

Board of Education Work Session

March 8, 2021 6:45 PM

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Work Session to order at 6:45pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Steve Callaghan, Denise Cada, Laura Ronning, Deb Parks, Bob Schoby, Brittney Gunderson, and Ginger Fredericksen.

3. Items for Discussion

Mrs. Sara Foulk, 2nd Grade Teacher at South Primary, shared a presentation on FastBridge in the classroom.

4. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the work session at 7:09pm passed with a motion by Denise Cada and a second by Brandi Petersen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

March 8, 2021 7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular Meeting Session to order at 7:15pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Steve Callaghan, Denise Cada, Laura Ronning, Deb Parks, Bob Schoby, Ginger Fredericksen, and Brittney Gunderson.

3. Approval of Absent Board Member(s)

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Randy 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 Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	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

- Donations: Novozymes – \$750.00

8.2.1 Best Communities for Music Education

During the 2019-20 school year, Blair Community Schools was awarded one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” by the National Association of Music Merchants.

Mr. Doug Schmitt, co-owner of Schmitt Music in Minneapolis, was able to present the honor to the district via Zoom and congratulated Dr. Gilson, the Blair Board of Education, and the amazing district music department. The members of the department include Jeff Mount (BHS), Kirk Schjodt (BHS), Chiyo Trauernicht (OBMS), Molly Braniff (OBMS), Courtney Reznicek (AP & OBMS), Kay Dickinson (AP), Janelle Jaworski (AP & DF) and Kori Archbold (N/S).

8.3. Acceptance of Gifts

8.3.1. Big Red Keno Grant

Mr. Ross Udey, Otte Blair Middle School Teacher, wrote and was awarded a Big Red Keno Math and Science Grant in the amount of \$7,500. Mr. Udey applied for the grant to secure funds for the purchase of a 3D printer.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the Big Red Keno Math and Science Grant in the amount of \$7,500 for the purchase of a 3D printer passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Laura Ronning.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.3.2. Cubby’s Convenience Store – Blair

Cubby’s quarterly donation (\$1,541) from their “Let’s Raise Some Dough” fundraiser. Cubby’s donates \$1.00 for every large pizza sold at their Blair location to Blair Community Schools. Thank you to Cubby’s for their continued support and commitment to Blair Community Schools.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation form Cubby’s Convenience Store in the amount of \$1,541 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.4. Consideration of Communications

8.4.1. Nikki’s Dance Studio

Nikki’s Dance Studio located in Ft. Calhoun, requested the use of the Blair High School Auditorium for a weekend in May, including Sunday, May 23, 2021. This is a Sunday facility usage and required Board approval.

Motion Passed: I move to approve Nikki’s Dance Studio the use of the Blair High School Auditorium on Sunday, May 23, 2021 passed with a motion by Laura Ronning and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.4.2. Blair High School Band Trip

Mrs. Tammy Holcomb, BHS Principal, requested Board approval for the Blair High School Band to take a trip to Tampa/St. Petersburg/Sarasota, Florida starting on May 29, 2022 – June 2, 2022. Mr. Mount would be coordinating this trip and the expected cost to each student is approximately \$1,663. The band plans to march in the Sarasota Memorial Day parade, visit the Salvador Dali Museum, go on a dolphin watch, and will participate in a community service activity among other events. Students will have opportunities to fundraise for the trip and no district funds are being requested.

Motion Passed: I move to grant permission for the Blair High School Band to travel to Florida in May 2022 with no district funds being used for student or staff travel expenses passed with a motion by Laura Ronning and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.5. Comments from The Public - None

8.6. Committee Reports

8.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 12:00pm. 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 303.02-Administrator Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve on first notification revisions to policy 203.06-Board Committees passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the amended 2020-21 school calendar to have no school for students on Monday, April 19, 2021 to be used as the final COVID-19 Professional Staff Support Day passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the resolution for the Option Enrollment capacities for the 2021-22 school year as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.6.2. BG&T Committee

The BG&T Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 4:30pm. A report of the committee meeting was given by Bob Schoby.

8.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 12:00pm. A report of the committee meeting was given by Brandi Petersen.

8.7. Approval of New Certified Staff

Motion Passed: I move to approve the new certified staff member 3-5 Instructional Coach, Heather Dreibus, as presented passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Laura Ronning.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes

Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.8. Acceptance of Resignation

Letters of resignation were received from the following certified staff members upon the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.

- Norma Steffes – 9-12 High School Spanish
- Dr. Chris Stogdill – Otte Blair Middle School Principal
- Mr. Leon Haith – Otte Blair Middle School Assistant Principal & Director of Student Services (Retirement)

Motion Passed: I move to accept the resignation of certified staff members, Norma Steffes, Dr. Chris Stogdill, and Leon Haith, upon the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Laura Ronning.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

8.9. Superintendent Report

Dr. Danielle Ladwig, Executive Director of Learning, shared a Spring 2021 Implementation and Professional Development Plan.

8.10. Informational Items

9. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

Angie Conety, Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D., Superintendent