

Board of Education Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Steve Callaghan, Ginger Fredericksen, 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): Denise Cada passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Students from Arbor Park Elementary and Deerfield Elementary 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 Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Absent
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

7.2.1. FBLA State Leadership Presentation

Ms. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Advisor, provided details about the upcoming 2025 National Leadership Conference and introduced the national qualifiers present at the meeting.

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.3.1. Sid Dillon Chevrolet – Blair

Sid Dillon Chevrolet – Blair donated \$6,000 for two ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) lifts to further the small engine program

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from Sid Dillon Chevrolet – Blair in the amount of \$6,000 for two ATV lifts passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Nate Larsen.

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

7.3.2. Rehlko

Rehlko (formerly Koher Engines) donated 10 engines to the small engine program with an estimated value of \$3,500.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation of 10 engines from Rehlko with an estimated value of \$3,500 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Nate Larsen.

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

7.3.2. Blair Community Schools Foundation

The Blair Community Schools Foundation donated \$1,000 for the purchase of flags for the High School Marching Band.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from the Blair Community Schools Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of flags for the High School Marching Band passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Nate Larsen.

Denise Cada	Absent
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

7.4.1. 2025 FBLA State Leadership Conference

A request was received from Ms. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Advisor, regarding the 2025 National Leadership Conference. Ms. Schrick requested permission to accompany eight (8) national qualifiers to the FBLA National Leadership Conference that will be held in Anaheim, CA from June 27-July 3, 2025.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the request for the FBLA national qualifiers to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA from June 27-July 3, 2025 per procedures as outlined in Board policy passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Nate Larsen.

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

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, April 21, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Ginger Fredericksen.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the first reading of revisions to the 2025-26 handbooks; Preschool, K-5 Elementary, Otte Middle School, Blair High School, Certified Staff, Classified Staff, Transportation, and Substitute Teachers as presented passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Absent
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 purchasing agreement for ExploreLearning textbooks in the amount of \$7,612.50 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Absent
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 purchasing agreement for ExploreLearning Gizmos in the amount of \$24,176.42 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Melaini Sturm.

Denise Cada Absent
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 first reading of new policy 540.90-Communicable Diseases as presented passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada Absent
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, April 28, 2025. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Courtney Tabor.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the sale of the district's used Chromebooks to AGParts Education as presented passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada Absent
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 \$35,000 for the increase of certified administrators' total compensation inclusive of wages and benefits, for the 2025-26 school year to be allocated by the Superintendent passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Bob Schoby.

Denise Cada	Absent
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 \$262,000 for the increase of classified staff total compensation inclusive of wages and benefits, for the 2025-26 school year to be allocated by the Superintendent passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Melaini Sturm.

Denise Cada	Absent
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)

- Jessica Koehn – Special Education/Language Resource Teacher, Arbor Park Elementary
- Sarah Boseck – Preschool Teacher, South Early Childhood Center
- Christina Bradley – Preschool Teacher, South Early Childhood Center
- Victoria Cocannouer – K-5 Music Teacher, Arbor Park Elementary
- Amanda Melcher – School Counselor, Otte Middle School

Motion Passed: I move to approve new certified staff members Jessica Koehn, Sarah Boseck, Christina Bradley, Victoria Cocannouer, Amana Melcher as presented passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Absent
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 - None

7.9. Superintendent Report

7.10. Informational Item

8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Bob Schoby.

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

Angie Conety
Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent