



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on November 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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

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

Board Members Absent: Amy Hoffman

Meeting commenced with the verification of public notice.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to move agenda item 8.1 Field Trips to before agenda item 6.1 Board Commendation. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Sarah Halverson and Hailey Simonson shared information on the class trip that was taken to London, Italy and Paris. Mrs. Halverson also presented information on the next possible trip to Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve Mrs. Halverson moving forward with planning this trip. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson and Mary Jo Rozmenoski presented Basil Holder with the Board Commendation for his dedication to the District through his tutoring work and many other contributions of time and knowledge.

Mrs. Halverson was awarded a \$300.00 Beef in the Classroom Grant from the Wisconsin Beef Counsel. Laurel Meek moved to approve the acceptance of the grant. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Karl Wallin, and several students from the High School STRIPES class, shared what STRIPES means to them and the activities that they do in this class.

The Board reviewed the employee recommendations. Approval was not necessary.

Dr. Severson reported that the Our People Committee meets four times per year. At the November 8, 2017 meeting the group discussed the Values component of the Our People pillar of the Strategic Plan and also the individual building score cards. The next meeting will be held in January, 2018.

Stephanie Brueggen highlighted the main information in the Response to Intervention Handbook.

There was no Youth Options information to discuss.

Dr. Severson shared the First Nations Website with the Board. Mr. Paul Rykken is highlighted as an Exemplar Profile on the website.

Laurel Meek reviewed the topics that were discussed at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Student Success Committee Meeting. The committee will meet again on December 11, 2017.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the changes to the first readings of Policies 345.5 Graduation Requirements, 345.51 Early Graduation, 345.52 Graduation Exercises, 346 Testing Program, 346.1 Nondiscrimination Testing, 344 Adult Education, 342.6 School Age Parent, 343 Instructional Arrangements, 345.2 Homework, 347 Student Records, 811.1 Native American Parent Involvement, 341.2 Education for Employment.

Dr. Severson reviewed the changes to the District's Flexible Spending Resolution. District Employees will have the opportunity to sign up for a Flexible Spending Account for January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 in order to get in alignment with the health insurance deductible year. Patty Jacobson moved to approve the resolution as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson presented updated photos of the landscaping at Red Creek Elementary School.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes from the October 16, 2017 School Board Meeting and the October 23, 2017 Annual Meeting. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- The projected cost of the District's portion of the utilities at the Lunda Center for the first year had been \$80,000.00. The actual cost was \$55,000.00. The District will provide a \$60,000.00 retainer for the upcoming year.
- There will be a Santa Run/Walk held on December 2, 2017. The proceeds will go towards the cost of the Washington D.C. class trip.
- The multiple District Facebook pages will be merged into one in order to provide a cohesive message. Individual classroom Facebook pages will remain separate.
- There will be an Empty Bowl event held on December 5, 2017. Homemade soup will be served and a craft sale will be held. Co-op Credit Union will match the funds raised for Project Christmas.
- Staff meetings were held with Dr. Mike Rettig who discussed many different options for class schedules. He will return for further discussions in December.
- School year report cards will become public on November 21, 2017.
- The District has co-signed on a language revitalization grant.

Building Principals updated the Board on events occurring in their schools.

The WASB State Education Conference will be held January 17 – 19, 2018.

There were no future agenda items identified.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Nehomah Thundercloud, Clerk

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Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary

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