

Black River Falls
October 18, 2010
Meeting #5

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON OCTOBER 18, 2010 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, Susan Olstad,
Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Josh Hanson was in attendance to present the Student Senate Report and discuss their status.

The agenda was amended by President Ramie Bakken in order to allow Mike Hodges from WPPI to discuss our school's energy audit executive summary prior to Other Reports. He also presented us with a reimbursement check of \$3,000 to cover the consultant fees for doing the report.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote. The consent agenda included the September regular meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations (Lisa Gaede's resignation), field trip forms (from FFA, FCCLA, and high school choir), and gifts/grants (office space from Jim Holt).

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the certification of the annual tax levy of \$6,769,730.00. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Lois Corey moved to approve the budget modifications as presented. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Don Mathews moved to approve and proceed with hiring one full-time and one part-time Speech/Language Pathologist. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

The board completed the first reading of Policy 185.3: Public Affairs Committee Policy, the first reading of the proposed revision to Policy 345.51: Early Graduation, the first reading of the proposed revision to Policy 345.55: Class Rank/Honors Policy, and the first reading of the proposed revision to Policy 343.1: Non-Traditional Credit Options.

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

- Mr. Saari will be one of 16 superintendents in Wisconsin participating in the Visioning and Planning 21st Century Learning Environments Conference on November 15-16. Because this conference is on the third Monday of the month, Ron Wirtz moved to change the November School Board Meeting from November 15 to November 22, 2010. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mr. Saari shared some enrollment documents for informational purposes.
- Mr. Saari commented on the Quint Studer presentation that was offered by the Black River Falls Area Hospital last week.
- Mr. Saari gave an update on the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Mr. Saari noted that Jen Sweeney is being recognized by WEAC and Kris Wrobel is being highlighted in a WEAC spotlight.
- Mr. Saari mentioned that WKCE assessments will be beginning next week.

There were no discussion items requested by administration.

There were two discussion items requested by the board:

1. Insights Board article – The Board agreed to bring this to the Public Affairs Committee so that goals/a schedule of topics can be created.
2. Creation of a legislative platform for the school district – Mr. Saari shared an initial draft of a legislative agenda so that the Board can read through it and reflect on the ideas. The Board would like to convene for a work session on Monday, November 29 at 5:00 pm.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

Ron Wirtz and Lois Corey attended the Key Works Presentation at CESA 4 at the end of September; Mr. Saari attended the WASB Labor Law and School Law Seminar on October 1; there is a Legislative Advocacy Conference on November 13.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 1 at 4:00 pm. They will be continuing to work on facility use.

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 8 at 5:00 pm. They will be continuing to work on their survey development.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 19 at 4:00 pm.

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

Mark Weddig provided the board with BRAGS updates.

No future agenda items were identified.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:41 pm under Wis. Stats Section 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of BRFEA bargaining negotiation discussion. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn the closed session at 8:30 pm. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote. No action was taken.

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk