



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, March 15, 2021 in the District Office Board Room.

School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Patty Jacobson, Troy Webb, Amy Hoffman, Ann Dehmer, Brad Dobbs.

Board Members Absent: None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski confirmed the public hearing notice with Marti Herzberg.

Public Comment – None

Dr. Severson spoke about her appreciation, and the appreciation of the staff, to the Ho-Chunk Nation Vaccination Clinic. They've helped vaccinate many of the District's staff. At this point 77% of staff members have received at least the first round of vaccine and this is largely due the Ho-Chunk Nation offering to share the vaccines that they've received.

Dr. Severson reviewed the upcoming deadlines for the employment grievance filed by Benito Cerda-Reyes. Ann Dehmer moved to appoint John E. Thiel Law Office, LLC as the Impartial Hearing Officer who will handle the grievance procedures. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson shared information on the plans for Prom, The Lion's Club Honoree Banquet, The Rotary Athletic Banquet and The Presidential Academic Awards. Each of these events will look a little different this year, however, our goal is to ensure our students are recognized!

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the employment recommendations as presented. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Granton School District as an addition to the Boys and Girls Hockey Coop. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. It was noted that the addition of Granton will put the Tiger Boys Hockey Team at the top of the enrollment cap for Division II and therefore Whitehall School District's request to join the coop had to be turned down.

Dr. Severson reviewed the family perception survey data.

Dr. Severson updated the board members on an issue with WIAA and Tiger Softball. The District had self-reported the Softball Coach's failure to follow WIAA rules during the 19-20

season. WIAA responded that they were going to recommend suspension of tournament play for the Tiger Softball Team for the 2021 season. WIAA was satisfied with the District's decision to terminate the coach responsible for the violations. WIAA is not recommending a one-year probationary period for the Tiger Softball Team.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the referendum update plans, materials and drawings for Forrest Street Early Learning Center and the High School.

Dr. Severson reviewed the student to teacher ratio and budget recommendations for the 21-22 school year. Amy Hoffman moved to approve the information as presented. Brad Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson spoke about the district's plans for ESSER Funds. At least 20% of the funds need to go towards achievement gap reduction. Therefore, the district would like to hire five more interventionists for the three-year period the ESSER Funds are available. If the district has internal applicants, they will be allowed to return to their current teaching positions after the ESSER Funds have expired. Patty Jacobson moved to approve the hiring of five more interventionists. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Ann Dehmer moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson's District Administrator's Report included:

- Budget talking points were included in the board packet. A primary lobbying point would be special education reimbursement.
- Congratulations to the girl's golf team. They've been recognized as a team of Academic Excellence!

Future Agenda Items:

Board Development Topic – Standards Based Grading

Upcoming meetings –

*Monday, April 5, 2021 – Policy Committee Meeting

*Monday, April 26, 2021 – Special School Board Meeting

At 7:24 p.m. Brad Dobbs moved to adjourn. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary

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