

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 8, 2018 7:00 PM

BCS Administration Building  
1100 Deerfield Blvd  
Blair, NE 68008

## **Agenda**

### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Lyle Schjodt, Board President, will call the Board of Education meeting to order.  
Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted on the bulletin board in this room.

### 2. Roll Call

The Board Secretary will conduct roll call attendance.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Tom Anderson, Principal of Blair High School, will introduce the Blair High School Choir representatives, who will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. Organization of the Board of Education

The following board leadership positions will be voted upon at this time:

- **President**
- **Vice-President**

Approval of Offices and Appointments:

- **Secretary** - Angie Conety
- **Treasurer** - Leslie Watts
- **School Attorney** - Edmond Talbot, III
- **School Physician** - Dr. Jill Reel
- **Official Newspaper** - Blair Enterprise
- **Bank Depository** - Washington County Bank
- **Truant Officer** - Blair Police Department and Washington County Sheriff

### 5. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

### 6. Call for Items to be Removed from the Consent Agenda

### 7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- 7.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting
- 7.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published
- 7.3. Receipt of Communications
- 7.4. Treasurer's Report
- 7.5. Audit of Claims

## 8. Business

### 8.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

### 8.2. Recognitions

### 8.3. Acceptance of Gifts

#### 8.3.1. Walmart Grant

A \$1,500 Walmart grant was awarded to the Otte-Blair Middle School Library to purchase digital audio books for students. The audio books are designed to be used in conjunction with hardcopy books to assist students who need support with reading comprehension and fluency skills.

#### 8.3.2. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Board Member Karen Aman recently selected Blair Community Schools District-Wide Special Needs Committee to receive a \$2,500 gift in her name as part of the company's Board Directed Contributions Program. The funds will be used to assist the committee in its goal to support instruction and activities for students with special needs.

### 8.4. Consideration of Communications

### 8.5. Comments From The Public

This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may address the board about matters of public concern.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

1. Getting started: When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.
2. Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit your comments to 5 minutes or less.
3. Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require you to follow the district's complaint procedure before addressing the board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions or comments you make about individual staff members or students. Please remember that slanderous comments will not be tolerated.
4. General Rules: This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from within the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Offensive language, personal attacks, and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.
5. No action by the Board: The Board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

### 8.6. Committee Reports

#### 8.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 4:30pm. Meeting minutes are attached.

#### 8.6.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee did not meet in December.

#### 8.6.3. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee did not meet in December.

#### 8.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, January 4, 2017 at 12:00pm. Meeting minutes are attached.

#### 8.7. Acceptance of Resignations

A resignation has been received from the following certified staff, effective upon the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year:

- Jill Hensely - 9-12 Agriculture Science with FFA Sponsorship
- Carol Nickerson (Retirement) - K-2 Library Media/Technology Specialist

#### 8.8. Approval of New Teachers

#### 8.9. Informational Items

#### 8.10. 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.

The Board will enter into Closed Session for the protection of public interest on the discussion of collective bargaining.

#### 8.11. Items From Closed Session

Consideration for approval of a contract agreement between the Blair Education Association and the Blair Community Schools Board of Education for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years.

#### 9. Adjournment