

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2015 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.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Otte Middle School Apple Core students will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The students who are part of the Apple Core Teams are: Chloe Eninger, Matt Simonson, Madison Ray, Joselyn Andreasen, Caroline Uffelman, Max Nickerson, Isabella Almanza, Bobby Busk, Holden Mead, Hank Frost, Luke Mathiesen, Luydia Harvigsten, Dylan Baker, Eva Dunker, and Brady Soukup.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

5. Public Hearing for Amended Budget

A notice was published in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the Board of Education will meet on the 10th day of August, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at Blair Community School's Administration Building, 2232 Washington Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget amendment. The Bond Fund Budget is being amended because of refinancing bonds in order to lower the interest rate of the bond. This amendment will not impact property tax rates for the current year. The bond expenditures increased by \$9,500,000 as well as the resources. All other things stayed the same.

6. Public Hearing for the 1005.03 - Parental Involvement Policy

Per state statute §79-531 through §79-533, each school district shall develop, adopt, and annually review and reaffirm a policy outlining parental involvement in regard to 1) how the school district will provide access to parents concerning textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials used in the school district; 2) how the school district will handle requests by parents to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities; 3) under what circumstances parents may ask that their children be excused from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences the parents may find objectionable; 4) how the school district will provide access to records of students; 5) what the school district's testing policy will be; and 6) how the school district participates in surveys of students and the right of parents to remove their children from such surveys. A public hearing is to be held prior to any revisions or affirmation of this policy on a yearly basis.

A Public Hearing on Board policy 1005.03-Parental Involvement in the Schools will be necessary to comply with statutory requirements. After the Public Hearing, the Board may chose to reaffirm existing policy or direct the Superintendent to revise the policy based on public input and Board discussion.

7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items
- 7.2. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting
- 7.3. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published
- 7.4. Receipt of Communications
- 7.5. Treasurer's Report
- 7.6. Audit of Claims

8. Business

- 8.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda
- 8.2. Recognitions
- 8.3. Acceptance of Gifts
- 8.4. Consideration of Communications
- 8.5. Food Service Report - Taher
- 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.

8.7. Committee Reports

8.7.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, August 3, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached. Item from this committee for proposed Board action:

- to approve on second and final notification revisions to Board Policy 205.04-Policy Communication.
- to approve handbooks (students and staff).
- to approve revisions to the following policies:
 - 204.11-Meeting Minutes
 - 402.01-Equal Opportunity Employment
 - 404.11-Facilities for Milk Expression
 - 508.16-Return from Pediatric Cancer
 - 603.01-Curriculum Development
 - 902.03-Procedures-Bidding Construction Projects
 - 902.04-Bids and Awards for Construction Projects
- to reaffirm policy 1005.03-Parental Involvement in Schools
- to reaffirm policy 504.19-Bullying Prevention

8.7.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, July 30, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.7.3. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Thursday, July 30, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.7.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, August 5, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.8. Hazard Mitigation Resolution

The Papio-Missouri River NRD is in the process of updating the regional, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is an update to the 2011 plan and the primary goal is to reduce vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards. We were asked by the city to be a part of this project. Participation in a hazard mitigation plan makes the community (and school district) eligible for applying to FEMA grants that help fund mitigation projects such as back-up power generators and safe rooms.

8.9. Approval of New Teachers

8.10. Acceptance of Resignations

8.11. Informational Items

General Information Items:

1. Lyle Schjodt has purchased a health insurance policy through the Blair Community Schools Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance program. This information is to be reported quarterly, as required by state statute 79-506.

Items from the Superintendent:

8.12. 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 and litigation matters.

8.13. Items From Closed Session

9. Adjournment