallette, Nicholas Konen, Neenah Lindner, and Brett LeGrand, as presented 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	Absent
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.8. Acceptance of Resignation & Retirements

- Taylor Santos - Business/Computer Science Teacher, Blair High School
- Layne Lueders - School Counselor, Otte Blair Middle School
- Mariah Henry - Special Education Teacher, Deerfield Elementary
- Kaitlyn Filer - Music Teacher, Arbor Park Elementary
- Dr. Cindy Page - School Psychologist

Motion Passed: I move to accept the resignations of Taylor Santos, Layne Lueders, Mariah Henry, Kaitlyn Filer, and Dr. Cindy Page upon the conclusion of the 204-26 school year with a motion by Bob Schoby and a second by Kari Loseke.

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

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

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

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Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent