

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. IN
THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Ramie Bakken at 6:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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.

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

Mr. Saari introduced the new staff members and their mentors.

Lois Corey moved to approve the consent agenda. Mark Thomley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The consent agenda included the August regular meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations (Resignations: Kathy Rumsey; Hires: Laura Fahrman – Early Childhood Special Education, Tom Mason – Adaptive Physical Education, Nichole Laffey – Third Grade, Mark Beckord – Part Time Psychologist, Barb Ellmann – Part Time Psychologist, Kelly Custer – Special Education), field trips (none), and gifts/grants (none).

Don Mathews moved to approve the Facilities Request for Qualifications. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board completed the first reading of revised school board policy 448 – Anti-Bullying.

The board completed the first reading of proposed school board policy 445.2 – Student Interviews. Based on discussion, Mr. Saari will make appropriate adjustments prior to the second reading.

Josh Hanson shared a presentation with the board in support of WiFi and Handheld Devices at BRF High School.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of revised school board policy 364.1 – Acceptable Use Information Technology and Communication Resources. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Mathews moved to approve the second reading of revised school board policy 443.6 – Student Use of Cell Phones, Pagers, and Other Two-Way Communication Devices. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- There was a ceremony in Madison last week for Brad Markhardt, Wisconsin High School Teacher of the Year.
- The BRAGS students recently completed a project where they researched, designed, and posted 12 interpretive signs detailing history and eco-tones throughout the foundation trail. They also prepared a booth for the Green Expo at the Armory on Saturday, September 17.
- The individual Reading Recovery profiles are complete and the implementation of one-on-one has begun.
- The Best Practices Committee at Forrest Street is focusing on instructional practices for our BRF population.
- Mrs. Shelly Severson will be working on an article and a presentation with the Ho-Chunk Nation titled “Fragile Partnership.” This presentation will be given in Albuquerque at the NIEA convention. It chronicles empowerment and the partnership building with the school district.
- Literacy Collaborative Coaches are creating their model classrooms in each of the three elementary buildings.
- This year’s Jackson Electric Co-op Youth Ambassadors are Chuck Cook, Holland Hogden, Bryce Kopp, Aspen Bue, Collin Oakes, Erica Olson, Maria Lee, Grant Stittleburg, Remington Stittleburg, and Micayla Cork. Their first meeting focused on teamwork.

Discussion items requested by administration included Building Site Goals Reports from the Data Retreat:

1. High School Presenters = Tom Chambers, Sue Shaw, and Roxane Shear
2. Middle School Presenters = Dave Rouu, Tori Bragee, Andrea Rockney, Karen DeBerg, and Jenny Krista
3. Gebhardt Presenters = Shelly Severson, Stephanie Brueggen, Joyce Steien, Kathryn Bishop, Heather Bluedorn, and Christy Roush
4. Third Street Presenters = Jon Warmke, Pam Pfaff-Olson, Scott Tubbs, Deb McClintock, and Jen Bolger
5. Forrest Street Presenters = Michael Lichucki, Barb Gluch, and Kari Dougherty.

An Allergy Policy Update was the one discussion item requested by the board. Ron Saari provided information regarding how this policy has been communicated to staff and implemented throughout the district.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

No WASB events were attended.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 3 at 4:00 pm.

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 10 at 5:00 pm. The committee did not meet in September. Susan Olstad reported on the committee's progress.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 4:00 pm. The committee did not meet in September.

There was no other Conference/Workshop Attendance information to share with the board. Board members shared personal experiences throughout the district.

There were no other reports.

No future agenda items were identified.

Don Mathews moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk