

Board of Education Work Session

April 12, 2021 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Work Session to order at 6:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Laura Ronning, Deb Parks, Bob Schoby, Brittney Gunderson, Steve Callaghan (6:37pm) and Ginger Fredericksen.

3. Items for Discussion

Arbor Park Intermediate School teachers, Rachel Aten (3rd), Carson Norine (HAL), Tracy Custer (4th), Michelle Dean (3rd), Todd Wick (5th), and Ann Kobs (5th), shared a presentation on teaching math to mixed ability cohorts. The teachers are offering before and after school math interventions and math extension/enrichment to students. It allows the teachers to spend additional time with the students who struggle.

4. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the work session at 7:02pm passed with a motion by Bob Schoby 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

Angie Conety, Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D., Superintendent

Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

April 12, 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 7:08pm.

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 Laura Ronning 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

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. Pacific Life Foundation Grant

The Blair High School was awarded a 2021 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education grant in the amount of \$3,000.

The high school will be using the grant to fund technology that can be used to serve students accessing the classroom remotely at the same time as in person students or synchronously. The pandemic has created the need for students to quarantine for days and up to a month. For teachers to be able to remotely educate students during these quarantine times, additional classroom technology is necessary to allow students to see lab or class activities in live time. The current teacher set up is a Chromebook that is used to project to students that are in person. To be able to purchase technology that is specific to students joining the classroom via GoogleMeet or Zoom would be beneficial as the second piece of technology could then be moved around the classroom and students could participate with the group activity at the same time as the teacher is providing instruction to the class. The technology that will be purchased with this grant are for iPad Air 10" - \$549 with a case and stand for each. Approximate total cost for each set is \$629.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the 2021 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education grant awarded to Blair High school in the amount of \$3,000 to fund the purchase of five (5) iPad Air 10" passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Deb Parks.

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. Blair High School Fine Arts Booster Club

The Blair High School Fine Arts Booster Club has donated \$5,600 to the instrumental Music Department at the high school for the purchase of one (1) concert tuba.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from the Blair High School Fine Arts Booster Club in the amount of \$5,600 for the purchase of one (1) concert tuba passed with a motion by Brittney Gunderson 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

8.4. Consideration of Communications

8.5. Comments from The Public

The Board heard public comment from Kelly Himes.

8.6. Committee Reports

8.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 12:00pm. A report of the committee meeting was given by Deb Parks.

Motion Passed: I move to approve Blair Community Schools to voluntarily extend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) through the end of the 2020-21 school year, which provides employees with paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for the specific reasons related to COVID-19 passed with a motion by Deb Parks 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

Motion Passed: I move to approve on second and final notification the revisions to Policy 203.06-Board Committees passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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 the revisions to policies 508.13-School Wellness Policy, 508.02-Administration of Medication to Students, 508.12-Asthma and Anaphylaxis Emergency Protocol, 508.12R1-Self-Management of Asthma, Anaphylaxis, and/or Diabetes, 508.12R2-Waiver of emergency Response Asthma or Anaphylaxis, 508.02R1-Asthma or Anaphylaxis Medical Management Plan, 508.02R2-Diabetes Medical Management Plan, 508.03-Communicable or Chronic Infectious Diseases, 508.03R1-Communicable Diseases Procedure, 508.15-Concussion Awareness and 508.16- Return to Learn from Cancer 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 New Policies 508.13R1-School Wellness Policy, 508.15A-Concussion Awareness Return to Learn Protocol, 508.15B-Concussion Bridging the Gap (NDE), and 508.15C-Concussion Bridging the Gap 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, April 5, 2021 at 4:30pm. A report of the committee meeting was given by Bob Schoby.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the proposal from Sports Facility in the amount of \$16,152 for the purchase of a new gym curtain divider at the high school passed with a motion by Bob Schoby and second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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 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 passed with a motion by Bob Schoby and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

8.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 12:00pm. A report of the committee meeting was given by Brandi Petersen.

8.7. Approval of New Certified Staff

Approval of the following new certified staff for the 2021-22 school year:

- Brian Swanigan - 9-12 Computer Science
- Anna Combs - 9-12 Spanish Teacher
- Trenton Bottorff - 9-12 Special Education Teacher
- Patrick Hays - 6-8 Vocal Music

- Dr. Cynthia Page – District Psychologist

Approval of the following new Administrators for the 2021-22 school year:

- Brett Swartz - Otte Middle School Principal
- Ryan Wieczorek - Otte Middle School Assistant Principal
- Dr. Ryan O'Grady - Director of Special Education & Student Services

Motion Passed: I move to approve new certified staff Brian Swanigan, Anna Combs, Trenton Bottorff, Patrick Hays, and Dr. Cynthia Page, for the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen 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

Motion Passed: I move to approve new administrators, Brett Schwartz – Otte Middle School Principal, Ryan Wieczorek – Otte Middle School Assistant Principal, and Dr. Ryan O'Grady – Director of Special Education & Student Services, for the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen 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.

- Jordyn Smith – 9-12 Computer Science
- Molly Braniff – 6-8 Vocal Music
- Chiyo Trauernicht – 7-8 Instrumental Music
- Layne Lueders (Retirement) - Arbor Park Counselor

Motion Passed: I move to accept the resignation of certified staff members, Jordyn Smith, Molly Braniff, Chiyo Trauernicht, and Layne Lueders (retirement), upon the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Laura Ronning and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

Eileen Korth, Architect with Jackson, Jackson, & Associates, and Cole Kratochvil, Project Manager with D.R. Anderson, presented architectural plans for possible new construction of a Concession/Restrooms/Storage Complex at Krantz Field.

8.10. Informational Items

8.11. Closed Session

The Board of Education is authorized by state statute to hold closed sessions. Closed sessions may be held when clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Reasons that meet this standard include but are not limited to: (a) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate matters, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; and (e) legal advice.

The Board invited Dr. Gilson to attend the Closed Session.

Motion Passed: I move to enter into Closed Session at 8:54pm for the protection of public interest on the discussion of a personnel matter to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen 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 the Board to come out of Closed Session and reconvene to the regular session at 9:28pm passed with a motion by Bob Schoby 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

8.12. Items from Closed Session

After Board discussion of personnel, no motions were offered.

9. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm passed with a motion by Bob Schoby and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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

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