

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 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 in the room.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Students from Blair High School, to be introduced by Principal Tom Anderson, will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. 2015-16 Budget Hearing

The Board will convene a public hearing for the purpose of accepting comments and questions on the proposed 2015-16 budget.

5. 2015-16 Tax Request Hearing

The Board will convene a public hearing for the purpose of accepting comments and questions on the proposed 2015-16 tax request.

6. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

7.2. Approval of Consent Agenda

7.2.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

7.2.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

7.2.3. Receipt of Communications

7.2.4. Treasurer's Report

7.2.5. 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

8.4.1. FFA Letter

A letter has been received from Tom Anderson, Principal of Blair High School, requesting permission for the FFA organization to attend the FFA National Competition held on October 28 - October 31, 2015 in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Anderson is also requesting sponsor compensation for associated expenses per Board policy.

8.4.2. BHS Cheerleading Clinic Letter

A letter has been received from Mr. Tom Anderson, Principal of Blair High School, requesting permission for the BHS Cheerleading Squad to host a cheer clinic on November 14 & 15, 2015 or November 21 & 22, 2015. This is a Sunday activity and needs Board approval.

8.4.3. BHS Cheerleading Squad Picture

A letter has been received from Tom Anderson, Principal of Blair High School, requesting permission for the BHS Cheerleaders to have their picture taken professionally on a Sunday later this fall. This is a Sunday activity and needs Board approval.

8.4.4. Blair Education Association

A letter was received by Jennifer Towle, President of the Blair Education Association, to recognize the Blair Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2017-18 contract year.

8.5. 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.

8.6. Committee Reports

8.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, August 31, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached. Item from this committee for proposed Board action:

- To approve revisions on first notification to the following policies:
 - 1001.00-Principles and Objectives for Community Relations
 - 1002.00-District Annual Report
 - 1004.01-Media Relations
 - 1004.02-Press Releases, News Conferences, and Interviews
 - 1004.03-Crisis Management Communication
 - 1005.10-Distribution or Posting Materials

8.6.2. BG&T Committee

The BG&T meeting was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.6.3. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, September 3, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Monday, August 24, 2015 and Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.7. Approval of 2015-16 Budget

Approval of the 2015-16 budget.

8.8. 2015-16 Tax Request Resolution

Approval of the 2015-16 Tax Request Resolution.

8.9. Approval of New Teachers

8.10. Acceptance of Resignations

8.11. Informational Items

General Information Items:

Items from the Superintendent:

1. NASB Area Meeting: Wednesday, September 16 at the Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle. Registration begins at 4:30pm, and the Opening Session begins at 5:00pm.
2. NASB/NCSA State Education Conference: Thursday 11-19 and Friday 11-20. Registration opens September 16. Please contact Angie Conety if you are able to attend Thur and/or Fri. Transportation will be arranged when all registrations and dates available by those attending are finalized.

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.

8.13. Items From Closed Session

9. Adjournment