

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019 7:00 PM

BCS Administration Building
1100 Deerfield Blvd
Blair, NE 68008

Agenda

1. Call 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.

Mrs. Kari Loseke, Board President, will call the Board of Education Regular meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The Board Secretary will conduct roll call attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Kim Leggott, K-2 PE Teacher, will introduce students who will share a slideshow on the recently held Fun Run Fundraiser. The students will also share their favorite part of the event and will then 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

- September 9, 2019 Board of Education Special and Regular Meeting Minutes

6.3. Receipt of Communications

The District received a donation from St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in the amount of \$750.00, to assist with unpaid student lunch fees.

Thank you to St. Mary's Episcopal Church for their support for Blair Community Schools.

6.4. Treasurer's Report

- General Fund Report - September
- Building Fund & Savings Depreciation Report - September

6.5. Audit of Claims

- Activity Fund
- General Fund

7. Business

7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

7.2. Recognitions

7.2.1. National Farm to School Month

October is National Farm to School Month. It is to help ensure kids have access to healthy, local foods.

Becca Stambaugh, Taher Food Service Director, will be introducing the Barrera Family to the Board. The Barrera Family owns and runs Barrera Farm, which is the local farm Becca will be using to implement the PAW PAW fruit smoothies for the month of October.

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.3.1. Milwaukee Tool - Technical Education Tool Donation Program

Mr. Chris Schuler, High School Industrial Tech Teacher, requested and received a tool donation from Milwaukee Tool, estimated value \$5,000 - \$10,000, as part of their technical school donation program. The donation of tools is to further enhance the learning experience in the technical education classes.

Thank you to Milwaukee Tool for the generous donation and thank you to Mr. Schuler for requesting the tools for the students.

7.3.2. The Blair Wrestling Club

The Blair Community Schools Foundation is donating \$2,254.20 on behalf of the Blair Wrestling Club to help offset the expenses for the Blair High School Wrestling team to travel to Grand Island for the Flatwater Fracas wrestling tournament on Thursday, December 19, 2019 through Saturday, December 21, 2019.

The administration is recommending the approval of this donation to help with the expenses for this tournament.

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1. FFA National Competition

Communication for Board consideration and possible action:

A letter has been received from Tom Anderson, Principal of Blair High School, and Morgan Kowalewski, FFA Advisor, requesting permission for the FFA organization to attend the FFA National Competition held on October 30 - November 2, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Anderson is recommending this opportunity be approved with parental permission for all students. Ms. Laura Joy, Assistant FFA Advisor, will be the trip sponsor.

Administration is recommending this opportunity be approved with parental permission for all students.

7.4.2. Otte-Blair Middle School Band Trip

Communication and Board consideration and possible action:

8th Grade Band Trip to Adventure Land: Dr. Stogdill, Otte-Blair Middle School Principal, is requesting permission for the Otte-Blair Middle School 8th Grade Band to take a daylong trip to Adventureland Park (Des Moines, IA) on Monday, June 1st, 2020. The students will perform a concert in the park and then will spend the rest of the day enjoying the amusement park and rides under the supervision of the band director, Mrs. Chiyo Trauernicht, and parent volunteers. This trip is not required for the class or grades and participation in this performance and trip will be voluntary. Students will be responsible for the entire cost of the trip, approximately \$60 per student and includes transportation and park entrance fee. No district funds will be used for the trip.

Administration is recommending this trip to be approved for the students with parental permission.

7.4.3. BHS Cheer Team

Mr. Bubba Penas, Activities Director, and Ms. Lauren Diffey, BHS Cheer Sponsor, are requesting permission for the Blair High School Varsity Cheer Team to attend a cheer competition at Elkhorn South on Sunday, December 8, 2019. In preparation for the annual Nebraska State Cheer and Dance competition, there are a variety of local competitions that squads can compete in to ultimately give them experience and this is one of them.

The administration is requesting permission for the cheer team to attend this competition with parent permission.

7.4.4. BHS Dance Team

Mr. Bubba Penas, Activities Director, and Ms. Emily Peatrowsky and Mrs. Natalie Koziol, Varsity Dance Coaches, are requesting permission for the Blair High School Dance Team to hold practices on Sunday, October 20th and Sunday, November 3rd, 2019. In the past, the dance team has gone to the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition. In preparation for this competition, the team needs to set aside special practices to learn the choreography. With the many activities/events the team participates in outside of dance, the only possible days to have all of the girls present to learn the choreography are two Sunday's.

The administration is requesting permission for the dance team to hold their choreography clinic on Sunday, October 20th and Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 with parent permission.

7.4.5. Blair Wrestling Club

Terry Bellamy, Blair Wrestling Club, is requesting permission to use the Blair High School Auxiliary Gym, Main Gym, Locker Rooms, and Atrium for their annual youth wrestling tournament on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 6:30pm - 10:00pm and Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 6:00am - 4:00pm. February 9th is a Sunday facility usage request and requires Board approval.

Administration is recommending you approve this request.

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, September 30, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.3. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Monday, September 23, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.7. Approval of New Teachers

7.8. Acceptance of Resignations

7.9. Informational Items

- 2019 State Education Conference November 20-22, 2019
 - Board members registered to attend: Laura Ronning, Deb Parks, Bob Schoby, Brittney Gunderson and Dr. Gilson. Agenda and Flyer is attached for your review.

- October NASB Monthly Board Meeting Update
- Activities - October Board Report
- High School - October Board Report
- Otte Blair Middle School - October Board Report
- Arbor Park Intermediate - October Board Report
- North & South Primary - October Board Report

7.10. 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.

7.11. Items From Closed Session

8. Adjournment