



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on April 21, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the 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: Axel Dressler, Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Todd Stittleburg.

Board Members Absent: Amy Hoffman

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

During Public Comment, Betsy Sedelbauer Spoke regarding her concerns about the Next Generation Science Standards.

Rosalie Brown-Thunder received a School Board Commendation for her recognition at the Wisconsin Indian Education Conference as the Native American Educator of the Year and for her work as a tutor at Forrest Street Early Learning Center.

During Focus on Purpose, Heather Bluedorn and students from the 4th and 5th grades, reported on activities that are happening at Gebhardt School.

Joey Barnett updated the board on the achievements and progress of projects of the Student Senate at the High School.

Axel Dressler moved to approve the consent agenda. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to move the Oath of Office to later in the agenda. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of Policy 221 District Administrator (Job Description). Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the second reading of Career Advancement and Stipend Guide. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Laurel Meek moved to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve June 7, 2015 as graduation day. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Dr. Severson reported that the High School sent out surveys to the parents of 6th – 11th graders to gauge whether they would like graduation to occur on Friday evening or if they prefer to keep it on Sunday. Tom Chambers stated that they had approximately 190 parent responses and the survey came back about equal. The High School decided to stay with tradition and have it on Sunday. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to change the June School Board Meeting from June 16th to June 23rd. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1.

Axel Dressler moved to nominate Mary Jo Rozmenoski as the District representative for the CESA 4 Regional Meeting that will take place on June 4, 2014. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Appendix B – Extra & Co-Curricular Stipends. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Health and Dental Proposals for 2014-2015. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Dr. Severson explained the plan changes and the reasons for them. Dr. Severson and the Insurance Committee are recommending that the district change from Health Traditions to WEA for Health Insurance coverage, from WEA to Delta Dental for Dental Insurance Coverage, and change from WEA to National Insurance Services for Short Term Disability. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to amend the current motion to separate the health, dental, and disability into three separate items. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion to change from WEA to National Insurance Services for Short Term Disability carried 6-0. The motion to change from WEA to Delta Dental carried 6-0. The motion to change from Health Traditions to WEA carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler moved to approve the AODA Grant renewal. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the CESA 4 contract for 2014-2015. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Textbook/Instructional materials. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the hiring of a Title 1 Middle School interventionist. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Axel Dressler, School Board Clerk, administered the Oath of Office and the Code of Ethics to Nehomah Thundercloud and Laurel Meek.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski recognized and thanked Patty Jacobson for her service on the School Board for the past year.

The District Administrator's report consisted of Dr. Severson's report that the Coulee Region Wildcats will be using our football field and practice facilities. It will not conflict with any of our Tiger Athletic programs. Dr. Severson also reported on legislative updates. The principals gave updates on activities occurring in their respective schools.

Discussion Items Requested by Administrator – None.

There were two discussion items requested by the Board:

1. Community Facility Task Force Update – Dr. Severson updated the Board on the work the Task Force is doing and gave them a copy of the survey that will go out to the community.
2. Virtual School Presentation – Dr. Severson explained that the District will be offering virtual school opportunities for students in grades K-12 beginning next school year. A letter and flyer have gone out to the families that currently open enroll out of our district to attend another virtual school.

Discussion Item Requested by Public – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski submitted her report from the National Conference. She will be attending the WASB Meeting for new School Board Members, at CESA in West Salem, with Nehomah Thundercloud on Tuesday, April 22nd.

The Policy Committee did not meet in April.

Public Affairs – Axel Dressler reported that the committee reviewed a draft of the survey and gave some suggestions. They are also working on the celebration for Teacher's Day which is May 6th.

Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee – Laurel Meek reported that Jason Janke and Jessica McNamara gave a presentation on BRAGS.

Future Agenda Items:
BRAGS Charter renewal

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Laurel Meek moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:40 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of discussion, and to take action as appropriate, on compensation for individuals within the administrative and non-represented support staff personnel. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Members Present: Axel Dressler, Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Todd Stittleburg

Board Members Absent: Amy Hoffman

Todd Stittleburg moved to reconvene into open session and take any necessary action as per Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary