

Board of Education Special Meeting

September 11, 2023 7:00 PM

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in the room at a location accessible to members of the public and attached to the online agenda. The meeting notice was published in the Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Special meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Roll Call

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

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

Mr. Tom Shearer, Business Manager, shared the Blair Community Schools Budget Hearing and Hearing to Set Final Tax Request presentation.

3. 2023-24 Budget Hearing – Entered into at 7:35pm – 8:04pm

The Board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2023-24 Budget for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. Public comments were heard from eight (8) patrons.

4. 2023-24 Tax Request Hearing – Entered into at 8:04pm – 8:13pm

The board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2023-24 Tax Request for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. Public comments were heard from three (3) patrons.

5. Adjournment

The Special Board Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

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 8:21pm.

2. Roll Call

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

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

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 Steve Callaghan and a second by Deb Parks.

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

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1. FBLA 2023 National Fall Leadership Conference

A letter has been received from Mr. Tyler Siecke, District Activities Director, and Mrs. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Adviser, requesting permission for FBLA members to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, from Thursday, November 16th through Sunday, November 19th, 2023. Mrs. Schrick and Mrs. Tatum Hartvigsen, Assistant FBLA Adviser, will provide guidance and support to the members at this event. The advisor fees will be covered by Blair FBLA and students will cover their own expenses for the trip.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the request for FLBA members to attend the National Fall Leadership in Dallas, Texas, from Thursday, November 16th through Sunday, November 19th, 2023 passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

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

7.4.2. Blair High School Band and Choir Trip

Trip to Southern California in June 2025:

Mr. Chaz Fonda, BHS Band Director, is requesting Board approval for the Blair High School Band and Choir to take a trip in June 2025 to Southern California. Mr. Fonda and Mr. Hays, BHS Choir Director, would be coordinating the trip and the estimated cost to each student is around \$2,359. Students have opportunities to fundraise for this trip.

Motion Passed: I move to grant permission for the Blair High School Band and Choir to travel to Southern California in June 2025 passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Tim Welch.

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

7.5. Comments from The Public - None

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Deb Parks.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the revisions as presented to the Summative Teacher Evaluation Form passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes

Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 4:30pm. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from the Blair Bear Backers in the amount of \$35,000 for the installation of turf in the Central Office Gym passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Tim Welch.

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

7.6.4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Brandi Petersen.

Motion Withdrawn: I move to approve a quote from Cambium Data for a 5-year Meraki hardware switch license renewal in the amount of \$71,212.42 to be paid using the Savings Depreciation Fund was withdrawn with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

The Board will present a new motion at the October 9, 2023 Board of Education after they have reviewed additional quotes.

7.7. Approval of the 2023-24 Budget

No motion was presented for approval. A Special Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18th at 5:00pm for possible approval.

7.8. Approval of the 2023-24 Tax Request Resolution

No motion was presented for approval. A Special Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18th at 5:00pm for possible approval.

7.9. Approval of New Teachers – None

7.10. Acceptance of Resignations – None

7.11. Superintendent Report

Dr. Gilson and the Board discussed his Objectives and Key Results (OKR's) for the 2023-24 school

year.

#1. Establish a system that assists Blair students and staff to set incremental goals to monitor their learning and supports them to significantly outperform their peers in math, literacy, science, social studies, fine arts, and activities.

#2. Develop a five-year plan to most effectively carry out safety, culture, and efficiency of personnel, educational programming (and processes), and facilities (setting) to support current and projected increases in student enrollment.

7.21. Informational Items

8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn meeting at 9:48pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Tim Welch.

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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Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent