



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on April 18, 2016 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, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Patty Jacobson, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Todd Stittleburg, Laurel Meek arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski thanked Todd Stittleburg for his service on the School Board and presented him with a gift.

Public Comment – None

Focus on Purpose – Alissa Koss-Hutjens, Chief Eisenhauer and a group of fifth grade students from Gebhardt spoke to the Board Members about the Protecting You, Protecting Me program that the Chief has been teaching in each of the fifth grade classrooms.

Community Engagement:

The School Board presented Board Commendation Awards to the BRF Athletic Boosters Board of Directors. This group has supplied our community's athletes with over \$155,000.00 worth of equipment, etc. through their 18 years as a group.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the donation of the gifts and grants as presented. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Daniel Forman and Matt Bronsdon spoke about Student Senate and the different things the group is doing at the high school.

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Jill Collins reviewed the topics covered at the April 11, 2016 Community Engagement Committee Meeting.

Our People:

Patty Jacobson moved to approve the following employment recommendations: Retirements – Joy Hoffman, Kris Wrobel, Sarah Staff. Resignations – Lauren Jeffrey. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Scott Barton and Amy Hoffman were sworn in as School Board Members by taking the Oath of Office. April 25, 2016 will start their new three year term. The Board Members reviewed the Board Member Code of Ethics.

Student Success:

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to nominate Jim Rufsholm to serve as the District’s representative at the WIAA Annual Meeting. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board Members discussed options for the 2017 graduation date. They will vote on a date at next month’s regular meeting.

Mary Jo Radcliffe reviewed the topics that were covered at the April 12, 2016 Student Success Meeting.

Finance and Facilities:

Laurel Meek moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on progress of the construction at Red Creek Elementary and reviewed an update provided by Miron Construction.

The Board reviewed the First Readings of: The Teacher Handbook, Support Staff Handbook, Support Services Handbook and the Principal Job Description.

The Board and Dr. Severson discussed different possibilities for the Grand Opening at Red Creek Elementary School. The Board asked that the staff and administration be polled to see what works best for the students and schedules.

Reports:

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the meeting minutes. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Dr. Severson's District Administrator's Report consisted of: The Youth Wrestling Club is funding the creation of a wrestling room. Dr. Severson and Stephanie Brueggen have been working with K-8 staff to find resources to supplement instruction in the literacy program. Julie Tiedens and four students have returned from their trip to San Diego, CA. Dr. Severson spoke about EduClimber which is a new data analysis program the District will be using.

The Principals updated the Board on the activities going on in their schools.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski reviewed highlights from her trip to the National WASB Convention. The Board Members will be attending the Spring Academy at CESA #4 on May 10th.

The Board did not need to go into closed session as was listed on the Final Agenda.

There were no future agenda items identified.

Todd Stittleburg moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Amy Hoffman, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary