

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2014 6:30 PM

Arbor Park Intermediate School
1100 Deerfield Blvd
Blair, NE 68008

Agenda

1. Board of Education Information

The Blair Community Schools is governed by a nine-member Board of Education. Board members are elected at-large by Blair school district parents and community members to represent them in governing and setting policy for the school district.



*Standing (left to right): Jay Anderson, Molly Dahlgren, Kari Loseke, Deb Parks, Dave Warrick.
Seated (left to right): Herta Bouvia, Brandi Petersen, Jennifer Reyzlik, Lyle Schjodt.*

2. Call to Order

Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in this room.

3. Roll Call

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Blair High School students will be leading the pledge and will be introduced by Mr. Tom Anderson, Principal of Blair High School.

5. 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 - Nicky Dabney

Treasurer - Leslie Watts

School Attorney - Edmond Talbot, III

School Physician - Dr. John Simonson

Official Newspaper - Blair Enterprise

Bank Depository - Washington County Bank

Truant Officer - Washington County Sheriff/Blair Police Department

6. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

7. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

8. Consent Agenda

- 8.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting
- 8.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published
- 8.3. Receipt of Communications
- 8.4. Treasurer's Report
- 8.5. Audit of Claims

9. Business

- 9.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda
- 9.2. Recognitions

- 1. Jennifer Towle and Brett Legrand - Social Studies Teachers at Otte-Blair Middle School
 - o Involvement on the State Committee to develop Social Studies Standards Instructional Tools.
- 2. Jim Sides - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - o Development of and being selected to receive a competitive grant in the amount of \$8,000 for the Blair Area Community Foundation for digital learning at Arbor Park School.

9.3. Consideration of Communications

9.4. Student Achievement

Grades K-3 Report presented by Principals Amy Rogers and Laura Jackson

9.5. 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.

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Policy Committee

No meeting held in December 2013.

10.2. Curriculum Committee

No meeting held in December 2013.

10.3. Finance Committee

Report and discussion on Finance Committee meeting held on January 2, 2014.

10.4. BG&T Committee

Report and discussion on the Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee meeting held on December 20, 2013.

Discussion and setting of Special Board of Education meetings for facility visits.

11. Acceptance of Gifts

12. Approval of New Teachers

13. Acceptance of Retirements

Six letters of retirement have been received effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon receiving the early retirement incentive from Blair Community Schools.

1. Bob Bair - Language Arts, Blair High School
2. Gayln Delimont - Family/Consumer Science, Otte Middle School/Blair High School
3. Karen Grinberg - Language Arts, Blair High School
4. Leslie Palmer - 1st Grade, North Primary School
5. Ann Samson - 5th Grade, Arbor Park intermediate School
6. Bob Richey - School Psychologist, K-12

14. Acceptance of Resignations

The following letters of resignation have been received:

- Lyndsay Hiykel, Special Education teacher at Otte Middle School - effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.
- Sarah Swift, Special Education teacher at Otte-Blair Middle School - effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

15. Informational Items

15.1. Superintendent Report

Informational items from Mr. Rex Pfeil, Superintendent:

1. Board Seats and Election Filing Deadlines
 - Terms ending on December 31, 2014 and open to election
 - Jay Anderson
 - Herta Bouvia
 - Brandi Petersen
 - Jennifer (Beck) Rezylik
 - Incumbents: 5:00pm on February 18, 2014
 - Non-incumbents: 5:00pm on March 3, 2014
2. Board of Education Committees and Board Calendar
 - Committee assignments are in draft form and ready for President's input
 - Committee day/time survey - please complete and return to Mr. Pfeil
 - Board Calendar (Board Meetings and Committee Meetings) will be e-mailed out by end of business on January 16, 2014
3. Blair Community Schools Foundation
 - Have reached their goal of \$360,000 for the Auditorium Renovation Project
 - Anticipate requesting Board approval for to seek bids at the February 10, 2014 Board meeting
 - Will be coordinating some media releases with Dale Christenson

16. 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.

17. Items from Closed Session

18. Adjournment