

Black River Falls
July 21, 2008

Meeting # 2

MINUTES OF MEETING # 2 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON JULY 21, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

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

Board Members Absent: Lois Corey, Ron Wirtz

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 July 17, 2008.

Ramie Bakken moved to approve the consent agenda. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the June regular and July special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, the resignation of Joe Green, dean of students, and Michelle Green, Middle School LMC director, and the employment of Corey Colburn, High School music director.

David Roou, middle school principal, reported that the middle school could handle the various incidents without a dean of students as there will be fewer students at the school this coming year.

Ramie Bakken move to not fill the Dean of Students position at the middle school at this time. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following gifts were accepted by the Board of Education:

Wayne Bue, Cummins Filtration/Cummins Foundation, presented the district with a check for \$10,000, Mike Dougherty, D& S Manufacturing, presented the district with a check in the amount of \$7,500, and Tom Gundrum, Regal Beloit, presented the district with a check for \$1,000. The money is for the purchase of a laser engraver. The laser engraver will be used in the technology classes at the middle school.

Ken Artis moved to accept the gifts from Cummins Filtration/Cummins Foundation, D & S Manufacturing and Regal Beloit for the purchase of the laser engraver. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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A gift from the Lunda Charitable Trust in the amount of \$5,597 was received by the Board. Ken Artis moved to accept the gifts of a Stairmaster 4600PT and a Life Fitness Recumbent Lifecycle Bike from the Lunda Charitable Trust. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A proposal for the addition of a Co-ed Middle School Intramural Tennis program was presented. The proposed program would include a coaching position with a 3-6 week co-ed intramural season during the spring semester. The program would be offered to students in 7th and 8th grades with the possibility of expanding to 6th grade depending on initial enrollment for the spring or possibly in the fall.

The program would offer another extra-curricular opportunity for middle school students. The program would also support and strengthen the established varsity program. The School District has applied for, received and potentially will receive substantial grants from the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the addition of the Co-ed Middle School Intramural Tennis program as presented. Ken Artis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Artis moved to approve the following policies:

Policy 235 – Director of Pupil Services Job Description

Policy 364.1 – Acceptable Use Agreements for students, staff and guests, along with the rules and exhibits.

Policy 669 – Fraud Reporting and rule

Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Blanford, superintendent, reported that the district has received notice of a proposed creation of a Tax Incremental District within the Town of Brockway. Don Mathews will be the representative from the district and will attend the meeting to be held on July 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Brockway Town Hall.

Sherri Torkelson, principal, presented an update on the four-year old kindergarten program that will begin in the district this fall. At this time there are 110 students enrolled with all sites at about capacity. Sherri requested to add a ½ time teacher and use the Boys & Girls Club for another section of 4K students.

Ramie Bakken moved to expand the 4K program by up to \$58,000. Ken Artis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Blanford presented an update on the community survey the district is planning to send out to the community members. The survey should be ready to go out to the community by November.

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Jill Collins presented an update on the summer projects that are taking place in the district. The sinks at Forrest Street have been replaced; carpet replacement has taken place at the various schools; Gebhardt roof is nearly complete; lockers at the high school are expected to be completed in a couple weeks; new lunch tables have been installed at Gebhardt. The bleacher part of the Baseball project is near completion; the district is eligible for a \$40,000 grant from the Tennis Association which will be used for wind screens, gates on the openings, etc. The foundation for the portable classrooms will be completed on July 28 and the classrooms will be delivered on August 4.

Sue Leadholm, guidance department head, presented an update on the guidance department and the various changes that are taking place amount the counselors.

Sherri Torkelson, Director of Curriculum, presented the district Assessment report. Students in grade 4 were equal to or close to the state average in the areas of Language, Science and Social Studies Grades 8 and 10 were below the state average. The district met the AYP requirements by grade span within the district (elementary, middle and high school), and by individual school in the areas of Reading and Math. Over half of the students tested in grades 3-9 are meeting or exceeding their individual growth targets. Student growth exceeded projected norms in Reading, Math and Language. The district will continue to build on the emphasis on rigor, relevance and relationships to create higher levels of student learning.

Future agenda items:

Core agenda items

Laurel Meek moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:45 p.m. Ken Artis seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session under Section 19.85 (1)(c) & (e) Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing personnel, contract negotiations regarding the tentative agreement with the Black River Falls Educational Support Personnel Association (BRFESPA), and legal matters related to unclaimed property adjacent to the middle school.

Ramie Bakken, Clerk
Secretary

Barb Prochaska, Recording