

Board of Education Regular Meeting

April 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

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 7, 2026.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bob Schoby, Board 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

Arbor Park Elementary's Junior Naturalist Club led the Board in the Pledge.

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 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 Blair FFA Chapter Donation – Washington county Cattlemen's Association

The Washington County Cattlemen's Association donated \$5,000 to the Blair Schools FFA Chapter to help with the State FFA Convention trip expenses.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Washington County Cattlemen's Association to the Blair FFA Chapter to help with the State FFA Convention trip expenses passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan 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

7.3.2. Sid Dillon Chevrolet - Blair

The Blair High School Cheer Team, led by head coach Emily Guenther, received a \$2,000 donation from a "Level the Mat" project started by Millard West High School seniors and DECA members to help Nebraska high school cheer programs purchase full-sized competition mats.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation for the Blair High School Cheer Team in the amount of \$2,000 from the "Level the Mat" project passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor 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	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.5. Comments from The Public - Public comments were heard from two (2) patrons.

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum Committee

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Monday, March 23, 2026. A report from the committee was given by Denise Cada.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the first reading of a new Facility Handbook as presented passed with a motion by Denise Cada and a second 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

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the purchase of a Hotsy heated pressure washer in the amount of \$12,210.00 passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second 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 purchase of an intercom system from Electric Sound in the amount of \$27,200 for South Early Childhood Center passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second 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 Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. A report from the committee was given by Courtney Tabor.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Apple Lease Agreement as presented 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 adoption of DIBELS 8th Edition as the district's reading screener for the 2026-27 school year, at a cost of \$85,000 which includes funds for Professional Development for teacher onboarding 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 purchase of a new 71-passenger bus from Cornhusker International in the amount of \$162,500 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 Certified Staff

- Chase Andersen - Blair High School, Social Studies Teacher
- Baileigh Broder - Blair High School, Science Teacher
- Logan Fiala - Deerfield Elementary, Grade 1 Teacher
- Jodie Green - District Office, Director of Special Education
- Kay Hopfensperger - Blair High School, Science Teacher
- Lance Hume - Blair High School, Math Teacher
- Shae Junck - Blair High School, Special Education Teacher
- Ryan Raabe - Otte Middle School, Special Education Teacher
- Candice Schneider - South Early Childhood Center, Preschool Teacher
- TJ Swaney - Deerfield Elementary, Grade 5 Teacher

Motion Passed: I move to approve the new certified staff, Chase Andersen, Beileigh Broder, Logan Fiala, Jodie Green, Kay Hopfensperger, Lance Hume, Shae Junck, Ryan Raabe, Candice Schneider, and TJ Swaney 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	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes

7.8. Acceptance of Resignation(s)

Resignations

- Peggy Rutcosky – Deerfield Elementary, Grade 3 Teacher (20 Years)
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Motion Passed: I move to accept the resignation of certified staff member, Peggy Rutcosky, upon the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year 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

7.9. Superintendent Report

Dr. Johnson shared his April Superintendent Board Report.

7.10. Informational Items

7.11. Closed Session

7.12. Items From Closed Session

8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm passed with a motion by Melaini Sturm 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

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Secretary Board of Education

Dr. Don Johnson
Interim Superintendent