



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on January 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Amy Hoffman, Scott Barton, Nehomah Thundercloud, Patty Jacobson.

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

Mary Jo Rozmenoski made a motion to move agenda items 6.1 Board Commendation and 7.1 Focus on Purpose – Red Creek Elementary School to before Public Comment. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson and Mary Jo Rozmenoski presented a Board Commendation to Carl and Rhonda Holmquist for their continued support of sending the 5th graders to The Blugold Beginnings program.

Christy Roush, three of her students and the Board Members participated in a Vocabulary Showdown as a part of the Focus on Purpose.

Public Comment – Dr. Severson and Mr. Chambers shared that with the resignation of the BRAGS teacher, effective at the end of the semester, the BRAGS program would be discontinued at that same time. Each of the ten current BRAGS students and their families have met with the High School to create a plan to customize their second semester schedule in light of the elimination of the program. Several parents expressed their concerns regarding the closing of the program.

The District received two generous gifts of \$2,000 each to assist in funding the varsity soccer program. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the gifts as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Scott Barton moved to approve the 2018-2019 school year calendar as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. The Board also requested that the graduation date be set at the same time the calendar is approved in the future. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the renewal of the swim team co-op agreement with Blair-Taylor. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe shared the topics that were discussed at the January 8, 2018 Community Engagement Board Committee meeting.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the employment recommendations as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the open enrollment class size numbers as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Scott Barton moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the building maintenance plans. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jill Collins reviewed the budget and enrollment projections for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Audit Report as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Scott Barton moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2017 and January 10, 2018. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson's District Administrators Report included:

- Mrs. Sue Leadholm has been named the Wisconsin School Counselor of the Year.
- Black River Country Bank will present a proposal at the February School Board meeting regarding a possible location at the high school. Jackson County Bank was not interested in presenting a proposal.
- The Principals made a presentation on bullying prevention.
- An Ashley for the Arts presentation is being done at half time during the boys varsity basketball game tonight.

Dr. Severson shared that Mary Jo Rozmenoski will be seated as the President of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards during the State Education Convention in Milwaukee this week.

Dr. Severson will draft a letter to the state legislators asking them to support the per pupil increase that's being proposed for low spending districts. Upon approval, the letter will be sent on by the entire Board of Education.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to reconvene into open session. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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