

Black River Falls
January 18, 2010

Meeting #15

MINUTES OF MEETING #15 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON JANUARY 18, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

Board Members Present: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: Lois Corey

The meeting was called to order by President Ramie Bakken at 6:02 p.m.

Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Ron Wirtz, Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Verification of Public Notice was given.

Public Comment – none given.

Student Senate Report – Emily Rios was present to discuss the Student Senate and their status. She presented to the board a copy of their Senior Privilege Open Campus (S.P.O.C.) Resolution 6-1.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The consent agenda included the December regular and special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations – which consisted of two resignations (Theresa Bulin-Messelt and Nicole Ghelf), there were no gifts.

The first reading of proposed revision of Policy 345.5 Graduation Requirements to include a Financial Literacy graduation requirement was made. Discussion followed. Ramie Bakken noted this to be on the agenda in February for further discussion.

Don Mathews moved to approve the 2010-2011 Capital Maintenance Projects recommended from the Business Services Committee. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion followed in regards to Third Street projects.

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Ron Wirtz moved to approve renewing our contract with CESA 5, Distance Learning (SCING) for the 2010-11 school year. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to table the approval of the second reading of proposed Policy 166 School Board Code of Conduct for further discussion. Ken Artis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-1, Ramie Bakken abstained.

The first reading of a proposed revision of Policy 151.1 – Policy Dissemination and Implementation was made. Ron Saari suggested that one hard copy be kept at the District Office, in addition to the policies being accessible electronically. Discussion to follow at the February board meeting.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the addition of Policy 165 to the BOE CORE Agenda in July with the purpose being to read and review the policy. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was made that at the time of the reading, if changes need to be made to the policy, it would then go to the Policy Committee.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the Referendum Timeline that was presented last month by Ron Saari as a “working document”. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was made that this would be referred to as a palpable timeline so changes can be made if needed.

District Administrator’s Report –

District News - Ron Saari reported on the High School DECA club and their achievements. Senator Vinehout toured the district on Monday. Wizard’s Jump Rope will be coming to Gebhardt & Third Street. The Weather Academy will be coming to Third Street. Middle School will be having their 22nd Annual Mini-Courses January 28th & 29th.

School Board Election - The upcoming school board election will take place on April 6th, 2010. We have two (2) seats open, Lois Corey’s and Ken Artis’. They will be running along with Sue Olstad.

Native American Curriculum Infusion Committee - The district will be working together with the Nation on the Native American Curriculum Infusion Committee to analyze and discuss current curriculum and possible needs.

Discussion Items requested by Administration –

An update on the budget for 2010-2011 was given with a presentation to follow at next months meeting. Discussion followed which included additional options from administration and staff opinions in regards to making cuts. Ron Saari stated that the state funding formula is the reason for the cuts and he is not counting on any formula changes.

Tom Chambers presented a report on the Tiger Leadership Program in the Athletic Director's absence. This course will train athletes to be team leaders.

Tina Gilbertson, Sarah Halverson and Carol Nortman presented a Family and Consumer Education Department review.

Tom Chambers presented a BRAGS report. They will have a presentation night Thursday, January 21st at the Woodland Center starting at 5:00 p.m.

No discussion items were requested by the board.

No discussion items were requested by the public

Board Reports -

WASB – no report given.

Policy Committee report – The committee will continue to look at a Controversial Issues Policy. The next meeting will be in March.

Business Services Committee – No report other than the 2010-2011 Capital Maintenance Projects given.

Conference/Workshop Attendance – no report given

Other Reports – no reports given

Future Agenda Items:

Ramie Bakken asked the a Department Review listing be included in the board packet next week, which will be January 29th due to the WASB Convention this week.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to executive closed session as per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e) at 7:55 p.m. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk

Joleen Eckles, Recording Secretary