

Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 11, 2020 7:00 PM
Deerfield Primary Library
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Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted on the wall in this room and attached to the public agenda electronically.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Nebraskans are facing unprecedented challenges to conduct open, public meetings in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Recommendations to limit social gatherings to fight the spread of the virus have generated several questions and concerns about the ability of public bodies to meet electronically. In response, Governor Ricketts issued Executive Order No. 20-03 (“Order”), which provides a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§84-1407 to 84-1414 (2014, Cum. Supp. 2018, Supp. 2019). The order permits all public bodies in the state to meet by videoconference, telephone conference call, and other telecommunications applications, so long as members of the public and the media are provided access to the meetings in some manner. The Order applies to all public meetings beginning now through May 31, 2020.

Governor Ricketts recommended that all citizens avoid public gatherings of more than ten (10) people. The Board urged the public to follow this public health recommendation and avoid in person attendance.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Deb Parks and Brittney Gunderson.

Present Board Members Electronically: Steve Callaghan, Lyle Schjodt, Laura Ronning and Bob Schoby.

Absent Excused Board Member: Denise Ray.

Board President Loseke noted the meeting room has been setup to follow the recommendation of social distancing.

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

Motion Passed: I move to approve the absence of Board Member(s): Denise Ray passed with a motion by Brittney Gunderson and a second by Deb Parks.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Gilson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda – None

6. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items – None

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Lyle Schjodt and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

7.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting.

7.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meetings as published.

7.3. Receipt of Communications

7.4. Treasurer’s Report

7.5. Audit of Claims

8. Business

8.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda – None

8.2. Recognitions

8.3. Acceptance of Gifts

8.3.1. Papio-Missouri River NRD Grant

The Papio-Missouri River NRD has approved the district's application for tree planting through the Celebrate Trees grant program. The district was approved for \$2,500 as per requested. The funds must be used for trees and planting only. The trees will be purchased locally and all plantings must be completed by June 15, 2020.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the Papio-Missouri River NRD Tree Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to fund the purchase of new trees to be planted on district property.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.4. Consideration of Communications – None

8.5. Comments from The Public

This is traditionally the portion of the meeting when members of the public normally address the board about matters of public concern. Oral public comment will not be accepted however, written public concern or comment is always accepted and can be sent to the Board President’s email account at kloseke@blairschools.org.

8.6. Committee Reports

8.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Deb Parks.

Motion Passed: I move to approve on second and final notification revisions to policy 508.13-School Wellness Program passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve on first notification revisions to policy 504.14-Secret Societies, Initiations, Hazing or Gang Activities and policy 504.15-Smoking Drinking, or Drugs passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brandi Petersen.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.6.2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Bob Schoby.

8.6.3. BG&T Committee

The BG&T Committee met on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Lyle Schjodt.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the quote from Koneck Fence in the amount of \$9,375.80 for the installation and supplies for fencing at South Primary passed with a motion by Lyle Schjodt and a second by Bob Schoby.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to accept the quote from Electrostatic Painting by David Dowland and Company, LLC in the amount of \$10,800 to paint the hallway lockers at Blair High School passed with

a motion by Lyle Schjodt and a second by Bob Schoby.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 12:00pm by Zoom (videoconferencing). A report of the committee meeting was given by Brandi Petersen.

Motion Passed: I move to approve up to \$65,000 for the increase of classified staff total compensation inclusive of wages and benefits, for the 2020-21 school year to be allocated by the Superintendent passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Laura Ronning.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve up to \$35,000 for the increase of certified administrator total compensation inclusive of wages and benefits, for the 2020-21 school year to be allocated by the Superintendent passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Laura Ronning.

Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	No

Discussion: The report from the committee meeting revealed a possible need to hire a .50 FTE K-2 PE teacher for North and South Primary for the 2020-21 school year. Board member Brandi Petersen, questioned if the district would need to hire the .50 PE position if we did not staff three (3) K-2 buildings. With the district's enrollment shrinking 70 plus students for the 2020-21 school year, that translates into a loss of State Aid. She feels the Board needs to discuss this and see how they can makeup those differences and do what is best for kids. Dr. Gilson will work on a presentation to share at the monthly committee meetings regarding student enrollment data *(historical and current), costs of consideration, loss of State Aid and other district comparisons.

8.7. Approval of New Certified Staff

Approval of Certified Staff for the 2020-21 school year:

- Charlee Potadle - 9-12 English
- Dan Hutsell - Activities Director/Assistant Principal
- Yongmi (Christina) Argo - 8th Grade Science
- Kori Archbold - K-2 Music at North & South Primary

Motion Passed: I move to approve the new Certified Staff, for the 2020-21 school year, as presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.8. Acceptance of Resignations - None

8.9. Informational Information

- Capital Forecast – District Construction Update

9. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm passed with a motion by Laura Ronning and a second by Deb Parks.

Steve Callaghan	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Denise Ray	Absent
Laura Ronning	Yes
Lyle Schjodt	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Angie Conety, Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D., Superintendent