



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on February 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. at 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: Amy Hoffman, Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Todd Stittleburg.

Board Members Absent: Axel Dressler

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Lara Zillmer did a video presentation on athletics, groups & clubs and mini courses available at the Middle School. Joey Barnett presented the Student Senate Report and discussed that the placement of a microwave in the lunchroom has been approved and will be installed next week. The group is also investigating the possibility of sponsoring a student from another country. They are exploring the possibility of erecting a peace pole that would have the phrase “May peace prevail on the earth”.

Mary Jo Radcliffe approved the consent agenda. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included the January 13, 2014 regular meeting minutes, the February 10, 2014 Board Development minutes, monthly expenditures, and two professional development grants for Sue Leadholm and Mary Byrns.

Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the second reading of Policy 511 – Equal Opportunity Employment. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the second reading of Policy 132 – Filling Board Vacancies. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jill Collins reported on the budget center allocations. Mary Jo Rozmenoski made an amended motion to remove the cost of the Middle School athletics and add them to the Activities budget. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the amended motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Stephanie Brueggen reported on the new course proposals which are Sports & Officiating, and Ho-Chunk Studies. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the new course proposals. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Shelly Severson reported on Healthcare Reform and how it will affect our employees. According to new regulations, the definition of full time is now 30 hours per week in order to receive health insurance benefits. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the recommendation. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The District Administrator's report consisted of Shelly Severson reporting that the district has hired a Speech/Language Pathologist. Shelly also spoke about the Virtual School for 2014-2015 school year. The district is working with k12.com to make Virtual School available to Black River Falls School District students from K-12. An Alternative Compensation Model has been created and will go to the Policy Committee in March. The building principals gave updates on activities occurring in their respective schools.

Discussion items requested by administration included a Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update given by Shelly Severson, and Initial Budget Presentation for 2014-2015 was given by Jill Collins.

There were four discussion items requested by the board:

1. Board Policy 832.2 = The Board completed a first reading about Weapons on School District Property. This policy will move to a second reading.
2. Board Policy 851 = The Board completed a first reading about Advertising and Sponsorships on School Property. This policy will move to a second reading.
3. Board Policy 538 = The Board completed a first reading about Professional Staff Evaluation/Supervision. This policy will move to a second reading.
4. Deferred Expulsion Program Update = Shelly Severson went through information and results of the DEP Program.

Amy Hoffman updated the board on the Community Facility Task Force Meeting that occurred on February 5, 2014. The board decided to let the Community Facility Task Force make the decision on the community survey this spring. The next Task Force meeting will be February 19, 2014 at Third Street Elementary School. Information will be posted on the school website.

The board members who attended the January WASB Conference reported on the information they received at the conference.

The Policy Committee will review the Alternative Compensation Model at the March meeting.

Jill Collins reported the Public Affairs Committee has been working on information for the virtual school, the virtual school flyer, and district post cards.

Todd Stittleburg reported the Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee has been working on the summer school programs that will be offered and they had a presentation on year around school.

There were no Other Reports

Future Agenda Items:

Budget Information

Information on what the district does to assist students with career and college readiness

Amy Hoffman moved to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary