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Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on April 18, 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, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud (left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.), Laurel Meek, Patty Jacobson

Board Members Absent: Scott Barton

Meeting commenced with the verification of public notice.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to have agenda item 7.1 Focus on Purpose – Middle School Science, moved to item 6.1 and also move agenda item 9.2 Bus Bid Proposal, to follow immediately after Focus on Purpose. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to allow Jim Rufsholm to speak about agenda item 8.1 WIAA Annual Meeting Resolutions & Representative, when he arrives. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Theresa Skogstad introduced four Middle School students who presented and explained their science projects to the Board Members.

Jeff Hensel presented information on the bus bids that he received. He recommended accepted the lowest bid which was from Mid-State Truck Service, Inc. Amy Hoffman moved to accept the bus bid from Mid-State Truck Service, Inc. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Laurel Meek moved to accept a gift of \$2,750.00 from the Black River Falls Football Alumni for new team game pants, a gift of \$10,500.00 from the Black River Falls Wrestling Club for a new wrestling mat, lockers and benches for the wrestling room, and to approve the application for the \$15,000.00 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Grant. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the information regarding the Friends Sharing Food Organization's request to use part of the Gebhardt School for their food pantry. The current request is to use the facilities from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. The District will not charge rent to the group, but will bill them for the actual utility expenses incurred. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the proposal as presented. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe reported that the April 10th Community Engagement Board Committee Meeting members discussed media and Tiger Tribune ideas, text for the bell monument sign, a social media communications plan, the all staff banquet, and plans for Teacher Appreciation Day.

Dr. Severson shared that Jody Gawron has been invited to be a member of the State Academic Standards Writing Committee for Music.

Patty Jacobson moved to approve the employment recommendations as presented. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board Members reviewed Board Policy 165 – Board Member Code of Ethics. No changes were made.

Laurel Meek and Nehomah Thundercloud took their Oath of Office for their new terms as School Board Members.

Amy Hoffman moved to set the 2018 graduation date for Sunday, June 10, 2018. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom Chambers reviewed the High School's Continuous Improvement Plan.

Jim Rufsholm answered the Board's questions on the WIAA Annual Meeting Resolutions. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to appoint Jim Rufsholm as the District's representative for the WIAA Annual Meeting. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Erick Hofacker from UW River Falls explained the Math Grant and how our staff are involved in this professional development training. The training is called "Math Progressions through Habits of Mind".

Laurel Meek reported that at the April 11th Student Success Board Committee Meeting they discussed the results of the Graduation Surveys from 1965 through 2016. They also reviewed the results of the summer school parent feedback.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Severson reported that the bricks from Third Street School are now available for the public to take what they want. She also reported that the engineers will be resurveying

the Red Creek School property in order address the drainage on the playground area. Renovations will take place in the two High School science rooms that were not previously addressed in the initial referendum remodel.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the CESA Contract as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second readings of policies 222 – Recruitment and Appointment of Administrators, 223.3 – Termination of Administrator’s Contract, 231.1 – Assistant Principal Job Description, 253.1 – Development of Administrative Rules, 253.4 – Development and Approval of Employee Handbooks, 253.5 – Development and Approval of Student Handbooks, 531 – Professional Staff Positions and Job Descriptions, and 224 – Board-Administrator Relations. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2017 and April 6, 2017. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Severson reported that as a result of a projected health insurance premium increase of 18.5 %, the District has made changes to the Health Insurance deductible and district funded claims in order to reduce this amount to a 10.8% premium increase. The good news is that the actual increase ended up being 8.4%. An insurance communication presentation will be given to all staff in the near future.

The Principals reported on upcoming events and progress at their schools.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski reported the Region 6 meeting will be held at CESA #4 on Tuesday, May 16th.

Future Agenda Items - The Middle School and Red Creek Elementary School Continuous Improvement Plans will be reported on at the May School Board Meeting.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Amy Hoffman, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary