



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on October 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Rozmenoski at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board Members Absent: Axel Dressler, Todd Stittleburg.

Meeting commenced with verification of Public Notice.

The Board presented a Commendation to Barb Pfaff of the Jackson County Animal Shelter for her dedicated service to the community and her collaborative work with the students in our District.

Public Comment – None

Focus on Purpose - Kristin Geier, Andrew Kastner, and Sherry Holt made a presentation to the Board on Community Playgroups. The community playgroups are for children birth to 3 years of age. This is the fifth year of the program and it has been very successful.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the consent agenda. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The consent agenda included the meeting minutes from the September 15, 2014 regular meeting, monthly expenditures, employment information, field trips (none), Jackson Correctional Institute donated a gift of 10 push mowers to be used by the Tech Education department.

Jill Collins reviewed the certification of tax levy for the 2014-2015 school year. She reviewed it with and without a successful referendum. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the tax levy for the 2014-2015 school year without a successful referendum as presented. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve a second tax levy amount for the 2014-2015 school year with a successful referendum as presented. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Jill Collins presented the budget modifications for the 2014-2015 school year. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the budget modifications as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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It was decided to present information on the creation of Fund 46 to the Board at the November School Board Meeting.

District Administrator's Report: Dr. Severson shared the White House Listening Session which her and Paul Rykken will be speaking at on October 26th at the La Crosse Center. Mary Byrns wrote a Teaching Grant for the 2014-2015 school year which enables High School students to teach adult computer classes at the Public Library. Two of the District properties located along Forrest Street have been used by the Fire Department and the SWAT team for training drills. The District is investigating the most cost efficient ways to demolish these Forrest Street properties. The Good Morning Tigers Announcements at the High School has been selected as a 2014 Spectrum Award winner through the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association. Dr. Severson has completed the formal referendum presentations. There will be several reminders in the next couple of weeks urging the public to get out and vote on November 4th.

The school Principals reported on the news at their individual schools.

Discussion Items Requested by Administration: Stephanie Brueggen reported on Technology Integration Coaching and the information that was shared with other districts at the WASCD Conference in Appleton. Dr. Severson reported on School Report Cards. Summer Programming information was shared.

During Discussion Items Requested by the Board, the following first readings were completed by the Board:

- First Reading of Policy 453.11 – Automatic External Defibrillator
- First Reading of Policy 112 – Nondiscrimination
- First Reading of Policy 511 – Equal Employment Opportunities
- First Reading of Policy 533 – Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- First Reading of Policy 543 – Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- First Reading of Policy 348 – Online Course Policy
- First Reading of Policy 345.5 – Graduation Requirements
- First Reading of Policy 363 – Guidance Program

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski was recognized for achieving her Level IV Certification and Mary Jo Radcliffe was recognized for achieving her Level I Certification by WASB. Dr. Severson also recognized that Mary Jo Rozmenoski is the new Region 6 Representative on the WASB Board. Amy Hoffman is serving on the WASB Policies and Resolutions Committee.

Policy Committee – Next meeting is November 3rd.

Public Affairs Committee – Did not meet in October.

Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee – Laurel Meek reported on the October meeting.

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Conference/Workshop attendance - Amy Hoffman reported on the WASB Policies and Resolutions Committee Meeting that she attended. Nehomah Thundercloud reported on the Economics for Opinion Leaders Conference that she attended in Stevens Point.

Other Reports - None

Future Agenda Items - None.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary

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