



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, December 21, 2020 in the District Office Board Room.

School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to put agenda item 8.1 WIAA Return to Play Recommendation to occur before agenda item 7.2 Employment Recommendations. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Patty Jacobson moved to accept the following gifts: \$500.00 from Jean Accola for elementary art supplies, \$1,000.00 from Black River Falls Municipal Utilities, and \$100.00 from My Second Home Women's Softball Team. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Patty Jacobson moved to table the Instructional Model Decision Making agenda item until the January monthly meeting. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jared Plaza, Emily Schoen, Atlanta Stanton and Teresa Delph presented information on the High School Math Department.

Dr. Rogers, the District's Medical Advisor, Dr. Forsting, and Dawn Jacobson, the District's Athletic Trainer, joined the meeting to talk about the WIAA Return to Play recommendations. Dr. Forsting spoke about COVID-19 in athletes and how cardiac tissue is being effected by the virus. She agrees with the WIAA recommendation and she feels that a medical provider evaluation is needed prior to an athlete returning to play after having COVID-19. Dawn Jacobson commented that she is not licensed to make this type of evaluation. She also feels that a student should be evaluated by a medical provider prior to returning to sports. Patty Jacobson voiced her concerns with appointment availability and cost to families and offered to volunteer one day a week to evaluate student athletes in order for them to return to play. Mary Jo Rozmenoski feels it's irresponsible to not adopt the WIAA recommendations. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved

to rescind the motion that was carried at the December 7, 2020 board meeting which would not requiring a student athlete to be evaluated by a medical provider prior to returning to play after having COVID-19. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. During a roll call vote, Troy Webb voted no. Mary Jo Radcliffe, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ann Dehmer, Amy Hoffman and Patty Jacobson voted yes. Motion to rescind carried 5-1.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the WIAA Return to Play recommendations as they were presented. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. During a roll call vote, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliff, Troy Webb, Amy Hoffman and Ann Dehmer voted yes. Patty Jacobson voted no. Motion carried 5-1.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the employment recommendations. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to nominate Mary Jo Radcliffe as the District's WASB Delegate Assembly Representative. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Mary Jo Radcliffe accepted the nomination. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson spoke about the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which was originally expected to expire on December 31, 2020. She reviewed the plan the District has created, which would locally take the place of the federal act should it expire. WASB believes the federal leave will be extended as part of the new stimulus package. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the District's leave process be put in place, but that it be replaced with the federal leave should it be passed. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Stephanie Brueggen gave an overview of the new course proposals. Amy Hoffman moved to approve them as presented. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Stephanie Brueggen's Curriculum and Instruction update included:

- Professional Development opportunities in reading foundational skills
- Christy Roush and Vicki Kramer have received their National Board Certification.
- An update on high school electives.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the early drawings for the facility work to be done at Forrest Street Early Learning Center and the High School.

The Board reviewed the first reading of Policy 345.55 Cum Laude/Class Rank/Honors Policy as well as the Cum Laude System Rule. They made a change to the Rule to show 11 trimesters instead of 11 semesters.

Jill Collins spoke about school safety drill requirements and the need for Board approval. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the drill documents as presented. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski asked Marti Herzberg to correct the December 7, 2020 meeting minutes to reflect which Board Members voted yes and which ones voted no during the roll call vote that was taken. Ann Dehmer moved to approve the meeting minutes with the requested change made. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- She has reached out to the Ho-Chunk Nation for participation in coming up with solutions to the current truancy and engagement challenges students are facing.
- During the December 15, 2020 blood drive, all 78 slots were filled with volunteer blood donors.
- Inclement weather days are no longer built into the school calendar. Therefore, the buildings are working on what an inclement weather day will look like for their students and staff.
- Vicki Michalski, School Social Worker, and Jenna Rosquist, Native American Attendance Specialist, have made over 600 home visits so far this year.
- Board Member contributions are welcome for inclusion in the next Tiger Tribune.

Principals shared their building updates.

Dr. Severson asked the Board Members to bring their calendars to the next meeting. They will review the School Board Connection Opportunities.

Future Agenda Item Identification – Amy Hoffman requested that Board Members have the opportunity to observe virtual teaching. Mary Jo Radcliffe shared her experiences while observing this at the different schools. She was very impressed with how things worked. Stephanie Brueggen will present information on our curriculum planning to address the gaps due to the changes in instructional delivery models throughout the pandemic.

At 8:51 p.m., Amy Hoffman moved to adjourn. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary