

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2014 7:00 PM

Arbor Park Intermediate School
1100 Deerfield Blvd
Blair, NE 68008

Agenda

1. Student Fees for 2014-15 - Public Hearing

The Blair Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of public comments on Board Policy 504.20-Student Fees. This public hearing will begin at 7:00pm and will be closed at 7:05pm.

2. 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.

3. Roll Call

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Sam Dowdy will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and will be introduced by Mr. Mike Janssen, Principal of Arbor Park Intermediate School.

5. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

6. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

7. 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

7.6. Facility Use

8. Business

8.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

8.2. Recognitions

1. Bob Tichota of the Blair Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the Board of Education for their support of fire safety activities within the Blair Community Schools.
2. Annette Ott (Math teacher at BHS) will be recognized for being selected as a Gregg Young Going the Extra Mile award winner. She was nominated by her students and WOWT Channel 6 presented her with the award on March 5.

8.3. Acceptance of Gifts

1. Acceptance of a donation of \$360,000 from the Blair Community Schools Foundation for the renovation of Neve Auditorium at Blair High School. This project was given prior approval by the Board at the February 2014 Board of Education meeting.

8.4. Consideration of Communications

8.5. Student Achievement

Two 8th grade students from Otte Middle school had an idea how to help from far away. They decided to raise money for LifeStraws. The LifeStraws filter unsanitary water. The use of this filtration system can supply clean water for people in third world countries. Zoe Erickson and Karli Workman planned a "hat day" and a "pajama day" for students to raise money to donate for LifeStraws. Students donated a quarter each day to participate in the activity. The home room in each grade that raised the most money was awarded with a basketball shooting contest against the OMS staff. Overall, OMS raised \$1175.47! This money was donated to the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, Florida to help support their Water Projects mission.

8.6. 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.

9. Committee Reports

9.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not meet.

9.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Deerfield Primary School. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

9.3. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at North Primary School. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

9.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Administration Building. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

9.5. Ad Hoc Committee on Activities

The Ad Hoc Committee on Activities met on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Administration Building. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

10. Approval of New Teachers

New teachers and positions for approval:

1. Matt Aschoff - Math, Otte-Blair Middle School and Blair High School
2. Kayla Brown - School Psychologist, K-12
3. Jennifer Bruck - Language Arts, Blair High School
4. Colleen Collins - Special Education, Otte-Blair Middle School
5. Kari Mahannah - Special Education, Otte-Blair Middle School
6. Matthew Huseman - 5th Grade, Arbor Park
7. Kim Leggott - Physical Education, Deerfield/West Primary
8. Morgan Skrdla - 4th Grade, Arbor Park

11. Acceptance of Resignations

1. Marie Dougherty - Special Education, Deerfield Primary
2. Melissa Miller - Special Education, Deerfield Primary

12. Informational Items

12.1. Superintendent Report

13. Adjournment