



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on May 19, 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: Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, 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

Paul Rykken was presented with a Board Commendation congratulating him on his Wisconsin History Teacher of the Year award.

During Focus on Purpose, Lee Amborn and Stephanie Cowles gave a presentation on the Music, Art, and Physical Education Departments and the work they do.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the consent agenda. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jim Rufsholm asked the Board for approval of a trial year for a girls golf team this fall. The only cost to the district would be for transportation. Mary Danielson and Todd Fendt have volunteered their time for coaching. Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the one year trial period for the girls golf team. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jim Rufsholm presented information on a community wide fund raiser to change the football field to field turf. Amy Hoffman moved to open discussion. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. After discussion and questions, Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the concept of the field turf fundraiser, but to table the project until after the referendum information from the community is clearer. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Jill Collins presented the bus bids that were received for two new school buses for the 2014-2015 school year. The quotes are from Wisconsin Bus Sales and Mid State Truck. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the bid from Mid-State Truck. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Connie Sieber presented information on the Prime Vendor Bids. She requested approval to accept the bid that was submitted from Reinhart. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the Food Service Prime Vendor Bid from Reinhart. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the requested core agenda changes. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

There are two students who are interested in the Skilled Nursing Assistant Course through the Youth Options Program. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the fall youth options requests. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Shelly Severson spoke about the open enrollment applications for the 2014-2015 school year. The district has 15 new applications to open enroll in to the district, and 25 applications to open enroll out of the district. Laurel Meek moved to approve the open enrollment applications. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the foreign exchange student providers. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the math materials for the Math I and Math II courses at the High School. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Shelly Severson reported that the girls cross country will change to 5,000 meters starting in the fall of 2014, which is the same distance that the boys compete at. Josh Hanson, a BRF graduate is doing training with the Middle School and High School staff on "Safe Spaces". High School Store profits will be going toward two \$500.00 scholarships for students entering the Career and Technical Education areas. The principals reported on the activities that are occurring at their schools.

Jessica McNamara and Jason Janke updated the Board on BRAGS. DPI has redefined the requirements that are needed to be considered a Charter School. This means that BRAGS will be considered a program moving forward and no longer a Charter School. This will not change the work that's done at BRAGS.

Jason Janke and Mallory Knipe presented a form that has been created between the School District and the Native American Truancy Task Force. It'll be used to excuse students from school when they need to be absent for cultural and/or religious reasons.

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Mallory Knipe, School Social Worker, gave a presentation on her job responsibilities and achievements this year.

Jill Collins gave the 2013-2014 budget update and explained the financial reports that the School Board sees in their board packets each month.

The Board agreed to start a formal strategic planning process in January 2015, until that time they will continue to focus on academic achievement, public affairs, and facilities.

Dr. Shelly Severson updated the Board on the Community Facility Task Force. The community survey deadline is Friday, May 23, 2014. There have been over 600 responses to date. Results of the survey will be given at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting between the Community Facility Task Force and the School Board.

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski reported on her attendance at the WASB 2014 Spring Academy in Wisconsin Dells.

Shelly Severson reported the Policy Committee has been working on its Visitors to School Policy.

Mary Jo Radcliffe reported the Public Affairs Committee has been working on the facility survey update and the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day festivities that occurred Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Laurel Meek reported the Curriculum and Instruction did not meet in May.

High School graduation will be Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Board Members will let Dr. Shelly Severson or Marti Herzberg know if they are able to attend the ceremony.

Future Agenda Identification – None

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Axel Dressler, Clerk

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Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary