

Board of Education Regular Meeting

August 10, 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, August 4, 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, 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 Melaini Sturm passed with a motion by Herta Bouvia and second by Courtney Tabor.

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Johnson 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 Kari Loseke.

Herta Bouvia	Yes
Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	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 Blair Gridiron Club Donation

The Blair Gridiron Club would like to donate play clocks at Krantz field, in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from the Gridiron Club of Play Clocks for Krantz Field, in the amount of \$7,000.

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

7.3.2 Blair Bear Backers Donation

The Bear Backers would like to donate a new speaker system to Krantz Field, totaling \$41,640.00.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from Bear Backers totaling \$41,640 for a new speaker/sound system at Krantz Field. Passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1 An email has been received from Mr. Tyler Siecke, District Activities Director, and Mrs. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Advisor, requesting permission for FBLA members to attend the FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference in Washington DC from Tuesday, November 3 through Saturday, November 7, 2026. Mrs. Vicki Schrick and Mrs. Kristi Rasmussen, Assistant FBLA Advisor, will provide guidance and support at this event. The advisor fees will be covered by Blair FBLA and students will cover their own expenses for the trip.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the request for FBLA members to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference in Washington DC from November 3-7th, 2026. Passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Kari Loseke.

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

7.5. Comments from The Public – No Public Comment Heard.

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum Committee

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 1:05 p.m. A report from the committee was given by Denise Cada.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the second and final reading of new board policies 6026-6046 as presented. Passed with a motion by Denise Cada and a second by Courtney Tabor.

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

Motion Passed: I move for the removal of all current board policies that coincide with the new adopted policies. Passed with a motion by Denise Cada and a second by Courtney Tabor.

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

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 12:06 p.m. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, August 5, at 12:00 p.m. A report from the committee was given by Courtney Tabor.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the \$60,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Activity Fund to help offset any deficits with the accounts. Passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Kari Loseke.

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

Motion Passed: I move to direct the Superintendent to draft both a publication notice and resolution for the Board to take action on at the August 25, 2026 Board Meeting that if said resolution is approved with a minimum 70% majority, the school district could increase the additional base growth by up to 6% for the 2026-27 budget. Passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Nate Larsen.

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

7.7: Board of Education Goals

Motion Passed: I move to approve 2026-27 Board of Education Goals. Passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

7.8. Approval of New Teachers

7.9. Acceptance of Resignations

7.10. Superintendent Report

7.11. Informational Item

7.12. Closed Session

The Board of Education is authorized by state statute to hold closed sessions. Closed sessions may be held when clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Reasons that meet this standard include but are not limited to: (a) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate matters, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; and (e) legal advice.

7.13. Items From Closed Session

8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn meeting at 7:43 p.m. Passed with a motion by Kari Loseke and a second by Courtney Tabor.

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

Beth Villotta
Secretary Board of Education

Dr. Don Johnson
Interim Superintendent