



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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

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

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to relocate agenda item 7.1 Focus on Purpose – Business Department to after Public Comment. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to relocate agenda item 6.1 Board Commendation to after agenda item 6.3 Mark Radcliffe – Wisconsin 2011 Act 156. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Teachers Megan Finch, Ryan Johnson and Mary Byrns, along with students Jaymie Potter and Michael Savage, presented the Board with information and activities related to the High School Business Department.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to accept a \$2,000.00 gift from Kirk & Michelle Lane to be used by the Varsity Soccer Program, a \$5,000.00 gift from Sarah Spindler to be used for elementary art supplies, and a \$539.00 grant that was applied for by Joel Lindow and Jordan Young for a program called “Spread the Word to End the Word”. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Mark Radcliffe presented information on the Wisconsin 2011 Act 156 which is an act of the Senate that authorizes school boards to grant a technical education high school diploma.

Board commendations were presented to Steve Markee, Jim Rufsholm, Jason Harkner, Jim Hornby, Matt McCormick, Mike Knipe and Jeremy O'Brien for their volunteer hours spent working on repurposing the room at the Middle School that is now used by the wrestling teams. Volunteers that were not able to attend the meeting, but will also receive a commendation, were Ross Goldsmith, Kyle Berra, Barry Peterson and Rigoberto Rodriguez.

Dr. Severson notified the Board that she is still working with members of the Friends Sharing Food group on details involved in the group using Gebhardt as a location for their food pantries.

Dr. Severson shared the two proposals for the 2017-2018 school calendar. She will continue to move forward with family communication in order to have a final calendar to present at the February Board meeting.

Mary Jo Radcliffe shared the Community Engagement Board Committee Report where they discussed the following items: possible ideas for the Tiger Tribune, if the committee wants to update the District's brochure, and the staff perception survey that will be done this year.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the employment recommendations. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski shared the Our People Committee Report. The committee discussed: the Strategic Plan and what it means, what is meaningful recognition, and what are good ways to share information with others.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the enrollment numbers in accordance with WI Act 114 - establishing open enrollment class size criterion for regular and special education. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Sherry Holt, Vicki Michalski and Rick Dobbs spoke about the mental health grant that the district received from the Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Severson reviewed and spoke about the media sources that are used for instruction. A policy to use balanced media sources will be presented to the Board Policy Committee.

Stephanie Brueggen reviewed the new course proposals.

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Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the capital maintenance projects as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe updated the Board on the Policy Committee Board Report.

Dr. Severson reviewed the first readings of Policies 111 Strategic Planning and Goal Setting, Policy 152 Evaluation of School Board Operations, Policy 161 Board Member Authority, Policy 171 Regular Board Meetings, Policy 171.21 Agenda Format, Policy 174 Annual Meeting, Policy 175 Study Sessions, Policy 181 Rules of Order, Policy 182 Quorum, Policy 183 Voting Method.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the audit report and financial statements as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Nehomah Thundercloud reviewed and updated the Board on the policies and resolutions that were discussed and voted on at the WASB State Education Conference last week.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson's District Administrator's Report included:

- STEM Grant information
- YRBS questions and results
- The "Spotlight on Schools" information is now available on the District's website.
- Opportunities for servant leadership for our students
- Dr. Severson asked the Board to approve the teachers to use the third snow day makeup as a day for curriculum writing. The Board agreed.

The Principals updated the Board on upcoming events at their schools.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski stated that the next Board Development Day is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> which is the same day as the WASB Day at the Capital. Several Board members are interested in attending the WASB day, so the Board development day will be cancelled.

Future agenda items will include:

- An example of a graphic novel
- Information on whether phone attendance is allowed for voting purposes at committee meetings.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:37 p.m. under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (l) (c) (e) for the purpose of discussing Administrative Contract Renewals, Wis. Stats. 19.85 (l) (c), and considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations., Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(f).

Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the vote carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to reconvene into open session 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). Laurel Meek seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the vote carried 7-0.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to add roll over language to Laura Simonson's administrative contract. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to issue Rick Dobbs a 215 day administrative contract. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary

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Amy Hoffman, Clerk