

## **Board of Education Work Session**

March 13, 2023 6:30 PM

Blair Public Library

2233 Civic Drive, Blair NE 68008

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Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in this room at a location accessible to members of the public. The meeting notice was published in the Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

### **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 (6:50), Kari Loseke, Steve Callaghan, Denise Cada, Deb Parks, Courtney Tabor, Tim Welch, and Ginger Fredericksen.

### **3. Items for Discussion**

- Blair High School Marching Band Competitions
- K-5 Band Instruments

### **4. Adjournment**

The Board of Education Work Session adjourned at 7:03pm.

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

March 13, 2023 7:00pm

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### **1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **2. Roll Call**

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Steve Callaghan, Denise Cada, Deb Parks, Courtney Tabor, Tim Welch, and Ginger Fredericksen.

### **3. Approval of Absent Board Member(s)**

### **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. 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.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

#### **7.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting**

#### **7.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting 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**

#### **8.2.1. The Blair Wrestling Club**

The Blair Wrestling Club has donated \$588.00 worth of wrestling warmups to the Otte Middle School Wrestling program.

No Board action is required for donations under \$1,000 but we would like to recognize the Blair Wrestling Club for their continued support of the wrestling program. Thank you.

### **8.3. Acceptance of Gifts**

#### **8.3.1. Cargill Donation**

Mr. Taylor Jensen, Arbor Park PE Teacher, was awarded a donation from Cargill, in the amount of \$3,000, for the purchase of a Gaga Ball Pit at Arbor Park School.

Thank you, Cargill, for your continued support of Blair Community Schools.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from Cargill, in the amount of \$3,000, for the purchase of a Gaga Pit at Arbor Park passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |

Tim Welch                      Yes

**8.3.2. Blair Community Schools Foundation Donation**

Mr. Chaz Fonda, Blair High School Band Instructor, was awarded a donation, in the amount of \$1,182.15, for the purchase of new band flags.

Thank you to the Blair Community Schools Foundation for their continued support.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from the Blair Community Schools Foundation, in the amount of \$1,182.15, for the purchase of new band flags passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Deb Parks.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

**8.3.3. Kohler Co., Engine Donation**

Blair High School received a donation from Kohler Co., for 12 engines, an estimated value of \$4,500. The engines will be used for our engine mechanics class at Blair High School.

Thank you, Kohler Co., for assisting Blair Schools in the education of our students.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation from Kohler Co., for 12 engines, an estimated value of \$4,500, passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

**8.3.4. Blair Kiwanis Club Donation**

The Blair Kiwanis donated \$1,000 to support students with deficit food service account balances.

Thank you, Blair Kiwanis, for your continued support for the students of Blair Community Schools.

**Motion Passed:** I move to accept the donation, in the amount of \$1,000, from the Blair Kiwanis to support students with deficit food service bank accounts passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Tim Welch.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

**8.4. Consideration of Communications**

**8.5. Comments from The Public**

Public comments were heard from two (2) patrons.

**8.6. Committee Reports**

**8.6.1. Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee met on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Deb Parks.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve on second and final notification the revisions to Policy 602.01-School Calendar as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Denise Cada.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve on second and final notification the revisions to Policy 706.01-Purchasing Procedures as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Courtney Tabor.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

**8.6.2. BG&T Committee**

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 4:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

**8.6.3. Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee

was given by Brandi Petersen.

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the bid from Creative Sites, LLC, in the amount of \$366,943.45 for the new recommended playground equipment at Deerfield Elementary, Arbor Park Elementary, and South Preschool passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Deb parks.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the resolution for the Option Enrollment capacities for the 2023-24 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Deb Parks.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the purchase of a tarp from Tarps America at a cost not to exceed \$6,000 to be funded from the Savings Depreciation Account passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

### **8.7. Approval of New Teachers**

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the new administrators and teachers, Dr. Banafsheh Glasshoff, Brett Schwartz, Jeff Steinbeck, Mia Lincoln, Tyler Boesch, Laura Dutton, Hailey Saville, and Jairin Potter, as presented passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |

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| Deb Parks       | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor  | Yes |
| Tim Welch       | Yes |

### **8.8. Acceptance of Resignations**

**Motion Passed:** I move to approve the retirements and resignation of, Kathleen Misfeldt, Ross Udey, Kelly Storhjohann, Tim Riley, Paxton Sternberg, Jess Lansman, and Vicki Griffin as presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Tim Welch.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

### **8.9. Superintendent Report**

#### **8.10. Informational Item**

#### **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 entered into Closed Session for the protection of public interest on the discussion of and for the annual evaluation of the job performance of Superintendent, Dr. Randy Gilson.

**Motion Passed:** I move to enter into closed session at 8:14pm for the protection of public interest on the discussion of and for the annual evaluation of the job performance of Superintendent, Dr. Randy Gilson, and invite Mr. Talbot to be a part of the closed session passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Tim Welch.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

At 9:26pm, the Board came out of Closed Session and reconvened to the Regular Board Session.

**8.12. Items From Closed Session**

No discussion or action items came from the closed session.

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** I move to adjourn the meeting at 9:28pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

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| Denise Cada         | Yes |
| Steve Callaghan     | Yes |
| Ginger Fredericksen | Yes |
| Kari Loseke         | Yes |
| Deb Parks           | Yes |
| Brandi Petersen     | Yes |
| Courtney Tabor      | Yes |
| Tim Welch           | Yes |

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Angie Conety  
Secretary Board of Education

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Randall Gilson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent