

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2015 7:00 PM

West 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 by the door.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Students from the Blair Community Schools Preschool will be leading the Board in the Pledge. They will be introduced by Cara Lucas-Richt, Director of Student Services.

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 individuals or groups:

1. DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge for their support and development of the Blair Community Schools Partnership for Environmental Education Independent Study Students.

6.3. Acceptance of Gifts

None

6.4. Consideration of Communications

None

6.5. 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.

6.6. Committee Reports

6.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, February 23, 2015. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

6.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

6.6.3. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

6.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Meeting minutes and documents are attached.

6.7. Approval of New Teachers

None

6.8. Acceptance of Resignations

Resignations have been received from the following certified staff, effective upon the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year:

1. Lindsay Stier, K-5 Library/Media Specialist (Deerfield/West)

2. Elizabeth Fude, Grade 7 Science (OBMS)

6.9. Informational Items

6.9.1. Superintendent Report

6.10. 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.

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

6.11. Items from Closed Session

Items from Closed Session for possible Board action:

1. Disposition of or authorization for real estate owned by the district.

7. Adjournment