

Black River Falls
November 22, 2010
Meeting #6

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON NOVEMBER 22, 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, Laurel Meek,
Susan Olstad, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Emily Rios 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 Paul Tweed, Augusta School District Charter School (Wildlands) Director, to give a presentation to the Board regarding their budgetary process prior to Other Reports. He shared ideas and strategies that the Black River Area Green School will implement.

Lois Corey moved to approve the consent agenda. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote. The consent agenda included the October regular meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, a field trip form (from Paula Hardie), and gifts/grants.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the Spring Semester Youth Options class requests. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

Don Mathews moved to approve the second reading of proposed Policy 185.3: Public Affairs Committee Policy. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the second reading of the proposed revision to Policy 345.51: Early Graduation. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

Don Mathews moved to approve the second reading of the proposed revision to Policy 345.55: Class Rank. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the second reading of the proposed revision to Policy 343.1: Non-Traditional Credit Options. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

The board completed the first reading of the proposed revision to Policy 343.2: Youth Options Program.

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

- The flag raising ceremonies for Native American Awareness Month took place on November 22, 2010.
- Project Christmas is in the works. Each of the buildings are in the process of collecting food donations.
- WKCE testing is winding down.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held at Forrest Street Elementary on November 23, 2010.
- Forrest Street Elementary created a new vision statement: "Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day."
- Winter sports are under way at the high school.
- Holiday programs are up and coming throughout the district.
- Fifth graders recently took a field trip to the "green" house owned by Mr. Tom Chambers. The students are now working on PowerPoint presentations based on what they learned and experienced.
- Mr. Swanson from Midwest Recycling visited with Mr. Lichucki at Forrest Street Elementary. Mr. Swanson commented on the many positive aspects in our district-wide recycling and conservation programs.
- The 90th State Education Convention will be held in Milwaukee on January 19-21, 2011. Please RSVP to Maureen Ruka by Monday, December 13, 2010.

Discussion items requested by administration included two presentations. The first presentation was given by Paul Rykken and Tony Boerger to share the progress they have made with the Native American Curriculum Infusion Committee. The second presentation was given by Mr. Lichucki, Mr. Warmke, and Ms. Severson to share the types of MAP data they are collecting and how they are using this data to guide instruction.

There was one discussion item requested by the board:

1. Board Listening Sessions – The Board continued discussion on the purpose of/reason behind their goal to pursue communication with teachers and staff. They brainstormed a variety of ideas and decided to return to it again at the December meeting.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

Susan Olstad attended the WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference on November 13, 2010.

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

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 13 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, December 21 at 4:00 pm.

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

Except for “Board Listening Sessions”, no other future agenda items were identified.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 pm under Wis. Stats Section 19.82 (1) and 19.85 (1) (a) (c) (e) in order to hear a grievance pursuant to Article VII of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Black River Falls Education Association challenging that the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 calendar adoption did not follow the master agreement. Susan Olstad seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (6 = Yes, 1 = abstracted – Lois Corey).

Don Mathews moved to reconvene into open session and take any action from closed session, as appropriate. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

After hearing both sides with rebuttal opportunities, the Board voted to deny the presented grievance at Level III because the it was procedurally defective, and it was without merit. Lois Corey motioned and Susan Olstad seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Mathews moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk