



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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, Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud.

Board Members Absent: Todd Stittleburg

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

The Board presented Darren Vase, Duane Olson and Brian Larson, from Nelson Global Products, with a Board Commendation Award to recognize them for sharing their expertise and helping to fix and maintain equipment in our welding lab.

Mr. Chambers introduced Sabine Hartmann who is visiting our District for a week from Germany. Her visit is organized through the Wisconsin-Hessen Administrator Exchange.

Focus on Purpose – ELA Dept. – Julie Tiedens and Mya Long presented the Board with information on the District's social media and PBS NewsHour.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the consent agenda. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included:

- Meeting minutes from 9-21-15
- Monthly expenditures
- Employment information
- Three field trip requests
- Gifts – Gerald Fox donated a crate bass amp, Grayson Hereid donated two crescent violins and a clarinet, Jane Ramey donated a trumpet.

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Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to table the decision on the Varsity Boys Soccer team until the October 26<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson presented the District Administrator's Report which consisted of:

- The District's equalized value has increased by 5%. This means that there is more property to divide to calculate the tax rate. During the referendum conversations we estimated the tax rate to be \$9.90 per \$1,000 of home ownership. The actual cost will be \$9.45 for the 2015-2016 school year. The District also has received approximately \$200,000.00 more in aide this year as last year.
- Suggestions to name the new school will be accepted through November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board will then narrow the submissions down and a community wide survey will decide the final name of the new elementary school.
- Mr. Michael Shepard has had an article published in the *Education Technology Solutions* magazine out of Australia. The article is about his use of social media to enhance coursework.
- The Volleyball team is Coulee Conference Champions.

The Principals updated the Board on activities that are occurring in their schools.

Dr. Severson reviewed enrollment and open enrollment numbers with the Board.

Approximately 10% of the current Activity Director's salary will be coded to the Fund 80 Levy. This is because 10% of his time is spent scheduling for groups other than the District's teams and clubs.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on the new facility progress. Jill Collins spoke about the water issues at the High School and the improvements that will be made to correct them. The High School Construction Class is working with the new elementary school's Project Manager and Site Superintendent in hopes of gaining learning opportunities for the students.

The Principals outlined their building's Continuous Improvement Plans for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board completed the First Readings of Policy 342.5 – Parent Involvement Title I Programming, and Policy 185.2 – Student Success Committee.

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski attended the National Rural School Convention. Several Board members will be attending the WASB Regional Meeting this week where Amy Hoffman will be presented with the Level I WASB award. Patty Jacobson and Amy Hoffman attended a CESA #4 meeting.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski reported on the Policy Committee meeting.

Jill Collins reported that Amy Aebly is the new Community Engagement Committee Chairperson. The committee discussed activities for American Education Week which is November 16–20.

Laurel Meek reported on the Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee meeting.

Other Reports – None

Future Agenda Item Identification – None

Amy Hoffman moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Amy Hoffman, Clerk

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Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary