

Black River Falls  
March 16, 2009

Meeting # 14

MINUTES OF MEETING # 14 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON MARCH 16, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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 March 12, 2009.

Iftikhar Ahmed Memon, from Pakistan, has been hired by the Ho-Chunk Nation to work with the Native American children in the school system. He stated he felt very welcomed by the High School Administration and staff. He commented on the differences between the ways children are taught here in America compared to how they are taught in Pakistan.

Pat McKnight, Banner Journal representative, addressed the board concerning what types of information can be listed in the newspaper; i.e.: student's name, grade, etc.

Sarah Halverson and Karl Wallin went to Austria for two (2) weeks to visit their school system and now two (2) teachers from Austria are here viewing our school system.

Brad Markhardt, Agriculture teacher, approached the Board regarding an Agriculture Advisory Council Committee that would include community members – similar to the School Forest Advisory Committee.

Bronson Stein and Harrison Koch, students, addressed the board concerning the happenings at the high school last week. They stated that the students felt very safe with all the precautions that were taken last week due to the rumors that were spread over the weekend. The students felt the district did a great job regarding the precautions that were taken.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included approval of the February meeting minutes; monthly expenditures; the resignation/retirement of Mary Jo Radcliffe (Mary Jo has taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the District for 33 years) effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year and the following gifts:

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\$300 from the Jeffery Doan Foundation to help with the high school golf program  
\$1,573 from the Middle School Pep Club and Student Council to pay for the annual  
Mini-Courses  
\$1,332 from the Music Boosters for equipment and storage cabinets

Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Connie Seiber, Nutrition Services Supervisor, presented the Nutrition Services Prime Vendor bids. They are as follows:

Reinhardt Foods - \$142,450.84  
Indianhead Foods - \$139,771.15  
Sysco Foods - \$149,139.54

Ramie Bakken moved to accept the bid from Indianhead Foods. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the CESA Contracts for the 2009-2010 school year. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the Open Enrollment Applications as presented. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Blanford reported that the School Messenger system in the district is inadequate and a new messenger service would call much faster and get the message out to families a lot quicker. The district will be looking into purchasing a new messenger service.

Jon Warmke reported that the elementary carnival made over \$4,000. Gross Motors has donated a car to be used during the "Lunch with the Principal" event which was part of the raffle.

Sherri Torkelson presented the revisions to the rules and exhibits to policies 421 (Entrance Age for Kindergarten) and 421.1 (Four Year Old Kindergarten). As there were no changes/corrections requested, the rules and exhibits will be placed on the district's web-site.

Facility Study Committee Update – Dr. Blanford reported that the facility study committee continues to meet. Several committee members have gone on site visits to view new schools that have been built recently. Another site visit is scheduled for Tuesday. Brian Brewer met with the sub-committee regarding debt structure. The entire Facility Study Committee will meet again on Monday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Charter School Update – Tom Chambers stated that there are eleven (11) students signed up for the BRAGS School for next fall. Approval from the Board is needed to apply for the Implementation Grant to start the school. This request will be added to the agenda for the special board meeting to be held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Cooper addressed the Board concerning a police liaison officer position in the district. This item will be discussed at a special meeting on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, and Paul Blanford plan to attend the WASB “Effective Bargaining Seminar” in Eau Claire on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Future agenda items:

Police Liaison Officer Position

Lois Corey moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss administrative contracts and (e) to discuss acquisition of real estate at 8:25 p.m. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session

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Ramie Bakken, Clerk

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Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary