

THE BOARD REPORT

BLAIR

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BLAIR, NEBRASKA

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING? The Board of Education met on Monday, June 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Education Room. Board members present were Dave Waite, Lyle Schjodt, Lana Pleak, Mic Pinqouch (A), Dr. John Renelt (A), Amy Hansen, Jay Anderson, Richard Hansen, and Herta Bouvia.

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA The Board of Education voted unanimously to add the Construction Oversight Committee minutes to the Agenda along with a Speed Limit Resolution to the City of Blair.

RESOLUTION APPROVED The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

The Blair Community Schools' Board of Education requests from the Nebraska Department of Roads, a reduction in the speed limit on Highway 75 north and south of the intersection of Highway 75 and Deerfield Boulevard/23rd Avenue from the current 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour and a reduction to 25 miles per hour as per current practice in other school zones and/or when children are present.

APPROVAL OF FACILITY USE The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a request from Blair Tack Club President, Mike Maryott, to hold a pole vault clinic at the Blair High School Track June 23-26, 2008, with details to be worked out with the Administration.

BUSING TO DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The Board of Education voted unanimously to provide busing from North Elementary to Deerfield Elementary until North School is ready for student occupancy

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM PURCHASE The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the K-12 Social Studies Curriculum materials, as presented, for the 2008-09 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000, excluding transportation and delivery costs.

BOARD POLICIES APPROVED The Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt Board of Education Policy, 201.06, Vacancies, at the June 9, 2008, Board of Education meeting, on first reading. The Board of Education then voted unanimously to amend Board of Education Policy, 801.01, Student Transportation, as presented, on first reading.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVED The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the addition of polished concrete flooring (Areas B101, B102, and B103) and carpet tile flooring (Areas A101, A107, A109, B126, B127 and B129) at Blair High School, for a cost not to exceed \$34,670.

APPROVAL OF BID PACKAGE #1 FOR NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The Board voted 6-0-1 to approve the bids, as presented for those items in Bid Package #1, North Elementary School remodel project.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT The Board of Education voted unanimously to accept a check for \$400 from the National FFA Foundation as a Cargill Community Scholarship Program Library Grant to support the Blair High School Library.

OPTION ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES POLICY The Board of Education voted unanimously to revise current Board of Education Policy, 502.02R1, Option Enrollment Procedures, as presented, on second reading.

ESU #3 SERVICE CONTRACTS The Board of Education voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to approve all service contracts with ESU #3 and to serve as the designated representative for the purposes of Section 79-1242 RRS NE 1943, to approve on behalf of the District the use of ESU #3 Core Service Funds and Property Tax Revenue.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS The Board of Education unanimously accepted resignations of the following teachers, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year:

1. Amber Gibson, K-2 Media Specialist.
2. Jason Brindle, Blair Otte Middle School Social Studies teacher.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION The Board of Education voted unanimously to accept the resignation of K-12 High Ability Learner Coordinator, Christi Gochenour, effective June 2, 2008, pending the finding of a suitable replacement as per Board of Education Policy, 408.02, Certificated Employee Contract Release.

APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER The Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Lyndsay Hiykel who will replace Otte Blair Middle School Special Education Teacher, Andy Simon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board went into Closed/Executive Session at 8:28 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel negotiations, and for the protection of public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The Board went back into Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.

ACTION CONCERNING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board of Education voted 6-1 to approve a salary increase of \$46176 for administrators, excluding the Superintendent. The Board then voted 6-1 to approve a 3 year contract for the Superintendent and the salary for 2008-09 would be \$ 135,556.

ADJOURNMENT The Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Education Room.

Dr. Steven P. Shanahan
Superintendent of Schools

