

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2014 7:00 PM

Arbor Park Intermediate School
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.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

North/South Art Club students will be leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and will be introduced by North/South Primary Schools' principal Amy Rogers.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

5. Consent Agenda

5.1. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

5.2. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

5.3. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

5.4. Receipt of Communications

5.5. Treasurer's Report

5.6. Audit of Claims

6. Business

6.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

6.2. Recognitions

The Blair Community Schools Board of Education would like to recognize the following:

1. Blair High School FFA Students and Sponsor Jill Petersen - National FFA Conference
2. Vickie Brummer, K-3 PE Teacher at North and South Schools - Jump Rope For Heart
3. Herta Bouvia and Jay Anderson - outgoing Board of Education members

6.3. Acceptance of Gifts

6.4. Consideration of Communications

6.4.1. BEA Recognition for the 2016-17

A letter was received from Jennifer Towle, President of the Blair Education Association, requesting that the Blair Community Schools Board of Education formally recognize the

Blair Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2016-2017 contract year.

6.4.2. Japan Trip

Mr. Anderson is requesting permission for Mrs. Kristi Baker and BHS students (approximately 5) to visit the BHS sister school in Kurashiki, Okayama Prefecture, Japan. The length of the trip would be two weeks, and while date have not been finalized, the projected timeline will fall between May 26 and June 15. Students will be responsible for the entire cost of the trip (apprx \$2,700 per student) through fundraising and/or personal payment. No district funds would be used for the trip.

6.4.3. 8th Grade Band Trip to Adventureland

Dr. Stogdill 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 1, 2015. The students will perform a concert at 1:30pm and then spend the rest of the day enjoying the amusement park and rides under the supervision of the band director 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 (apprx \$60 per student - includes private motor coach and park entrance fee) through personal payment. No district funds would be used for the trip.

6.5. Student Achievement

Mrs. Cara Lucas-Richt will be presenting information on the PK program.

6.6. 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.

6.7. Future Use of Buildings and Properties

Discussion of the continued use of West School, the Administration Building, the Jackson Street Alternative School, and several vacant properties near North School and Arbor Park School.

Possible board action on the future use of West and liquidation of the Administration Building, the Jackson Street Alternative School, and several vacant properties near North School and Arbor Park School.

6.8. Committee Reports

6.8.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, November 24, 2014. Meeting minutes are attached. Items from this committee for proposed Board action:

1. Approve on second and final notification revisions to policy 706.06-Payment for Goods and Services.

6.8.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, December 3, 2014. Meeting minutes are attached.

Items from this committee for proposed Board action:

1. Approve the use of the NWEA-MAP assessment program.
2. Approve the revised Curriculum Adoption Cycle.

6.8.3. BG&T Committee

The Building, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, November 25, 2014. Meeting minutes are attached.

Items from this committee for proposed Board action:

1. Approve the replacement of the BHS Track.

6.8.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 4, 2014. Meeting minutes are attached.

Items from this committee for proposed Board action:

1. Accept the Financial Statements audit for 2013-14.

6.9. Approval of New Teachers

6.10. Acceptance of Resignations

6.11. Informational Items

6.11.1. Superintendent Report

6.12. 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 collective bargaining and for the 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.

6.13. Items from Closed Session

7. Adjournment