

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015 7:00 PM

Blair Community Schools Administration
Office
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

Students from Mrs. Schubert's 3rd Grade class will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

5. Consent Agenda

5.1. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

5.2. Approval of Consent Agenda

5.2.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

5.2.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

5.2.3. Receipt of Communications

5.2.4. Treasurer's Report

5.2.5. Audit of Claims

6. Business

6.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

6.2. Recognitions

Mr. Buddy Fausett, Manager of CF Industries, will present mini grant awards totaling \$3,285.00 to the following teachers:

1. Krissy Anderson
2. Laura Bloomfield
3. Jennifer Chikos
4. Ann Kobs
5. Jill Petersen
6. Peggy Rutcosky
7. Meredith Schneider
8. Ross Udey
9. Julia Vogel

10. Todd Wick

The goal of the CF Industries Classroom Minigrant Program is to support local education and improve agricultural and environmental literacy,

6.3. Acceptance of Gifts

The Walmart Community Grants Team and Facility #4568 has awarded the Blair K-2 Buildings a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be used for Character Education.

6.4. Consideration of Communications

Communication for Board consideration and possible action:

1. **8th Grade Band Trip to Adventure Land:** 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 6, 2016. 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. 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, November 30, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached. Item from this committee for proposed Board action:

- to approve on second and final notification revisions to policy 1005.06-Community Resource Persons.
- to approve on second and final notification new policies 1005.12-Volunteers, 1005.12R1-Volunteers-Procedures, and 1005.13-Resident Sex Offenders.

6.6.2. Curriculum Committee

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

6.6.3. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached.

Item from this committee for proposed Board action:

- to approve the submission of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Grant for the 2016-17 school year.

6.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Meeting minutes are attached. Item from this committee for proposed Board action:

- to accept the 2014-15 Audited Financial Statements from the Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP as presented.

6.7. Facility Study

The Blair Community Schools Board of Education has been reviewing district facilities in order to gain an understanding of current and future needs that must be met to support the infrastructure and operational aspects of buildings and facilities. The points below outline of their work thus far:

- Prior to July 2012 - DLR was hired to complete a study and proposal for Krantz Field and the Bus Barn complex.
- October 2012 – The architect and planning firm of DLR presented the study and proposal for Krantz Field and the Bus Barn complex to the Board of Education.
- November 2012 – The Board of Education expanded the scope of the facilities study to include all K-12 facilities and buildings.
- December 2012 through February 2013 - DLR met with administrators and teachers from all levels and buildings to develop a comprehensive K-12 Facilities Plan.
- March 2013 - DLR presented the comprehensive facilities study and proposal to the Board of Education.
- April 2013 – The Board of Education requested DLR and superintendent to refine the proposal in order to reduce estimated costs of individual plan components and to narrow the focus of the plan.

- May 2013 - Building principals presented input and refinements to the Board of Education and DLR.
- July 2013 – DLR provided updated cost estimates to the district based on reductions to the overall plan.
- August 2013 and September 2013 - Upon committee discussions, it was determined to table further discussion on the Facilities Plan to review district finances and allow for further review of the plan by Board committees.
- December 2013 – The Board of Education scheduled additional Special Meetings, open to the public, to conduct site visits to gain further insight on each building and associated needs.
- January 2014 through April 2014 – The Board scheduled Special Meetings to tour school all school facilities: West School, South School, and North School, Arbor Park School, Otte-Blair Middle School, Krantz Field, the Bus Barn, and Blair High School

The purpose of this process is to allow the Board, administration, and architects to discuss each building and the needs for each building. As the process has evolved, three areas were identified to help organize and outline needs. They are:

- Building and Site Infrastructure - This includes items such as roofs, windows, doors, floor coverings, space utilization, casework, and finishes. This also includes updates to the Krantz Field complex and associated practice and competition areas.
- Safety and Security - This includes secured exterior entries, the ability to lock and control all interior doors, electronic surveillance and area control, front office locations, and other security measures.
- Building Systems - This includes electrical, lighting, HVAC, and data networking.

From May 2014 through November 2015 the Board further defined needs through Work Session discussions and Board meeting discussions. Work on the Facility Plan was slowed from October 2014 to May 2015 in order to shift priority work to budget and finance needs. From July 2015 to the present, the Board has prioritized work on this project and has developed a needs list to be presented to the public for feedback. At this time, the Board has tentatively scheduled January 7, 2016, January 12, 2016, and January 19, 2016 as dates for public feedback sessions.

Per prior Board discussion, the administration is requesting formal approval of the facility needs study for public presentation.

6.8. Board and Superintendent Goals

Discussion and approval of Board and Superintendent Goals.

6.9. Approval of New Teachers

6.10. Acceptance of Resignations

6.11. Informational Items

7. Adjournment