

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON NOVEMBER 21, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. IN
THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Ramie Bakken at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Ramie Bakken, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek (6:01 pm), Susan Olstad, Mark Thomley, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Lois Corey (6:06 pm)

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – Axel Dressler spoke on behalf of a group of community members (Community Education Support Group) who are very supportive of education and requested that the board meet with an equal number of community members in a closed session with no staff or administration present.

Josh Hanson and Delaney Skelding presented the Student Senate Report and gave an update on their status.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the consent agenda. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The consent agenda included the October regular meeting minutes, October 20 special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations (none), field trips (none), and gifts/grants (none).

Don Mathews moved to approve the Spring Semester Youth Options class requests. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0 vote.

Laurel Meek moved to approve changing the January and February Regular Board Meeting dates to January 9 and February 13. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The District Administrator's Report consisted of the following district news:

- The winter sports season is underway.
- The BRAGS sponsored solar panels are up outside of the high school.
- Veteran's Day activities were well organized and highly attended in each building.
- The activities throughout American Education Week were successful and enjoyed by everyone involved in this business – substitutes, parents, students, board members, community members, and educators.

- The district holiday party is scheduled for Saturday, December 17 and will primarily be organized around donated funds and services.
- Each building will be holding a Native American Flag Raising Ceremony on Wednesday, November 23.
- The middle school band and choir Christmas Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 5.
- The middle school staff will be working as celebrity wait staff at Pizza Hut on Monday, November 28.
- The possibility of a “Pre-expulsion Program” is currently being researched and discussed.

Discussion items requested by administration included a Continuous Improvement Framework Report (Ron Saari), Literacy Collaborative Coaches Model Classrooms presentation (Stephanie Brueggen, Ann Eberhardt, and Wendy Everson), Middle School Art Club Report (Lee Amborn), and LED Light Investment Pay-back presentation (Joe Schmit).

There were no discussion items requested by the board.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

No WASB events were attended.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 5 at 4:00 pm. Ramie Bakken reported on the committee’s progress.

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 12 at 4:00 pm. Susan Olstad reported on the committee’s progress.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 13 at 4:00 pm. Laurel Meek reported on the committee’s progress.

A monthly report was given to the board with Conference/Workshop Attendance information.

There were no other reports.

No future agenda items were identified.

Lois Corey moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:39 pm as per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (g) in order to confer with legal counsel, deliberate, and take action, if appropriate, concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to possible litigation. Mark Thomley seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (yes = 7).

Mark Thomley moved to provide the District Administrator the authority to contract with an outside investigator regarding recent allegations. Lois Corey seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (yes = 6, no = 1 – Ramie Bakken).

Don Mathews moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Mark Thomley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk