

Black River Falls
February 21, 2011
Meeting #13

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON FEBRUARY 21, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. IN
THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

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

Roll call was taken.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – Pam Holcomb expressed her interest in the board's decision to ratify the BRFESPA Tentative Agreement.

No one was in attendance to present the Student Senate Report.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the consent agenda. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote. The consent agenda included the January regular meeting minutes, the January 31 special meeting minutes, the February 14 special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, and employment recommendations (Corey Colburn resignation, Adam Pettit resignation, Andrea Schultz-Borck resignation).

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the High School Girl's Hockey Co-op requests from the Sparta School District and the Bangor School District. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

Cathy Ruefer, Penny Vanderpal, Pam Holcomb, Kathy Kuhry, and Susan Wester spoke on behalf of the support staff. Lois Corey moved to accept the 2010-2012 BRFESPA Collective Bargaining Tentative Agreement. Don Mathews seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (6 = Yes, 1 = No – Laurel Meek).

Ron Wirtz moved to set Budget Center Allocations as presented by Jill Collins. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

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

- The Primary Election for school board took place on February 15. Laurel Meek, Ramie Bakken, Jerome Sweeney, and Walt Pankowitz will be moving on to the General Election on April 5.
- Those who attended the WASB 90th State Education Convention learned a lot about change, technology, and personalized learning.
- Brad Markhardt was chosen as the Employee of the Season for the Winter Issue of Insights.
- The Strategic Planning Committee continues their book study and is always looking for new members.
- The ITAC Committee is working on technology standards for staff, Atomic Learning, and e-learning classes.
- The high school completed class registration for the 11-12 school year and celebrated a Girl's Hockey playoff game victory; most winter sports are coming to an end; FFA is this week; Solo and Ensemble is this weekend in Sparta.
- Consequences are being enforced for those students who chose to "walk out" last week.

Discussion items requested by administration included a 2011-2012 budget discussion (continuing from January), a transportation report (identifying department updates), a high school schedule report (proposing a new structure), a Reading Recovery and Literacy Collaborative presentation (continuing from January), an elementary school data presentation (comparing MAP results), a middle school data presentation (comparing MAP results), and a high school data presentation (comparing MAP results).

There was one discussion item requested by the board:

1. Board Listening Sessions – The first session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm at the high school library. The first 20 minutes will be devoted to the topic of "strategic planning." The second 20 minutes will focus on "building culture and climate." The last 20 minutes will be open for additional dialogue. Topics such as wages, hours, and working conditions are not to be discussed.

There were no discussion items requested by the public, but Dr. Delebo suggested that board members visit schools to see the effects of their decisions.

Ron Saari, Jill Collins, Joe Schmit, and Mary Jo Rozmenoski attended the WASB 90th State Education Convention from January 19 – 21 in Milwaukee.

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, March 14 at 5:00 pm. Susan Olstad reported on the committee's progress.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 15 at 4:00 pm.

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.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session as per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) at 9:41 p.m. for the purpose of BRFEA bargaining negotiation discussion. Susan Olstad seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (7 = Yes).

The board reconvened into open session as per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (2) and Don Mathews moved to table the BRFEA bargaining negotiation discussion until the March meeting. Lois Corey seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (5 = Yes, 2 = No – Susan Olstad and Ron Wirtz).

Lois Corey moved to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk