

Black River Falls
February 16, 2009

Meeting # 13

MINUTES OF MEETING # 13 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON FEBRUARY 16, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

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

Board Members Absent: Ramie Bakken

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mathews at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notices of the meeting were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and Jackson County Chronicle and posted in three (3) public places on February 12, 2009.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included approval of the January meeting minutes; special meeting minutes; monthly expenditures; and the grant for extra materials for the start up of a Middle School Tennis program. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Forrest Funmaker addressed the Board with a concern about an incident that occurred at the Middle School regarding the welfare of the students. Mike Sallaway and Anna Funmaker also expressed their concern regarding the incident.

Jill Collins, Director of Business Services, presented an overview of the budget for 2009-2010. Discussion was held on the Curriculum Coordinator position. Several options were presented regarding the position. Additional information will be provided to the board before any decision is made with regard to the curriculum coordinator position.

Lois Corey moved to set the principal budget center allocations with a 3% per pupil increase over the 2008-09 school year. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action on the CESA Contracts was tabled.

Grant Allen presented a proposal to provide Driver's Education training for students in the area as Western Technical College will no longer be offering the course in the area.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the Driver's Education Proposal and to allow the use of classroom space at the high school with the financial cost of the classroom space to be referred to the policy committee. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Blanford stated he will be meeting with the Ho-Chunk Nation to complete the final draft of the Memorandum of Understanding on February 20. The draft will then be brought to the Board for final approval and signing.

Dr. Blanford presented an update on the facilities study committee. He and Jill Collins met with Brad Simonson, architect last week and Brad will be present at the Facilities Committee meeting tomorrow night. The committee toured the three elementary buildings and the sub-committees made lists of the information they needed for the next meeting. In addition to the meeting tomorrow night, there will be a meeting on Monday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Blanford would like to see more members of the public added to the committee.

Charter School Update – Tom Chambers presented an overview of the Charter School (BRAGS) the district will be opening in the fall. So far, six (6) students have signed up for the classes.

Mid-Year School Goals – The principals each presented an update on the progress of their goals so far for the 2008-09 school year.

Mid-Year report on Odyssey program – Dave Roou presented an overview of the progress of the students in the Odyssey Program for this year. Most of the students have been very successful with the program.

WASB Convention reports – Mary Jo Rozmenoski attended the WASB Convention along with Dr. Blanford, Jill Collins and Joe Schmit. She stated the convention was very interesting and informative.

Policy Committee Update – The Policy committee reviewed information regarding random drug testing for teachers and the Chain of Command policy. The information will be reviewed further at the next policy committee meeting.

Future agenda items:

CESA Contracts
Budget Update
Core Agenda

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss and act upon the renewal of individual teacher contracts for 2009-2010 and discussion on administrative contracts at 7:35 p.m. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ken Artis, Lois Corey, Don Mathews,
Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session

