



Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on January 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Rozmenoski at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Axel Dressler, Laurel Meek, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud.

Board Members Absent: Todd Stittleburg

Meeting commenced with verification of Public Notice.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to relocate Focus on Purpose and Board Commendation to the beginning of the agenda, before Public Comment. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Focus on Purpose- Cody Wiesner and Michaela Custodio spoke about their positive experiences while taking the Ho-Chunk Ethnic Studies class. Heather Bluedorn presented information on [wimedialab.org](http://wimedialab.org). Tony Boerger spoke about the goals of the Social Studies Department.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Kris Wrobel presented a Board Commendation to Judy Hawley for her many years of involvement with the High School Investment Club.

Public Comment – Martina Littlewolf voiced her concerns about how early the school bus picks up her granddaughter in the morning.

David Pardoe, who is the coach and head administrator for the Black River Youth Swimming Association, requested the School Board consider creating a Girls Varsity Swim Team for the 2015-2016 school year.

The portion of the District Administrator's Report involving the subject of the Girls Varsity Swim Team was moved to this part of the agenda. Dr. Severson spoke about the costs involved in creating a Girls Varsity Swim Team. She suggests the Board considers the possibility of creating a swim team if the Black River Youth Swimming Association is willing to completely fund the team. There are two deadlines that will have to be met in order for the consideration of the swim team to move forward for the 2015-2016 school year:

- February 2, 2015 - A decision from the Board must be made to approve the creation of the Girls Varsity Swim Team.
- April, 2015 – A co-op agreement must be created.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the consent agenda. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included:

- Minutes from the December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting and the January 12, 2015 Special Meeting.
- Monthly Expenditures
- Employment Information
- Field Trips – Dorian Band Festival in Decorah, IA and the Student Television Network Conference in San Diego, CA
- Monetary gifts from the PTO for the purchase of computer mice for Third Street Elementary, Gebhardt Elementary and the Middle School. \$500.00 from Brauner's Garage to purchase coach bus transportation for the High School Hockey Team.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of Policy 461 Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of Policy 462 Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Open Enrollment Class Size Criterion for Regular and Special Education WI Act 114. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to authorize Amy Hoffman to represent the Board while casting ballots on the WASB Convention Resolutions. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the resolution to offer employees the option to purchase additional Life Insurance through Minnesota Life Insurance Company. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the three agriculture classes for science credit. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the Wrestling Co-Op with Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

District Administrator's Report – Dr. Severson discussed:

- The school calendar review process and what is being reviewed. There may be changes to the 2015-2016 school calendar.

- Mallory Knipe and the poverty presentation that she presented at CESA and the Melrose-Mindoro School District.
- Handbook review conversations will take place in early February.
- Strengths and weaknesses of the Accountability Bills.

The Principals and the Assistant Principal reported on the activities going on in their schools.

Dr. Severson shared an update on the Strategic Planning process.

Dr. Severson gave an update on the facility planning progress that's being made at the Middle School and the High School.

Stephanie Brueggen updated the Board on the progress of the Math Program.

The Board completed the first readings of:

- Policy 460 Student Awards and Scholarships
- Policy 225.1 Administrative Staff Evaluations
- Policy 225 District Administrator Evaluation
- Policy 345.54 Basic Skills Diploma
- Policy 631 Post-Issuance Compliance
- Policy 443.3 Student Tobacco Use

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

WASB/Other Reports – This week is the WASB Convention in Milwaukee.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski updated the Board Members on the activities of the Policy Committee.

Jill Collins updated the Board Members on the activities of the Public Affairs Committee.

Laurel Meek updated the Board Members on the activities of the Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee.

Other Reports – None

Future Agenda Items:

- The school bus issue that was brought up by Martina Littlewolf during Public Comment.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:38 p.m.pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c)(e) for the purpose of discussing Administrative Contract Renewals, Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c). Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to reconvene into open session at 9:10 p.m. and take action as appropriate on any matter on the meeting agenda, including matters discussed in closed session as per Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to renew all administrative team members' contracts and to add the rollover language into the contracts of Stephanie Brueggen, Rick Dobbs and Chad Stanley. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Axel Dressler, Clerk

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Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary