

Board of Education Work Session

December 13, 2021 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Brandi Petersen, Vice President, called the Board of Education Work Session to order at 6:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke (6:42pm), Laura Ronning, Deb Parks, Brittney Gunderson, Steve Callaghan, Bob Schoby and Ginger Fredericksen.

Absent Board Members: Denise Cada

3. Items for Discussion

3.1. K-5 Improving Student Learning Presentation

Mrs. Megan Harding, K-2 Principal, Mr. Kyle Johnson, 3-5 Arbor Park Principal, shared a presentation on Improving Student Learning for grades K-5.

4. Adjournment

The Board of Education Work Session adjourned at 7:09pm

Board of Education Regular Meeting

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:12pm.

2. Roll Call

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

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members

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

Denise Cada	Absent
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes

Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda - None

5. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items - None

6. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

6.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

6.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

6.3. Receipt of Communications

6.4. Treasurer's Report

6.5. Audit of Claims

7. Business

7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda - None

7.2. Recognitions

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.3.1. CF Industries Minigrants

A check was received from CF Industries for Minigrant awards totaling \$2,860 for the following teachers:

1. Kylie Dirkschneider
2. Tracy Bye
3. Julia Vogel, Peggy Rutcosky, Krissy Anderson
4. Todd Wick
5. Rebecca Cox
6. Callie Arnold, Hollie Booth, Alex Dobson
7. Carissa Donner, Laura Pike, Kylie Dirkschneider, Heather English

The goal of the CF Industries Classroom Minigrant Program is to support local education and improve agricultural and environmental literacy. We thank them for their continued support for the students at Blair Community Schools.

Motion Passed: I move to accept CF Industries Minigrant awards totaling \$2,860 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Laura Ronning.

Denise Cada	Absent
Steve Callaghan	Yes

Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	Yes

7.3.2. Blair Community Schools Foundation and Lozier Foundation

The Blair Community Schools Foundation is donating \$2,932.97 on behalf of Lozier Corporation for the purchase of Industrial Arts equipment at the high school. We thank Lozier for their continued support for the students of Blair Community Schools.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from the Blair Community Schools Foundation on behalf of Lozier Corporation in the amount of \$2,932.97 for the purchase of Industrial Arts equipment at the high school passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

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

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1. Blair Dance Center

The Blair Dance Center, under the direction of Jill Sailors, is requesting the use of the Blair High School Auditorium from June 1-5, 2022 for their annual dance recital. June 5th is a Sunday and requires Board approval. A fee does accompany this facility request.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Blair Dance Center to use the Blair High School Auditorium on Sunday, June 5, 2022 for their annual dance recital passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Laura Ronning.

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

7.5. Comments from The Public

There were no public comments.

7.7. Committee Reports

7.7.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee

was given by Deb Parks.

Motion Failed: I move to approve on Second and Final notification revisions to policy 204.12-Public Participation at Board Meetings as presented failed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Absent
Steve Callaghan	No
Ginger Fredericksen	Abstain
Brittney Gunderson	Yes
Kari Loseke	No
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Laura Ronning	Yes
Bob Schoby	No

Motion Passed: I move to approve on second and final notification revisions to policy 301.03-Succession of Authority to the Superintendent as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

Denise Cada	Absent
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 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 school year calendars as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

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

7.7.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 4:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Bob Schoby.

7.7.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Brandi Petersen.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the 2020-21 Audited Financial Statement passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Laura Ronning.

Denise Cada	Absent
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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 possible hire of two (2) 1.0 FTE Special Education Teachers and one (1) 1.0 FTE High School Math Teacher passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

7.8. Approval of New Teachers – None

7.9. Acceptance of Resignations

Motion Passed: I move to accept the resignation of the certified staff members, Kendra Johnson, Dan Hutsell, Kendy Kube, Laura Joy and the retirement of Shelley Schoby, as presented passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

7.10. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Gilson shared a presentation on the possible expansion of the current Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings at the high school.

7.11. Informational Items

7.13. 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.

Motion Passed: I move to enter into Closed Session at 8:34pm for the protection of public interest on the discussion of collective bargaining and invite Mr. Tom Shearer, Business Manager, to attend the session passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Brittney Gunderson.

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

At 10:05pm the Board came out of closed session and reconvened to the regular session with no action taken.

8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn meeting at 10:06 pm passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Absent
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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Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent