

Black River Falls
April 20, 2009

Meeting # 17

MINUTES OF MEETING # 17 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON APRIL 20, 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 April 16, 2009.

Karl Wallin presented an overview of his experience at a school system in Austria.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included approval of the March meeting minutes, and two (2) special meeting minutes; monthly expenditures; the retirement of Dennis Ruda, elementary music teacher and the resignation of Shannon Joshi, 1st grade teacher effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year; and the employment of Andrew Kastner, school psychologist beginning in August 2009.

Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered to:

Don Mathews
Mary Jo Rozmenoski
Ron Wirtz

Ramie Bakken moved to approve the following resolution:

Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed
\$25,279,225 to Finance School Building and Improvement Program

Lois Corey seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Laurel Meek

Motion carried.

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Lois Corey moved to hold the election regarding the referendum in September or November instead of June. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion withdrawn.

Ramie Bakken moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution Providing for a Special Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not To Exceed \$25,279,225 to Finance School Building and Improvement Program

Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Ron Wirtz

Motion carried.

The consensus of the Board was to allow Tom Leadholm, Athletic Director, to use his own discretion regarding voting the WIAA Annual Meeting Resolutions.

Discussion was held on the 2010-2011 school calendar. Action on the 2010-2011 school calendar was tabled until the next meeting.

Brad Simonson, architect from HSR Associates, presented an overview of the proposed school building, district office and remodeling at Forrest Street Early Learning Center.

Dr. Blanford presented the timeline of events leading up to the June 9th referendum. These will include a special edition of Insights, a podcast including virtual tours of the affected buildings, and connection with area community organizations. Board members should serve an informational role regarding the referendum.

Don Delebo asked what has been done to get the math and science test scores higher in the district. Tom Chambers explained that the Odyssey Program has been established for middle and high school students in grades 7, 8, & 9 that work with students who need additional help. Youth Services specialists from the Ho-Chunk Nation have also been helping students at the Middle and High Schools.

Sherri Torkelson stated that test scores are embargoed until later this month.

Charter School Update – Tom Chambers stated the Charter School approval was received. There are 33 applicants for the Charter School teacher position. Interviews will be held on April 27th.

WASB is holding Boardmanship Training in Stevens Point on May 9. Mary Jo Rozmenoski is planning to attend.

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Future agenda items:

Core Agenda

2010-11 School Calendar

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss administrator's contract, contract negotiations, and (e) to discuss acquisition of real estate at 8:06 p.m. Laurel Meek 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

Ramie Bakken, Clerk

Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary