



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on November 18, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Office Building.

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: Axel Dressler, Amy Hoffman, Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Todd Stittleburg.

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

| Paul Rykken spoke about Culturally Responsive Teaching and how it is good for all students.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the consent agenda. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The consent agenda included the minutes from the October 1, 2013 Special Meeting, the October 21, 2013 Regular Meeting, the October 31, 2013 Special Meeting, and monthly expenditures.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of Policy 523.5 HIPPA Privacy Policy. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Axel Dressler moved to approve the second reading of Policy 251 Organization for Administrative Purposes. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of Policy 343.4 Course Options. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of Policy 425 Non-Resident District & Full Time Enrollment. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to omit Policy 422 Admission of Non-Resident Student from the policy book. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of Policy 343.3 Home Based or Private Schooling. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the 2013-2014 Budget Revisions. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jeff Hensel explained the proposal for the two bids received for the purchase of a new school bus. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to accept the bid and give authorization to purchase the 2015 International-IC 72 passenger bus from Mid State Truck. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Shelly Severson reported on the Supplemental Pay Committee -which will be made up of a combination of staff. There will be staff members who have 0-5 years of experience, 6-15 years, and 16 or more years of experience. The staff will be asked the same questions which will give the school district information on what types of things are important to them in their employment. Meetings will be scheduled for the end of November to early December.

Shelly reported that Black River Falls, Alma Center and Melrose-Mindoro School Districts will be partnering in the writing of a \$25,000.00 Educator Effectiveness Grant.

Chad Stanley, Principal at Forrest Street School, spoke about parent teacher conferences. They had about 95% attendance. Wednesday, November 13th was their Family Dinner Night. They had approximately 215-220 adults attend. The Forrest Street Christmas Concert will be held December 5th from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. He also reported that they have 43 students involved in Literacy Interventions.

Rick Dobbs, Principal at Third Street School, reported that they have approximately 100 students in interventions. They had their Ho-Chunk Nation flag raising ceremony. Because the US flag needed to be replaced, the students were able to learn what happens to a flag when it is “retired” during their Veteran’s Day program.

Mike Lichucki, Principal at Gebhardt School, spoke about their Veterans Day program. They had about 90 adults in attendance. They have received impressive first quarter data regarding their interventions and they will be evaluating the data. Their Christmas program will be December 12th. Mike reported that at their Title VII awards banquet, 56 out of 59 of the Native American students had reached their benchmark.

Dave Rouu, Principal at the Middle School, reported that they tried something different with the WKCE Testing this year. They spread the testing out so the whole school wasn’t doing it at the same time. He reported the Project Christmas Celebrity Dinner will be held at Pizza Hut on December 2nd from 5-8 p.m. The Middle School will get an additional aide to help in their building. The book fair raised \$1,100.00 and the magazine sale raised \$10,000.00. He spoke about Paul Dutton’s class working on a seed disbursement project.

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| Jason Janke, Assistant -Principal of the High School, reported that the Madrigal Dinner will be held on December 14th. All fall sports are wrapped up and he is expecting all conference selections in all of these sports. Basketball, Hockey and Wrestling have started..

Tom Chambers, Principal of the High School, spoke about American and International Education Week. He reported that both exchange students will be speaking in front of the Rotarians. The student from Russia spoke on Monday and the student from Germany will speak next month. The High School had a great turn out for parent & teacher conferences.

Shelly Severson spoke about the schedule for American Education Week. She also spoke about the upcoming Community Forum which will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the High School LMC. Part of the forum is to recognize the groups that support the work that is done in the School District. The leadership of the FFA Alumni, Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, PTO and Educational Enrichment Fund were invited to receive recognition for their support and hard work. The Community Forum will also involve school finance and a question and answer session.

| Shelly Severson reported on the Educator Effectiveness project and the changes that are being implemented regarding the evaluation process of Teachers, Educational Specialists and School Administrators. The changes will help focus more on student outcomes.

Shelly Severson spoke about the SLD law changes that will be effective 12-1-13. All parents will receive a letter informing them of the changes.

There were five discussion items requested by the Board:

1. Stephanie Brueggen reported to the Board regarding how many assessments are done with the students per year, when they are given, the purpose, what the results are used for, and the time it takes to administer the assessments.
2. First Reading: Teacher Handbook – The Board completed a first reading of the Teacher Handbook.
3. First Reading: Policy 532 – The Board completed a first reading of the Professional Staff Contracts.
4. First Reading: Policy 533 – The Board completed a first reading of the Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring.
5. The January Board Meeting is moved to January 13, 2014 because several members will be at the State Conference in Milwaukee from January 20th through January 24th.

Tina Boisen would like the Board to consider having a tribal representative on the School Board. She thought the representative could serve in an advisory capacity. The Board will look into this possibility.

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Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Shelly Severson attended a WASB Coaching Conference in October. Mary Jo Rozmenoski has also attended a Legislative Advocacy and Policy Resolutions Conference.

The Policy Committee is working on the issue of weapons on school property.

The Public Affairs Committee has been working on American Education Week activities, the Tiger Tribune, and postcards and posters that will go out to different areas in the community.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee has been discussing a change to the organization of the school year, perhaps year round schooling. They also discussed interventions. They have also been reviewing first quarter student data.

There were no Conference/Workshop attendance reports

The Board will be attending a Board Development Session at the District Office Board Room on Wednesday, November 20th at 8:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Talk about a tribal member working in an advisory capacity for the Board.

Talk about weapons on school grounds.

Update the Board on the progress on the 1:1 initiative and summer school.

The Board would like an overview of what needs are expected for The Smarter Balance.

Laurel Meek moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Axel Dressler, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary

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