



Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on March 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via virtual Zoom meeting.

School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Patty Jacobson, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Scott Barton.

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to suspend Policy 181 – Rules of Order. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve Policy 187 – Virtual Board Meetings in Emergency Situations. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson explained the current curriculum delivery and content process that is in place. Patty Jacobson moved to approve the continuation of the content processes and that the grading from the date of school closure through the end of the school closure will be on a Pass/Fail system as opposed to letter grades. High School GPA's will not be negatively impacted by this change. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson gave the Board an update on food delivery during the school closure.

Dr. Severson explained staff expectations during closure. This includes the temporary suspension of handbook language. Amy Hoffman moved to approve the information as presented. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Patty Jacobson moved to approve the concept that a High School graduation ceremony for the class of 2020 will be held at a date to be determined based on the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The High School will be working with the Seniors and their parents to schedule a special celebration of the Class of 2020.

The Board held a Public Hearing to allow for any members of the public to provide input into the District applying for a waiver from the Department of Public Instruction to allow for a reduced number of hours and minutes of instruction required for the 2019-2020 school year. No public comments were made. Patty Jacobson moved to approve the District to move forward with a waiver to DPI to waive the required hours of instruction for the 2019-2020 school year. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson and the Board Members discussed the continuation of community facility conversations and the fact that they will be temporarily put on hold until the public health emergency is cleared.

The District Administrator's Report included:

- Child Care Department of Children and Families

At 6:30 p.m. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

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Dr. Severson, Superintendent, Recorder