

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON APRIL 16, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

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

Roll call was taken.

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

Board Members Absent: Ramie Bakken

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Josh Hanson presented the Student Senate Report and gave an update on their status by reviewing a summary of 2011-2012 activities.

Don Mathews asked for permission to amend the agenda so that 7.6 (Administrative Contract Roll-over Language Additions) can be moved to closed session and 7.7 (Math Resources for 6th – 12th) can be tabled until the May Regular Board Meeting.

Mark Thomley moved to approve the consent agenda. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included the March 19 regular meeting minutes, the April 2 special meeting minutes, the April 12 special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations (Mark Weddig and Thomas Mason resignations), and gifts/grants (BRF YouthWrestling).

Don Mathews, Vice President, read the policy “Board Member Code of Ethics” and administered the Oath of Office to Axel Dressler, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, and Mary Jo Radcliffe.

Lois Corey moved to approve the second reading of proposed new Policy 751.21: Use of Video and Audio Monitoring Systems on School Buses. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to advise Tom Leadholm, Athletic Director, to support the board of control positions on the proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws of the WIAA Annual Meeting Resolutions. Mark Thomley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the termination of the support staff health insurance policy with WEA effective June 30, 2012 and to enroll the support staff into Health Tradition effective July 1, 2012. Mark Thomley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Thomley moved to approve the \$319,000 bid from Maurer Roofing in Marshfield, WI. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Thomley moved to approve lines 1-16 of the proposed 2012-2013 budget as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- Brad Markhardt and Tom Chambers will be traveling to UW Platteville on April 18, 2012 for a town hall meeting with the U.S. Secretary of Education as well as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.
- Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the high school.
- There is a middle school band concert on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm.
- The first middle school home track meet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012; the final middle school home track meet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012.
- Brad Markhardt's Agriculture/Science class is re-seeding the middle school playground.
- The Heritage Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 1:00 at Gebhardt.
- Third Street's Fine Arts Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012.
- Forrest Street's Fine Arts Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2012.
- 4K and 5K parent orientation is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2012. These activities will be scheduled during the day with multiple staggered sessions.
- The Youth Volleyball Club held a large tournament in Black River Falls last weekend for grades 4, 5, and 7 and has another tournament scheduled for this weekend.
- There is a Teacher Effectiveness Workshop taking place at CESA 6 on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The district will be sending a team of six to learn about new teacher and administrator evaluation tools.
- The elementary schools will be planning a staggered start on September 4 and 5 in order to complete individual benchmark assessments with K-5 students.

Discussion items requested by administration included an Annual Review of Policy 811.1: Indian Education Policies and Procedures (Ron Saari).

There were seven discussion items requested by the board:

1. Revised Policy 872 – The board completed a first reading about Handling Complaints About School-Related Matters.
2. New Teacher Handbook Language – The board completed a first reading about Cash In Lieu of Health Insurance.
3. New Teacher Handbook Language – The board completed a first reading about a Catastrophic Leave Bank.
4. New Teacher Handbook Language – The board completed a first reading about Emergency Leave for Teachers, Jury Duty Leave for Teachers, Licensure and Certification for Teachers, Background Checks, Personnel Files, Inclement Weather and School Closing for Teachers, and Dress Code for Teachers.
5. Graduation Date Discussion – Ron Saari recommended that either Sunday, June 2 or Sunday, June 9 as graduation dates to consider for the 12-13 school year.
6. Board Self-Assessment Report – Ron Saari reviewed the AdvancEd staff and parent survey results regarding Board Governance. Not all board members have completed the AdvancEd Governance Standards Rubric as a self-evaluation tool.
7. Co-curricular Evaluation – The board directed Ron Saari to identify a qualified and interested individual to conduct an unbiased evaluation/audit of all co-curricular programs and to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

There was one discussion item requested by the public: Speaker System Options. Peggy Gordon, Technology Supervisor, met with both Camera Corner and Five Starr regarding the options for the speaker system in the district office board room. Both companies are going to submit bids with different options for consideration. Don Mathews reminded everyone that Board meetings are not public meetings but are meetings of the Board held in public. Although it is important that Board members and the District make efforts so that the public is able to hear the Board's discussions, it should not spend an outrageous amount on a speaker system.

No WASB events were attended.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on May 7, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on May 14, 2012 at 4:00 pm. Susan Olstad reported on the committee's progress.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on May 8, 2012 at 4:00 pm. Susan Olstad reported on the committee's progress.

A monthly report was given to the board with Conference/Workshop Attendance information.

Lois Corey announced her decision to resign from the board.

There were no other reports.

Math Resources for 6th – 12<sup>th</sup> and a BRAGS update were identified as future agenda items.

Lois Corey moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:29 pm for consideration, including action, if appropriate, regarding employment/renewal/nonrenewal of a teacher, including deliberating, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) (C). Susan Olstad seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (6 = yes).

Mark Thomley moved to approve the Administrative Contract Roll-over Language Additions. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Thomley moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

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Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk