

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019 7:05 PM

BCS Administration Building
1100 Deerfield Blvd
Blair, NE 68008

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, 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

Students from Blair High School will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

5. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

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

- August 12, 2019 Board of Education Regular meeting minutes.
- August 26, 2019 Board of Education Special meeting minutes.

6.3. Receipt of Communications

6.4. Treasurer's Report

1. General Fund
2. Savings & Depreciation Fund

6.5. Audit of Claims

- General Fund
- Activity Fund

7. Business

7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

7.2. Recognitions

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.3.1. Direct Your Dollars Campaign

Dr. Chris Stogdill, OBMS Principal, received a \$1,000 check from Spartan Nash (aka Family Fare) as part of the Direct Your Dollars program at OBMS. Through the Direct Your Dollars program, schools can earn \$1,000 by collecting \$150,000 in receipts from Spartan Nash owned retail stores.

7.3.2. Blair FFA Chapter Donation

During the Washington County Fair, the Blair FFA Chapter organized and volunteered at the Ag Zone, an educational experience for young students and their families about Nebraska Agriculture. This event was done with support of Nebraska and Washington County Farm Bureau and the Washington County Fair Board. The Fair Board donated \$750 to the Chapter for their work at the event. The Washington County Fair Board also donated \$425 to the Blair FFA Chapter for members' help with the rodeo setup and tear down. Total donation from the Washington County Fair Board is \$1,175.

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1. Blair Area Community Band

Jeff Mount, Blair high School Band Director, is requesting permission for the Blair Area Community Band to use the BHS Auditorium for a performance on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from approximately 1:00pm - 3:30pm . This is a Sunday building usage request that requires Board approval.

7.4.2. BHS Dance Team Pictures

The BHS Dance Team is requesting to have their pictures taken professionally on Sunday, September 29, 2019. In order to get the entire squad together, this needs to take place on a Sunday due to the number of activities each girl is involved in at BHS.

The administration recommends approving this request.

7.4.3. BHS Concert Choir, Omaha Symphony

A letter has been received from Mr. Penas, Activities Director, and Mr. Dan Hutsell, Choir Director, asking permission for the BHS Concert Choir to be a part of the Omaha Symphony Choral Collaborative project for the fall of 2019. The final performance is on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:00pm and will need Board approval.

The administration requests approving this request.

7.4.4. Blair FFA Chapter

The Blair FFA Chapter is requesting permission to volunteer with flood relief efforts on September 28-29, 2019. This is an event that FFA Chapters in the area will come together to provide service. September 29th is a Sunday and needs Board approval.

The administration recommends approving this request.

7.4.5. FBLA Fall Leadership Conference

A letter has been received from Tom Anderson, Principal of Blair High School, requesting permission for FBLA members to attend the Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado from November 14-17, 2019. Mrs. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Adviser and Mrs. Jennifer Brown, Assistant FBLA Adviser will provide guidance and support to the members

at this event. No District funds are being requested and the Blair FBLA will cover all adviser fees.

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 met on Monday, August 26, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.3. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Thursday, August 29, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.7. Approval of the 2019-20 Budget

The Board will convene a public hearing for the purpose of accepting comments and questions on the proposed 2019-20 budget.

Blair Community Schools;
The amount of the property tax request is \$21,333,385;

The following statements:

The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by an increase of five percent; The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$1.122963 per \$100 of assessed value; The district proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$1.171002 per \$100 of assessed value; and Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the district will exceed last year's by 1% percent; and The record vote of the board in passing such resolution or ordinance.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 13-506.

7.8. 2019-20 Tax Request Resolution

Approval of the 2019-20 Tax Request Resolution.

7.9. Approval of New Teachers

7.10. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of a resignation from certified staff member Michelle Simpson, Title 1 Reading Teacher.

7.11. Informational Items

September Board Reports

- NASB
- K-2 Primary
- Arbor Park
- Otte Middle School
- Blair High School
- Activities

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.

The Board will enter into Closed Session for the protection of public interest on the discussion of real estate matters.

7.13. Items From Closed Session

8. Adjournment

