

THE BOARD REPORT

BLAIR

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BLAIR, NEBRASKA

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING? The Board of Education met on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 6:55 p.m., in the Board of Education Room, for a Special Budget Hearing which was in compliance with the provisions of Nebraska 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%. Board members present were Lyle Schjodt, Mic Pinguoch, Richard Hansen, Lana Pleak, Amy Hansen, Jay Anderson, and Dave Waite; Dr. John Renelt arrived at 7:10 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the following communications:

1. Letter of Appreciation from Kayla Hodgson, 2007 graduate of Blair High School, who received a Lane Bryant Scholarship.
2. Letter of Appreciation from Donna Andreasen, FFA Alumni Secretary, for the support received from the Board on the Greenhouse project.

APPROVAL OF FACILITY USE The Board unanimously to approve the following requests for facility use with details to be worked out with the Administration:

1. Mark Neiburg, Boy Scout Troop 143, request for use of North School Multipurpose Room on Thursday evenings, beginning September 6, throughout the school year.
2. Nick Thallas, Nebraska Hunter Safety Program, request for use of High School classrooms to conduct Hunter Safety classes August 20, 22, 27, 29 and September 5th.
3. Steve Jones, Boy Scout Troop 232, request for use of North School Multipurpose Room to conduct Boy Scout meetings on Monday evenings throughout the school year.
4. Joe Chapman, Blair Community Band, request to use Otte Middle School facilities for band rehearsals and the High School Auditorium on Sunday, December 9, to hold a band concert.
5. Jim Sandvold, Pack 143 Cub Scouts, request to hold meetings at North School, on the second Tuesday of each month throughout the school year.

In a separate motion, the Board voted 6-1 to approve a request from Nathan Prenzlow, YMCA, to use North School gym for the YMCA youth basketball program, with practices on Monday and Tuesdays during the week with games on Saturdays

BASIC ALLOWABLE GROWTH RATE The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a motion 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%.

BIDS FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR 2007-08 The Board of Education voted unanimously to accept the gasoline and diesel fuel bid for the 2007-08 school year Fairway Oil Company, for 8.5 cents per gallon over cost for all fuels beginning August 13, 2007, and ending August 12, 2008.

DUEL ENROLLMENT CLASSES The Board of Education approved a motion to authorize the President of the Board 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.

MIDWEST FLOORING BID ACCEPTED The Board voted 7-1 to accept the bid from Midwest Flooring of \$140,064, for the Resilient Flooring/Carpet at the new elementary school.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION The Board accepted a letter of resignation from North Kindergarten teacher, Tara Madden, effective for the 2007-08 school year, due to her family's pending relocation.

APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHERS The Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of the following teachers for the 2007-08 school year:

1. Mary Schubert...Mary will be joining the staff at Arbor Park Middle School, taking the place of Sandy Moore who was reassigned to the Physical Education position vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Laurel Derry.
2. Amanda Thompson...Amanda will join the K-2 Elementary staff taking the place of Tara Madden who resigned late this summer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board of Education voted to go into Closed Session at 7:27 p.m., for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue, possible purchase of property, and a student issue, so as to protect the needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. They went back into Open Session at 7:48 p.m.

OPTION ENROLLMENT REQUEST The Board then voted unanimously to approve a request from Pamela Smith requesting that the Board make an exception to the March 15 deadline for Option Enrollment for her daughter, Breianna, who will be going into the 10th grade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board went back into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m., to discuss personnel and possible purchase of property, so as to protect needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. The Board then voted to go back into Regular Session at 8:18 p.m.

RECESSED MEETING The Board of Education then voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting until Monday, August 27, 2007. Items to be discussed 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.

Dr. Steven P. Shanahan
Superintendent