

Black River Falls
May 16, 2011
Meeting #22

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON MAY 16, 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.

Ramie Bakken asked the board for permission to amend the agenda so that presentations can be started immediately after the Student Senate Report.

Roll call was taken.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Tom Chambers presented the Student Senate Report and gave an update on their status.

Elizabeth Cook and Lily Murphy presented a PowerPoint of their 2010 trip to Costa Rica. Jenny Rukavina discussed details and answered questions about the proposed 2012 trip. Tom Chambers added informational statistics. Ron Wirtz moved to approve the 2012 trip to Costa Rica. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1 (nay = Lois Corey).

Guy Leavitt, CESA 4 Administrator, was in attendance to educate the board about CESA's administrative, instructional, technology, special education, and collaborative services.

Troy Thompson and Brian Thompson from The Garland Company explained the roofing conditions throughout the district.

Stephanie Elvaker, Truancy Prevention Worker, reported on the individuals and agencies that she works with, how she keeps track of data, absence types and totals, what she has done, and goals for the future.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve reentering into a new boy's hockey league per Tom Leadholm's request. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Lois Corey moved to approve the consent agenda. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The consent agenda included the April regular meeting minutes, the

April 21/25/25 and May 2 special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations (none), field trips (none), and gifts/grants (none).

Ramie Bakken moved to approve Sunday, June 3 as the 2011-2012 graduation date. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the election of board officers as follows:

- President = Ramie Bakken
- Vice President = Don Mathews
- Clerk = Mary Jo Rozmenoski
- Treasurer = Lois Corey

Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Mathews moved to approve the board committee assignments as follows:

- Policy Committee = Don Mathews, Ramie Bakken, and Lois Corey
- Public Affairs Committee = Laurel Meek, Susan Olstad, and vacancy
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee = Susan Olstad, Laurel Meek, and vacancy
- Lunda Advisory Committee = Mary Jo Rozmenoski
- BRFESPA Negotiations = Lois Corey, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, and Don Mathews
- BRFEA Negotiations = Lois Corey, Ramie Bakken, and Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ramie Bakken moved to approve the core agenda with the removal of “Budget Overview” from May. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Laurel Meek amended the motion to replace “Budget Overview” with “Current Year Budget Review” in May. Motion carried 7-0.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the 2011-2012 Fall Youth Options applications as presented. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board completed the first reading of Policy 341.52: Discussion and Critical Analysis of Issues; Role of District Employees. The Policy Committee will discuss this further prior to a second reading.

The board completed the first reading of Policy 685: Fund Balance.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the second reading of Policy 811.1: Indian Education Policies and Procedures. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Mathews moved to approve the second reading of Policy 531.4: School Psychologist Job Description. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- The board has posted a vacancy due to Ron Wirtz’s resignation.
- The Teacher Handbook Committee is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 18 to continue working on “leave” language.
- The Strategic Planning Committee will report to the board within the next couple of months.

- The district data review will take place on June 14 and 15.
- The WASDA Conference for Superintendents from May 4-6 was a valuable experience.
- Ann Eberhardt and Wendy Everson will be the PK-2 Literacy Coaches; Stephanie Brueggen will be the 3-5 Literacy Coach.
- Kirsten Meier will be a Forrest Street Reading Recovery Teacher and Forrest Street Interventionist; Denise Eddy will be a Forrest Street Reading Recovery Teacher and Third Street Interventionist; Patty Harelson will be a Forrest Street Reading Recovery Teacher and PK-12 Reading Specialist; the fourth Forrest Street Reading Recovery Teacher and Gebhardt Interventionist position is still available.
- Senior interviews took place at the high school last week.
- Nine incoming BRAGS students for next year will be going on a canoe trip with the current students as part of an introduction to the program.
- The high school English Department has a student teacher from Germany for two weeks.
- The high school band will be performing at the Tuesday Club on Thursday, May 19.
- High School Students of the Year will be voted on in the month of May.
- In 2011-2012, BRAGS and Nexus will be located in the Forrest Street portables; Phoenix and Odyssey will be located at the middle school; Renaissance will be located at the technical college; A+ Achievers will be located at the Gardipee Building.
- The Presidential Excellence Award Ceremony was on Thursday, May 12.
- Forrest Street recently concluded a Penny War and raised \$1,500 for Hal Haugstad and the Red Cross. They also recently had a Community Play Date at the library and Sand Pillow.
- Important Forrest Street events include May 20 (Elementary Transition Day), May 26 (4K end of the year celebration at Lunda Park), June 1 (high school hand bell choir and band performance), and June 7 (end of year celebration for K-2 at Lunda Park).

Other discussion items requested by administration included WKCE Assessment Results (Deb Olson) and a 2010-2011 Budget Overview (Jill Collins).

There were two discussion items requested by the board:

1. Board Self-Assessment – Ramie Bakken asked that Maureen Ruka create a survey for the board on Survey Monkey from her original questionnaire.
2. District Administrator Evaluation – Ron Saari shared the evaluation that will be used. He will work on creating a document that allows typed text and the ability to save.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

No WASB events have been attended.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 6 at 4:00 pm.

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 13 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, June 14 at 4:00 pm. Ron Wirtz reported on the committee's progress.

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 at 9:20 pm under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of discussion on compensation for administrative and non-represented support staff personnel and to consider, deliberate, and take action, as appropriate, regarding employment of professional employees in the District, particularly regarding layoff notices to professional employees. Susan Olstad seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (aye = 7).

Ron Wirtz moved to reconvene into open session at 10:45 pm and take action as appropriate on any matter on the meeting agenda, including matters discussed in closed session. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Mathews moved to approve a 3.5% total package increase for 2010-2011 and a salary freeze for 2011-2012 for Ron Saari, District Administrator. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1 (nay = Laurel Meek).

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve a 3.5% total package increase for 2010-2011 and a salary freeze for 2011-2012 for the administrators upon Ron Saari's discretion. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1 (nay = Laurel Meek).

Don Mathews moved to approve up to ten days payout for unused vacation for 2010-2011 for Ron Saari, District Administrator. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve a 4.0% total package increase for 2010-2011 and a salary freeze for 2011-2012 for the non-represented support staff. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1 (nay = Laurel Meek).

The board's intent is that administration will comply with any health insurance/WRS and make any changes as implied in ACT 10.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the lay-off notices as presented. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ramie Bakken moved to adjourn at 10:50 pm. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk