

**BLAIR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Monday, August 13, 2007  
6:55 p.m., Special Budget Hearing  
7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

The Special Budget Hearing is in compliance with the provisions of the Nebraska State Statutes and held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to exceeding the Allowable Growth Rate of 4.3768% up to 5.3768%.

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 meeting room.**)
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Administration
4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda. (**Board members should make a motion to amend the present Agenda to include the following items of an emergency nature**) (list):

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5. Approval of Consent Agenda.
  - Waiver of reading of minutes from the previous meeting.
  - Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting, as published (**p. 8**)
  - Treasurer’s Report (**p. 12**).
  - Audit of Claims (**p. 14**).
  - Receipt of Communications (**p. 32**)
  - Approval of Facility Use (with details to be worked out with Administration) (**p. 36**)
  - Non-controversial items placed on the Consent Agenda. (Must be placed on Agenda 24 hours prior to meeting.)

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6. Business

A. Supplemental Claims List

Hansen Agency, Treasurer's Bond fee \$83.00.

B. Consideration of Communications

**COLTON AMAN (p. 32)** A letter has been received from Colton Aman, 2007 graduate of Blair High School, expressing his appreciation for the Lane W. Bryant Scholarship he received at graduation.

**KAYLA HODGSON (p. 33)** A letter has been received from Kayla Hodgson, 2007 graduate of Blair High School, expressing her appreciation to the Lane Bryant Scholarship Committee for the scholarship she received at graduation.

**DONNA ANDREASEN, FFA ALUMNI SECRETARY (p. 34)** A letter was received from Donna Andreasen, Secretary of the FFA Alumni, expressing their appreciation for the efforts of the Board of Education in making the greenhouse project a reality for the Blair School System. The actions of the Board on this project confirms a strong support for Ag education and the FFA on the local level.

**PAMELA SMITH (p. 35)** A letter has been received from Pamela Smith (Ward), requesting that the Board of Education make an exception to the March 15 deadline for Option Enrollment. Her daughter, Breianna, will be going into the 10th grade, is interested in various sports and wants to participate in the FFA program.

C. Approval of Facility Use

**MARK NEIBURG, BOY SCOUT TROOP 143 (p. 36)** Mark Neiburg, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 143, is requesting use of North School Multipurpose Room on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m., beginning September 6 and continuing until approximately May 15, 2008. The Troop is also requesting use of the Arbor Park Library for parent meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May, 2008 from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Board has been supportive of these activities in the past with details to be worked out with the Administration. **The Administration is recommending that no fees be assessed for this activity.**

**NATHAN PRENZLOW (p. 37)** Nathan Prenzlow, Director of Operations/Sports Director for the Blair Family YMCA, is requesting use of North School's gymnasium for the YMCA youth basketball program with practices on Monday and Tuesday during the week from 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., and games on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This would begin on October 22, 2007 and run through February 23, 2008. **The Administration recommends that the District be reimbursed for custodial costs incurred when the facility is used after normal operating hours (as was approved by the Board of Education on September 11, 2006).**

**NICK THALLAS, NEBRASKA HUNTER SAFETY (p. 38)** Nick Thallas and three other instructors, are requesting use of the High School to conduct Hunter Safety Classes on August 20, 22, 27, 29 and September 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All safety rules will be strictly adhered to with no live ammunition coming into the building. The Board has been supportive of this activity in the past with details to be worked out with the Administration. **The Administration is recommending that no fees be assessed for this activity.**

**STEVE JONES, BOY SCOUT TROOP 232 (p. 39)** Steve Jones, Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 232, is requesting use of North School to hold meetings on Monday evenings during the school year beginning at 7:00 p.m. With some of the activities they have, the library is not big enough to accommodate this group if they need to move from the gymnasium to make room for other activities as they did for several months last year. If South School is available for their use throughout the year, they would appreciate the gym at that location. The Board has been supportive of this activity in the past with details to be worked out with the Administration. **The Administration is recommending that no fees be assessed for this activity.**

**JOE CHAPMAN, BLAIR AREA COMMUNITY BAND (p. 40)** Mr. Chapman, Conductor of the Blair Area Community Band, is requesting use of our facilities for band rehearsals and band concert during the first semester of the 2007-08 school year. The Board has been supportive of this activity in the past with details to be worked out with the Administration. **The Administration is recommending that no fees be assessed for this activity.**

**JIM SANDVOLD, PACK 143 CUBMASTER (p. 41)** Jim Sandvold, Cubmaster for Pack 143, is requesting use of North School Multipurpose room on the second Tuesday of every month throughout the school year to conduct meetings from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. The Board has been supportive of this activity in the past with details to be worked out with the Administration. **The Administration recommends that no fees be assessed for this activity.**

- D. Comments from the Public
- E. Committee Reports

**FINANCE** Dr. Shanahan and Mr. Kaslon met with all members of the Board of Education on July 25, 26 and 27 to review and discuss the draft of the 2007-08 school budget. Items reviewed centered around the General Fund, Savings Depreciation, Building Fund, and Bond Fund. Board members were also informed about the need to access the Applicable Growth Rate plus the additional 1% growth.

If the Board is in agreement, **a motion is needed to exceed the Basic Allowable Growth Rate of 4.3768% plus the additional 1% growth. The total accessed growth rate for 2007-08 will be 5.3768%.**

F. Acceptance of Gifts

None at this time.

G. Other Business

1. Two bids have been received for gasoline and diesel fuel for the Blair Community Schools for the 2007-08 School Year. Fairway Oil presented a bid of 8.5 cents over cost and Petromart, Inc., presented a bid of 10.5 cents over costs. If the Board is in agreement, **a motion may be made to accept the gasoline and diesel fuel bid for the 2007-08 school year from Fairway Oil Company, for 8.5 cents per gallon over costs for all fuels beginning August 13, 2007, and ending August 12, 2008 (p. 42).**
  
2. At the present time, Mr. Steve Callaghan is teaching 2 Dual Enrollment Courses from Metropolitan Community College each semester. The College reimburses the Blair Community Schools \$1500 for each class taught. If the Board is in agreement, **a motion will need to be made to authorize the President to sign an agreement with the Blair Education Association to approve the payment of \$2000 (\$500/course) to Steve Callaghan from Metropolitan Community College for the teaching of Dual Enrollment Courses during the 2007-08 school year.** *NOTE: Dual Enrollment Courses are now being taught by several members of the high school teaching staff (8 courses will be taught this school year) and consequently the teaching of Dual Enrollment Courses will become a part of the Extra Duty Salary Schedule. Since all colleges do not reimburse the School District at the same rate, a uniform reimbursement will be made to all staff members who teach these courses.*
  
3. Dave Cavlovic from Sampson Construction and Mark Brim from DLR, will be present at the meeting to present the final bids for approval for the new elementary school. This final bid is for Resilient Flooring/Carpet. If the Board is in agreement, **a motion may be made to accept the bid as presented, for the Resilient Flooring/Carpet.** *NOTE: The remaining bid for the elementary school is for fencing at a cost of \$5,365. This bid will not be considered until a resolution can be arrived at with the Deerfield Architectural Control Committee (W. L. Morrison) regarding the use of black vinyl coated chain link fencing. Other bid items to be considered at a later date include Landscaping and gym equipment. Furniture and Equipment for Classrooms and Technology are part of the Bond Issue costs, but not part of the GMP from Sampson Construction.*

H. Acceptance of Resignations (p. 45)

A letter of resignation was received from Tara Madden, Kindergarten teacher at North Elementary School, effective for the 2007-08 school year, due to her family's pending relocation.

I. Approval of New Teachers

**MARY SCHUBERT** Mary Schubert will join the teaching staff at Arbor Park Middle School, taking the place of Sandy Moore who will be reassigned to the Physical Education position that was vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Laurel Derry. Mrs. Schubert has served as a substitute teacher in the Blair Community Schools since 2003 at the K-8 levels. Mary received her Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University in 1981 in the area of Communication Disorders. She later received her certification in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa in 1987. She has served as a Kindergarten through 3rd grade teacher at Walnut Creek Private School in Mansfield, Texas. Mrs. Schubert is married to Rick and they have three children; Andrea, a freshman at UNL, Steven, a sophomore at Blair High School and Eric, an 8th grade student at Blair. The Schuberts make their home in Blair.

**AMANDA THOMPSON** Amanda Thompson will join the K-2 Elementary staff taking the place of Tara Madden who resigned late this summer. Amanda is a December, 1999, graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and an endorsement in Early Childhood Education. For the last four years, Amanda has served as a Kindergarten teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School in Omaha. Prior to this, she was the Director of Shepherds Flock Child Development Center in Blair and also served as a substitute teacher and cheerleading sponsor in the Blair Community Schools. Amanda is married to Ryan, who is employed at Mid America Computer Corporation in Blair. They have one daughter, Morgan.

J. Executive Session

**The Board of Education may enter into Closed/Executive Session for 1) the protection of the public interest or 2) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and the individual has not requested a public meeting.** When making a motion to enter into Closed/Executive Session, the member making such a request should be as specific as possible keeping the previously listed stipulation in consideration.

If the Board is in agreement, **a motion may be considered to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue and a student issue, so as to protect needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.**

K. Action Concerning Matters Discussed in Executive Session

L. Informational

1. The **Annual Staff Luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 12:00 noon, in the High School Cafeteria.
2. The Board of Education's **New Teacher Dinner** to be held on September 10, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at Fernando's Cafe and Cantina, on the corner of 16th and Washington Streets. Please notify Dr. Shanahan if

you and your spouse will be attending as soon as possible

3. Enclosed are the fuel bids and Specifications from Fairway Oil Company and Petromart, Inc. (p. 42).
4. Letter from Darla Zurek, President of the Blair Education Association regarding the Dual Enrollment payment to Steve Callaghan (p. 46).
5. Enclosed is the Legal Notice regarding the Public Hearing to Exceed the Basic Allowable Growth Rate for the 2007-08 school year (p. 47).
6. Enclosed is a brochure of the 2007 NASB Area Membership Meetings schedule (p. 48).
7. Enclosed is the Food Services Report, July 31, 2007 (p. 52).
8. Standing Committee Meetings are scheduled as follows:

**POLICY** - No meeting scheduled

**FINANCE** - Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at 12:00 noon  
Mic Pinguoch, Dave Waite, Rich Hansen

**CURRICULUM** - Friday, August 31, 2007 at 12:00 noon  
Amy Hansen, Lana Pleak, Jay Anderson

**BLDGS., GROUNDS, TRANSPORTATION** - Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 7:00 a.m.  
Herta Bouvia, Lyle Schjodt, Dr. John Renelt

**CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT** - Wednesday, August 29 2007, at 12:00 noon  
Dave Waite, Mic Pinguoch, Amy Hansen, Lana Pleak

**STAFF RELATIONS** - Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7:00 a.m.

7. Recessed Meeting

**This Board meeting will be recessed until Monday, August 27, 2007.** Items to be discussed, in addition to those already listed in this Agenda, are as follows:

1. A discussion of the draft of the 2007-08 School District Budget and a motion to present the proposed School District Budget for public hearing at the September 10, 2007, regular meeting of the Board of Education.
2. A motion to be considered by the Board of Education to authorize the Administration to pay all claims up to the allowed 2006-07 Expenditure Budget through August 31, 2007.
3. Any other business deemed necessary and placed on the Board of Education Agenda at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Respectfully,

Dr. Steven P. Shanahan  
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures:

Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Thank You Letter from Colton Aman RE: Scholarship  
Thank You Letter from Kayla Hodgson RE: Scholarship  
Thank You Letter from Donna Andreasen RE: Greenhouse Project  
Letter from Pamela Smith (Ward) RE: Option Enrollment  
Letter from Scoutmaster, Mark Neiburg RE: Use of Facilities  
Letter from Nathan Prenzlow, YMCA RE: Use of Facilities  
Letter from Nick Thallas, Hunter Safety Instructor RE: Use of Facilities  
Letter from Scoutmaster, Steve Jones RE: Use of Facilities  
Letter from Joe Chapman, Blair Community Band RE: Use of Facilities  
Letter from Cubmaster, Jim Sandvold RE: Use of Facilities  
Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Bid Specifications  
Letter of Resignation from Kindergarten Teacher, Tara Madden  
Letter from BEA President, Darla Zurek RE: Dual Enrollment Payment  
Legal Notice RE: Notice of Hearing to Exceed the Basic Allowable Growth Rate  
Brochure from NASB RE: Area Membership Meetings  
Food Services Report, July 31, 2007