

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2021 7:00 PM

Blair Public Library
2233 Civic Drive
Blair, NE 68008

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is attached to the agenda and posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public.

Mrs. Kari Loseke, Board President, will call the Board of Education Regular meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The Board Secretary will conduct roll call attendance.

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Gilson will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

6. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

7.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

7.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

- March 8, 2021 Board of Education Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

7.3. Receipt of Communications

7.4. Treasurer's Report

- General Fund
- Building Fund and Savings & Depreciation

7.5. Audit of Claims

- Activity Fund
- General Fund

8. Business

8.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

8.2. Recognitions

8.3. Acceptance of Gifts

8.3.1. Pacific Life Foundation

The Blair High School was awarded a 2021 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education grant in the amount of \$3,000.

The high school will be using the grant to fund technology that can be used to serve students accessing the classroom remotely at the same time as in person students or synchronously. The pandemic has created the need for students to quarantine for days and up to a month. For teachers to be able to remotely educate students during these quarantine times, additional classroom technology is necessary to allow students to see lab or class activities in live time. The current teacher set up is a Chromebook that is used to project to students that are in person. To be able to purchase technology that is specific to students joining the classroom via GoogleMeet or Zoom would be beneficial as the second piece of technology could then be moved around the classroom and students could participate with the group activity at the same time as the teacher is providing instruction to the class. The technology that will be purchased with this grant are for iPad Air 10" - \$549 with a case and stand for each. Approximate total cost for each set is \$629.

8.3.2. Blair High School Fine Arts Booster Club

The Blair High School Fine Arts Booster Club has donated \$5,600 to the Instrumental Music Department at the high school for the purchase of one (1) concert tuba.

8.4. Consideration of Communications

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, March 29, 2021. Meeting minutes are attached.

Policy Links:

[203.06-Board Committees](#)

[508.13-School Wellness Policy](#)

[508.13R1-School Wellness Policy \(New\)](#)

[508.02-Administration Dispensing of Medication to Students](#)

[508.12-Asthma and Anaphylaxis Emergency Protocol](#)

[508.12R1-Emergency Response to Asthma or Anaphylaxis Self-Management of Asthma, Anaphylaxis, and/or Diabetes](#)

[508.12R2-Waiver of Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Anaphylaxis](#)

[508.02R1-Asthma or Anaphylaxis Medical Management Plan](#)

[508.02R2-Diabetes Medical Management Plan](#)

[508.03-Communicable or Chronic Infectious Diseases](#)

[508.03R1-Communicable Diseases Procedure](#)

[508.15-Concussion Awareness](#)

[508.15A-Concussion Awareness Return to Learn Protocol \(New\)](#)

[508.15B-Concussion Bridging the Gap \(NDE\) \(New\)](#)

[508.15C-Concussion Bridging the Gap \(New\)](#)

[508.16-Return to Learn from Cancer \(New\)](#)

8.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Monday, April 5, 2021. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Meeting minutes are attached.

8.7. Approval of New Certified Staff

Possible approval of the following new certified staff for the 2021-22 school year:

- Brian Swanigan - 9-12 Computer Science
- Anna Combs - 9-12 Spanish Teacher
- Trenton Bottorff - 9-12 Special Education Teacher
- Patrick Hays - 6-8 Vocal Music
- And possible additional positions.

Possible approval of the following new Administrators for the 2021-22 school year:

- Brett Swartz - Otte Middle School Principal
- Ryan Wieczorek - Otte Middle School Assistant Principal
- Ryan O'Grady - Director of Special Education & Student Services

8.8. Acceptance of Resignations

A letter of resignation has been received from certified staff members Jordyn Smith, 9-12 Computer Science, Molly Braniff, 6-8 Vocal Music, and Chiyo Trauernicht, 7-8 Instrumental Music upon the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.

A letter of retirement has been received from certified staff member Layne Lueders, Arbor Park School Counselor, upon the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.

8.9. Superintendent Report

- Eileen Korth, Architect with Jackson, Jackson, & Associates, and Cole Kratochvil, Project Manager with D. R. Anderson, will present architectural plans for possible new construction of a Concession/Restrooms/Storage Complex at Krantz Field.

8.10. Informational Items

Monthly Board Reports

- Activities
- Blair High School
- Otte Middle School
- Arbor Park Intermediate
- K-2 Primary Schools

8.11. 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 a personnel matter to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person(s) and if such person(s) has not requested a public meeting.

8.12. Items From Closed Session

No action will come from Closed Session.

9. Adjournment