



Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Scott Barton, Patty Jacobson, Ann Dehmer, Troy Webb

Board Members Attending Virtually: Amy Hoffman

Board Members Absent: None

Brian Brewer, Managing Director with Baird, presented the Final Pricing Summary as of December 7, 2020. The true interest cost for the resolution awarding the sale of \$9,650,000 general obligation school building and improvement bonds will be 1.7847% which is less than half of the conservative interest rate that was used for the initial referendum information. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to go forward with the sale of the bonds. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to suspend Policy 181 and the limits for this meeting on Board Members voting while attending the board meeting virtually. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski made the motion again regarding the sale of the obligation bonds so that Amy Hoffman could also vote virtually. The revote resulted in the motion passing 7-0.

Dr. Severson and Jay Weinman presented information on the changes which led to new information regarding winter sports participation. They explained that although our local health partners are not in support of starting the winter sports season, the administration is recommending that practices begin immediately in December, with the expectation to play a shortened Coulee Conference schedule in January. At this time, of the seven schools in the conference, all but one will participate. Jay Weinman shared the Return to Play protocol with coaches yesterday and also met with them after school today to talk about the return to play recommendations further. Patty Jacobson moved to approve the Return to Play Protocol and the Student Athlete COVID-19 Return to Participation Form as long as the form is changed by removing the areas requiring the student to get an evaluation and clearance from a medical office. Scott Barton seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried the motion. Mary Jo Radcliffe and Mary Jo Rozmenoski voted no. Scott Barton, Amy Hoffman, Patty Jacobson, Troy Webb and Ann Dehmer voted yes.

Dr. Severson presented the option of the District offering childcare to our local medical staff's school age children during this time of virtual instruction. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to allow the

District to offer this service to local medical staff. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Patty Jacobson moved to approve Policy 345.5 Graduation Requirements as presented. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Due to Board Member's previous concerns regarding the School Resource Officer contract being approved for three years instead of one year, Dr. Severson presented the Board Members with the option of a 90 day cancellation clause that's part of the SRO contract. During conversation, Scott Barton asked that the District get an updated copy of the County's insurance coverage for the SRO position. Jill Collins agreed to take care of this. No action was taken, therefore the current contract shall remain in place until it's expiration in December of 2021.

Dr. Severson will send a link to the Board Members with the School Board self-evaluation information. A special meeting can be scheduled to go over results of the evaluation. Dr. Severson will send out a Doodle Poll to the Board Members with date options for this special meeting.

District Administrator's Report included:

- Rules of Order – Amy Hoffman suggested that as long as a quorum is in person at a meeting, then electronic attendees should not be able to vote on motions. The Board agreed to address this at individual meetings when needed.
- Policy 161 Board Member Authority – Dr. Severson stressed that policy needs to be followed by all.
- Since Scott Barton has recently submitted his resignation from the School Board, he was presented with a gift for his years of service.
- The Board will need to appoint a new member to fulfill Scott's opening for the remainder of his term which will end April, 2022. Marti Herzberg will post the opening according to law and policy. The deadline for applications will be December 30, 2020.

Future Items – Patty Jacobson requested that the decision making authority to move between virtual and in person schooling be placed on the December School Board agenda, that meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2020.

At 7:14 p.m. Scott Barton moved to adjourn. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary

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