

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 12, 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 Regular 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

Mrs. Rogers, K-2 Primary Schools Principal, will introduce Mrs. Taffy Jones, 1st Grade Teacher at North Primary, and her Bear Buddies who will lead the Board in the pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

5. Call for Items to be Removed from the Consent Agenda

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

The Blair High School Football Parents have donated \$870.00 to the high school weight room for the purchase of metal weights from Nova Fitness Equipment.

- 16 - York Barbell ISO Grip 5LB Steel Composite Olympic Plate
- 17 - York Barbell ISO Grip 10LB Steel Composite Olympic Plate
- 14 - York Barbell ISO Grip 25LB Steel Composite Olympic Plate

6.4. Treasurer's Report

6.5. Audit of Claims

7. Business

7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

7.2. Recognitions

7.2.1. Blair Community Schools Foundation STEM Grant Recipients

Recognition of the Blair Community Schools Foundation STEM grant recipients:

1. Hollie Booth - Kindergarten Engineering Centers
2. Callie Arnold - Kindergarten Engineering Centers
3. Christi Stednitz - Kindergarten Engineering Centers
4. Krissy Anderson - Engineering in Kindergarten
5. Julia Vogel - Engineering in Kindergarten
6. Peggy Rutcosky - Engineering in Kindergarten
7. Jennifer Brown - Live Digital Microscope Instruction
8. Melinda Eckel - Live Digital Microscope Instruction
9. Tracie Johnson - Math Differentiation
10. Austin Katt - Math Differentiation
11. Dara Coffey - Math Differentiation
12. Maris Taylor - Math Differentiation
13. Rachel Hambidge - Math Differentiation
14. Darla Zurek - Math Differentiation
15. Amanda Thompson - Math Differentiation
16. Teri Otte - Math Differentiation
17. Lorrie Samson - Math Differentiation
18. Kelli McCartney - Math Differentiation
19. Anne Chrans - Elementary STEM Centers
20. Sheryl Krueger - Elementary STEM Centers
21. Carissa Donner - Butterfly Garden
22. Laura Pike - Butterfly Garden
23. Kylie Dirkschneider - Butterfly Garden & Math and Science Life Skills
24. Barb Vitek - Math and Science Life
25. Scott Flynn - Genius Hour - Coding and Problem Solving
26. Becky Back - Genius Hour - Coding and Problem Solving & Sphero Labs
27. Tracy Bye - Our Maker Movement: Ready, Set, Integrate!
28. Carol Nickerson - Our Maker Movement: Ready, Set, Integrate!
29. Carson Norine - Problem Solving with 3D Printing
30. Ross Udey - Problem Solving with 3D Printing
31. Kaitlyn Wacker - All Hands and Minds on Deck
32. Morgan Echtenkamp - Breakout EDU in the ELA Classroom and Beyond
33. Kathleen Misfeldt - Breakout EDU in the ELA Classroom and Beyond
34. Heather Mead - Using Music to Enhance Students Knowledge of STEM
35. Janelle Jaworski - Using Music to Enhance Students Knowledge of STEM

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.3.1. Light Board Replacement for the Blair High School Auditorium

- Fine Arts Boosters would like to Donate \$3,000.00 towards the replacement of a light board in the Blair High School Auditorium.
- Blair Community Schools Foundation would like to donate \$3,750.00 towards the replacement of a light board in the Blair High School Auditorium.

7.3.2. Big Red Keno Grant

The Blair High School received the Big Red Keno Grant in the amount of \$5,224.00 for the purchase of seven (7) lab tables for the science classrooms and one (1) demonstration table for a non-science classroom at the High School.

7.3.3. Otte Middle School Band Boosters

The Otte Middle School Band Boosters would like to donate the following instruments to the Otte Middle School band program:

- Concert Tuba (\$3,329)
- Baritone Saxophone (\$2,939)

Total Value: \$6,268.00

7.3.4. Walmart Community Grant

The Walmart Community Grant Team has awarded Laura Joy, BHS English Teacher, \$1,000.00 to be used for Speech equipment. Such as but not limited to the following:

- Easels
- Portfolio
- Drama Scripts
- Foam Boards

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.5. 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.

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not meet in January.

7.6.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 12:30pm. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.3. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Friday, January 26, 2018 at 12:00pm. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 4:30pm. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.7. Approval of Employment Contract with Dr. Randall D. Gilson

Consideration of approval of an employment contract with Dr. Randall D. Gilson to serve as the Superintendent of Blair Community Schools, beginning July 1, 2018.

Dr. Gilson currently serves as the Superintendent of South Central Nebraska Unified School District, and also directs the Nebraska Center for Advanced Professional Studies (NCAPS). He began his career as a teacher and coach in Loomis, Nebraska. Prior to his current position, he also served as a Middle School Principal and Activities Director at Eustis-Farnam (NE), Elementary Principal in Gothenburg (NE), and Director of Human Resources in Buckeye, Arizona. Dr. Gilson earned his Doctorate degree in Leadership and Innovation from Arizona State University. He holds a Specialist and Master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He also teaches Educational Leadership courses for Concordia University.

7.8. Approval of New Teachers

Approval of certified staff for the 2018-19 school year:

- Morgan Kowalewski - 9-12 Grade Agriculture Education with FFA Sponsorship

7.9. Acceptance of Resignations

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

Elsa Glasford - 9-12 Grade Spanish Teacher at Blair High School

Lorrie Samson (Retirement) - 2nd Grade Teacher at Deerfield Primary School

Jon Small - 6th Grade Teacher at Otte Blair Middle School

7.10. Informational Items

1. February 2018 Building Board Reports

7.11. 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.

7.12. Items From Closed Session

8. Adjournment