

Black River Falls  
January 17, 2011  
Meeting #10

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON JANUARY 17, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice President Lois Corey at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Susan Olstad,  
Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: Ramie Bakken

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Andy Epps was in attendance to present the Student Senate Report and give an update on their status.

Don Mathews moved to approve the consent agenda. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote. The consent agenda included the December regular meeting minutes, the January 3 special meeting minutes, and monthly expenditures.

Joe Schmit gave a presentation to accompany the list of Capital Maintenance Projects for next year. Don Mathews moved to approve the 2011-2012 Capital Maintenance Projects. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the second reading of the proposed revision to Policy 421: Entrance Age. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the second reading of the proposed revision to Policy 431: Student Attendance. Mary Jo Rozemonski seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of the proposed revision to Policy 823: Internet Web Page Development. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of the proposed new Policy 734: Energy Management. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the second reading of the proposed new Policy 453.6: Student Allergies. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Don Mathews moved that board consent be given for the purpose of reviewing and supporting the proposed resolutions submitted to the WASB by member schools for the January 2011 Convention. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote. Mary Jo Rozmenoski will be attending as our delegate.

The District Administrator's Report consisted of the following district news:

- The Board has two seats up for election – Ramie Bakken and Laurel Meek. Both incumbants will be running along with three other candidates – Walt Pankowitz, Jerome Sweeney, and Iftikhar Memon.
- Dan Olson's Construction Class project and its contract with the Ho-Chunk Nation has fallen through. Dan has found other projects for his students.
- MAP testing ends this week, so next month's regular school board meeting will include an update of this data.
- Jim Jelinske will be in the district on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 to give presentations about bullying to the schools at the Lunda Theater.
- Last week, students from Forrest Street and Third Street painted art work in the board room.
- Shelby Heath, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, was the Spelling Bee Champion last Friday at Gebhardt.
- \$24,400 was recently donated by the Ho-Chunk Nation to be used toward a BRAGS building.
- BRAGS will have a Project Presentation Night on Thursday at 6:00 at the Woodland Center.
- Bailey Johnson is one of the twelve Honorable Mentions in the State Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest; there were over 350 total designs submitted.

Discussion items requested by administration included board goals mid-term review (Ron Saari discussed how the Board is continuously working at achieving their goals), a Reading Recovery/Literacy Collaborative presentation (given by Deb Olson, Jean Lee, Betty Jahnke, and Jessica Pelka to explain how these programs enhance student achievement), and a 2011-2012 budget discussion (based on an initial draft).

There was one discussion item requested by the board:

1. Board Listening Sessions – This was a continuation of the last two month's discussions. Since last month, Todd Fendt, Tony Boerger, and Brian Stemper met with Ron Wirtz and Ron Saari. They agreed that the goals of these sessions include constructive dialogue, no "gotcha" situations, relationship/trust building, no tie to negotiations, and two-way communication. The idea is to have 2-3 meetings with possibly more. The time frame is from 4:30-5:30. They decided to meet in the high school library. Topic 1 will be discussed for 20 minutes, topic 2 will be discussed for 20 minutes, and the last 20 minutes will be open. Identified topics include strategic planning, block scheduling and scheduling in general, program reviews, budget and cuts, the Ho-Chunk Nation, and facilities. Two to

three board members will attend each session. The board agreed to move forward with scheduling.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

The WASB 90<sup>th</sup> State Education Convention is taking place from January 19 – 21 in Milwaukee. Ron Saari, Jill Collins, Joe Schmit, and Mary Jo Rozmenoski will be attending.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 7 at 4:00 pm.

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 14 at 5:00 pm. They have been and will continue to work on a survey for the community.

The February Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee meeting is yet to be determined.

A monthly report was given to the board with Conference/Workshop Attendance information. Board members shared personal experiences throughout the district.

There were no other reports and no future agenda items were identified.

Don Mathews moved to adjourn to executive closed session as per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e) at 9:10 p.m. Laurel Meek seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (6 = Yes).

Laurel Meek moved to reconvene into open session as per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (2) and to approve the administrative contract renewals as presented. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Don Mathews moved to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

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Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk