

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON DECEMBER 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 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

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

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – Amanda Saunders, parent of a 9th grade student, expressed her concern about the use of the novel *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie in the Freshman English class.

Josh Hanson presented the Student Senate Report and gave an update on their status.

President Ramie Bakken asked the board for permission to amend the agenda so that two of the three presentations could be started immediately after the Student Senate Report.

Discussion items requested by administration included a Proposed Deferred Expulsion Program Report (Stephanie Elvaker, Al Barczak, Andy Kastner) and a Virtual School Presentation (Mary Byrns, Deb Olson).

Don Mathews moved to approve the consent agenda. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included the November regular meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations (none), field trips (none), and gifts/grants (Kohler Company).

Mark Thomley moved to approve the new course proposals (Medical Terminology and Music in Film). Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Lois Corey moved that board consent be given for the purpose of reviewing and supporting the proposed resolutions submitted to the WASB by member schools for the January 2012 Convention. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Mary Jo Rozmenoski will be attending as our delegate.

Don Mathews moved to authorize the district administrator to begin to negotiate a price with DLR for their services regarding a facility analysis for all five schools. Mark Thomley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- The support staff union is in the process of considering switching health insurance providers from WEA to Health Traditions.
- Forrest Street lessons are being taught by different themes this week.
- Jen Sweeney received the National Award of Merit and Special Recognition for all of her efforts regarding Youth Art Month.
- Approximately 75-80% of Project Christmas volunteers were tied to the district.
- The final band/choir concert is being held at the high school tonight. All music teachers deserve to be recognized for their successful concert season.
- The Student Senate recently passed a Resolution 8-13 which reaffirmed their support for a Tibetan student in exile who attends a boarding school in northern India. This is their 5th year of sponsorship through Tibet Aid of New York, and thus far, the Senate has contributed over \$2,000 toward her tuition and books.
- The FCCLA students successfully collected 54 units of blood at their Red Cross Blood Drive last week. Each unit will save up to three lives.

The third discussion item requested by administration included an Initial Budget Presentation for 2012-2013 (Jill Collins).

There were no discussion items requested by the board.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

No WASB events were attended.

The Policy Committee is not scheduled to meet in January.

The Public Affairs Committee is not scheduled to meet in January.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

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

There were no other reports.

The Proposed Deferred Expulsion Program and Continued Budget Discussion were both identified as future agenda items.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:11 pm as per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) in order to consider, deliberate and take action, if appropriate, considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employees over which the governmental body has responsibility as a result of a complaint from a member of the public. Lois Corey seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (yes = 6).

Mark Thomley moved to adjourn at 9:08 pm. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk