

Black River Falls
October 20, 2008

Meeting # 7

MINUTES OF MEETING # 7 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON OCTOBER 20, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

Board Members Present: Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: Ken Artis

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 October 16, 2008.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included approval of the September meeting minutes; monthly expenditures; the request from Stephanie Brueggen, kindergarten teacher, for a sabbatical leave for the 2010-2011 school year; the gift from Jackson County Wildlife Fund, Jackson County Professional Police Association, Wisconsin Bow Hunters Association, SHAFTBUSTERS, and Hixton Rod & Gun Club in the amount of \$4,200 for the National Archery in the Schools Program; and the gift of \$9,900 for the Wind Screen and Backboard for the Tennis Courts from the Lunda Charitable Trust. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jill Collins, Director of Business Services, explained the budget modifications that included the unspent budget amounts from the prior year that the school buildings have traditionally been allowed to carryover (up to \$5,000 per building), the other revisions are for the addition of a budget for the newly approved Green Charter School Planning grant, adjustments for open enrollment numbers, and establishing a budget for the portable classroom construction project. Other revisions are for adjustments to the salaries and benefits accounts.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the tax levy of \$6,108,934 for the 2008-09 school year and the budget modifications as presented. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ramie Bakken moved to approve the affidavit correcting an error on the property description between the high school and the American Legion Building as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the Locker Room Privacy policy 731.1 as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Jim Klos, science teacher replacing Gretchen Marshall, was introduced to the Board.

Dr. Blanford reported on the building level goals. The goals involve improving academic achievement at each of the grade levels.

A survey will be going out to staff, students and parents as part of the comprehensive needs assessment for the district.

Tom Chambers presented an update on the Green Charter School. Several staff members will be visiting some of the Green Schools in the area. In November the district will apply for the next portion of the Green Charter School implementation and planning Grant. The district hopes to have the school up and running by next fall. The school will target juniors and seniors.

Teacher Exchange Project – Tom Chambers explained the process to have a couple of district teachers, Tina Gilbertson and Karl Wallin have expressed interest, go to Austria for two (2) weeks to observe the teaching methods used over there. Then a couple teachers from Austria would come here and work with our teachers for a two (2) week period. The teachers would stay with the Austrian families in Austria and the teachers from Austria would stay with families here. The high school budget would cover the cost of substitute teachers (\$2,000) for the 7-10 day period.

The Community Survey will be ready as soon as the figures are in place for the various options listed. The board committee members would like to view the survey once the figures are in place before it goes out to the public.

Lois Corey will be attending the WASB “2008 School Law Seminar” later this week.

Dr. Blanford would like to set up a meeting with the negotiations committee as the contract with the teachers will expire on June 30, 2009. The committee members are Lois Corey, Ramie Bakken and Ron Wirtz.

Future Agenda Items:

Core agenda items

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of discussing personnel and potential legal litigation at 8:00 p.m. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ramie Bakken Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Rozmenoski,
Ron Wirtz

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session.

Ramie Bakken, Clerk

Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary