



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on November 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Office Building in the Legislative Conference Room and in 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, Nehomah Thundercloud, Amy Hoffman, Todd Stittleburg.

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of public notice.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski thanked the Ho-Chunk Nation for allowing the School Board meeting to be held at the Executive Office Building in honor of Native American Awareness Month.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to have item number 11.1 Financial Literacy – In School Branch, moved ahead in the agenda to after Focus on Purpose. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Commendations were given to the Physical Therapy Department of the Black River Memorial Hospital for their services with our student athletes. Bill Larkin, Jim Szymanski, and Dawn Jacobson were recognized for their work as athletic trainers and the Lump & Bump Clinic they operate at the high school.

Focus on Purpose - Mr. Joseph Phillips and several of the Madrigal Singers performed “Silent Night”.

Marianne Torkelson and Rhea Hogden, of the Co-op Credit Union, spoke to the Board about financial literacy and starting a branch of the Co-op Credit Union at the High School. The School Board will consider this.

At 6:30 p.m. the School Board meeting went into recess and moved to the District Office.

At 6:50 p.m. the School Board meeting reconvened in the District Office Board Room.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to have item number 10.1 Debt Issuing Financing Plan, moved ahead in the agenda. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Brian Brewer, with Baird Financial, made a presentation to the Board regarding the referendum financing plan and the tentative financing timeline.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the consent agenda. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The consent agenda included:

- Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2014 regular meeting
- Monthly Expenditures
- Field Trips – FBLA National Leadership Conference & FCCLA National Competition.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of Policy 453.11 Automatic External Defibrillator. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the second reading of Policy 112 Nondiscrimination. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of Policy 511 Equal Employment Opportunities. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the second reading of Policy 533 Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the second reading of Policy 543 Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of Policy 348 Online Course Policy. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of Policy 345.5 Graduation Requirements. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the second reading of Policy 363 Guidance Program. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

District Administrator's Report – Dr. Severson thanked the School Board Members for their hard work and support through the referendum process.

She reported that Melissa Lowe has been asked to be on the State Superintendent Parent Advisory Council.

Dr. Severson gave an update on the long term maintenance account. The ten year capital maintenance plan is currently being worked on and will be presented at the January School Board Meeting.

The Principals gave their school reports.

Discussion Items Requested by Administration – Dr. Severson spoke about the timeline and the next steps in the facility work.

Discussion Items Requested by Board:

- First Reading of Policy 351.1 – Summer Camp. The Board completed this first reading.
- First Reading of Policy 811.1 – Native American Parent Involvement. The Board completed this first reading.

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

Amy Hoffman reported on the WASB Policies and Resolutions Committee that she is a part of and the Legislative Advocacy Conference she attended.

The Policy Committee met on November 3, 2014. Their next meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2014.

The Public Affairs Committee did not meet in November.

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee met on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Laurel Meek reported that they discussed consistent grading practices along with a math program presentation from Stephanie Brueggen. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

Other Reports – None

Future Agenda Items:

- Facility Planning
- Resolutions

Todd Stittleburg moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Axel Dressler, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary