



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on February 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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, Axel Dressler, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Todd Stittleburg.

Board Members Absent: Mary Jo Radcliffe, Laurel Meek.

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – Patty Jacobson spoke about making our schools community friendly. She voiced her thoughts about how locked doors do not prevent school shootings.

The School Board presented Luane Meyer, Lisa Listle, and Monica Lobenstein from the UW Extension Office with Board Commendations for their advocacy on behalf of the youth of our community and specifically the positive work and collaboration with the School District.

Focus on Purpose – Mr. Robert Kutz, Nash Voge, and Kim Brierton gave a report on the High School Science Department and presented samples of the projects they've been involved in this year.

Jacky Lin and Hanna Hodge reported on Student Senate. They have 20 members this year. They're currently working on reviving the recycling program at the High School. Another area of focus has been to brainstorm ways to reduce the waste produced by the breakfast program.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the consent agenda. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The consent agenda included:

- Minutes from the January 19, 2015 Regular Meeting and the January 26, 2015 Special Meeting.
- Monthly Expenditures
- Employment Information
- Monetary gifts from Scott Goetzka for the purchase of ammunition for the Shooting Tigers, and from Donors Choose for the purchase of 5 Hokki stools for Miss Sodko's kindergarten class.

Dr. Severson gave the District Administrator's Report. She spoke about the District's professional development day which is February 20, 2015. She reported on the teacher and support staff handbook conversations that are taking place. She shared a copy of a letter that has been published in local newspapers. The letter is signed by many area Superintendents and is directed to the citizens of our communities. She updated the board about a bus concern.

The Principals reported on the activities happening at their schools.

Jill presented information on the preliminary state budget implications for the 2015-2016 school year. The administration is working on prioritizing some areas for reduction. Input will be sought from the staff as well.

The Principals gave the Board an update on the mid-year school improvement plans for each of the schools.

Dr. Severson showed a preliminary floor plan for the new elementary school. She discussed the potential 3,000 square foot addition to the High School that is being proposed by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Mrs. Heidi Tubbs presented information and addressed her concerns regarding the District's limited use of Accelerated Reader. Stephanie Brueggen spoke about the reasons the District is de-emphasizing the use of this program.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on the Focus Groups for strategic planning that will be held on February 17th and 18th. There will be meetings for representatives from the Ho-Chunk Nation, staff, parents, community partners and area businesses, and an open community conversation. These meetings will be held in order to engage all groups to be involved in a plan for continuous improvement for our students and our community.

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

WASB State Education Convention – Amy Hoffman reported that all resolutions were passed at the convention. Mary Jo Rozmenoski spoke about useful sessions she had attended regarding school security, and community and communication.

Policy Committee – Did not meet in February. The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd instead of Monday, March 2nd.

Public Affairs Committee – Did not meet in February.

Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee – Stephanie Brueggen updated the Board on meeting items.

Other Reports – None

Future Agenda Items:

- Facility Updates
- Strategic Planning Updates
- Budget Recommendations

Amy Hoffman moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.