



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on April 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

President Mary Jo Rozmenoski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Axel Dressler, Amy Hoffman, Todd Stittleburg, Nehomah Thundercloud

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to bring 10.1 Virtual School Update to take place under Action Items. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment – None

The School Board presented Board Commendations to the Trustees of the Educational Enrichment Fund. The Trustees who were present: Mary Jo Radcliffe, Nehomah Thundercloud, Marilyn Hagen, Bill Moe, Amy Yaeger, Tess Johnson, Al Lahmayer and Barb Brower.

Focus on Purpose – Heather Bluedorn and Gebhardt students gave a presentation to the Board on their projects from the Math Fair and the Heritage Fair.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the consent agenda. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included:

- Minutes from the March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting and the March 30, 2015 Special Meeting.
- Monthly Expenditures
- Employment Information
- Monetary Gifts - \$2,000 from the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building for Class of 2016 Junior Class Prom. To be used toward the purchase of decorations, DJ and photo booth. \$1,000 from Jackson County Bank for the betterment of the boys and girls basketball programs. \$1,997.47 from Black River Youth Volleyball for volleyball

standards and nets for Third Street and Gebhardt Schools. \$300 from Jackson County Wildlife to be used for targets and ammunition for the Shooting Tigers.

Mary Byrns and Stephanie Brueggen gave a presentation on the Virtual School Program. Enrollment has gone from 11 students in 2013-2014 to 37 students projected for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of Policy 343.1 Non-Traditional Credit. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the second reading of Policy 527 Employee Grievance Policy. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the second reading of the Support Staff Handbook. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to set the 2015-2016 Annual Meeting date for Monday, October 26, 2015. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler, School Board Clerk, administered the Official Oath of Office of School Board Members to Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe and Patty Jacobson. They also recited the Board Member Code of Ethics. Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the Oath of Office to Board Members. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski presented Axel Dressler with a gift of gratitude for his years of service on the School Board. Axel Dressler presented the School District with a framed copy of the Official Oath of School Board Member and the Board Member Code of Ethics.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the WIAA Resolutions. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler moved to set the 2016 Graduation Date for Sunday, June 5, 2016. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Fall 2015 Youth Options. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the Compensation Model VIP modifications. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the online banking authorization. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

During the District Administrator's Report, Dr. Severson spoke about the search for a new Tiger Logo. The 2015-2016 School Calendar, September 25, 2016 early dismissal has been changed to September 18, 2016 because of homecoming. Dr. Severson notified the Board that we have not received feedback from the Ho-Chunk Nation's lawyer. Construction on the project is unable to move forward at this time. Connie Sieber recently spoke at a summit regarding our nutritional program. Paul Rykken recently spoke at the Wisconsin Indian Education Conference. The Principals gave reports on the recent and upcoming events at their individual schools.

Dr. Severson gave the Board an update on the State Budget according to recent information released by the School Administrators Alliance. If the Local Government Property Insurance Fund is dis-banned, as proposed in the state budget, it could mean a 15% increase in rates.

Dr. Severson updated the board on the facility projects. August 28, 2015 will be the Grand Opening for the High School which will include tours of the new areas. The District has been approved by "Focus on Energy" to participate in its design program. Ground breaking for the new school will be in late June or early July. The District plans to kick off a "Name the New School" contest.

The Board was updated with an initial draft of the Strategic Planning work that's being done. There will be information available in June which will require board action.

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski notified the Board that WASB has upcoming training available which include board member training and the Spring Academy.

Policy Committee and Public Affairs Committee did not meet in April.

Amy Hoffman updated the rest of the Board on the April meeting of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. They will be surveying the graduating class to get their opinions on what they feel works well in our District and what needs work. The committee received an update on the Finance Class and discussed student interventions and how that process works.

There were no conference/workshop attendance reports or other reports.

A roll call vote was taken to adjourn into closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing the evaluations of the Superintendent and other Administrative staff contracts. Motion carried 6-0.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to reconvene into open session and take any necessary action as per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(2). Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Stittleburg moved to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary