

Black River Falls  
November 17, 2008

Meeting # 8

MINUTES OF MEETING # 8 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

Board Members Present: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: Mary Jo Rozmenoski

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 November 13, 2008.

Amy Orozco and Jeremy Boehm presented an overview of the "Responsibility USA" Club – a student Bible Club. They would like to hold their meeting during Focus period at the high school once per month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

Amy Yaeger, president of the Black River Falls Education Association, presented the Board with a gift basket of treats for American Education Week.

Harrison Koch and Kelsey Olson, members of the Student Senate, presented an overview of the projects they are working on. They include the sponsorship of a Tibetan student, the recycling project is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and a mock election was held with Barack Obama winning the election.

Ramie Bakken moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included approval of the October meeting minutes; monthly expenditures; and gifts from Jordan Chiropractic Clinic for the High School Cheerleading Club, grants from Lunda Charitable Trust for the purchase of away uniforms for the Boys' Basketball team, Saturday Morning Youth Basketball Program, Improvements as needed, and cleaning and light maintenance as need at the Lunda Community Center. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the resolution of the School Board of the School District of Black River Falls authorizing creation of 403(b) plan as presented. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the spring semester Youth Options courses as presented. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Ken Artis moved to accept the bids for the two (2) buses for the 2009-2010 school year, one Bluebird full-size bus and one International Special Education bus for a total of cost of \$169,113. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

World Language Program Review - Marc Rukavina, Spanish teacher, presented an overview of the Foreign Language program in the district.

Community Survey – Dr. Blanford reported that the community survey has been printed and will be collated and ready to be sent out to all households in the district on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. The deadline for completing the survey is December 8, 2008.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment Update – the Staff Perceptions survey was completed and the consensus was that the district has a very caring staff as most area were agree to strongly agree.

Charter School Update – Tom chambers, high school principal, presented an update on the Green Charter School.

The Admission of Foreign Exchange Students, Policy 422.1 Rule revision was presented for review. The dates for applications to be submitted by were changed to July 15 for 1<sup>st</sup> semester and November 15 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the school year. As there were no objections the rule will be revised as presented.

WASB – The annual School Board Convention will be held January 21-23, 2009 in Milwaukee. Board members were asked to let Barb know by December 10 if they are interested in going to the convention.

Future Agenda Items:

Core agenda items.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Ken Artis seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek,  
Ron Wirtz.

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.