

Black River Falls
September 21, 2009

Meeting # 6

MINUTES OF MEETING #6 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

Board Members Present: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Laurel Meek,
Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Don Mathews, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by President Ramie Bakken at 6:02 p.m.

Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notices of the meeting were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and Jackson County Chronicle and posted in three (3) public places on September 17, 2009.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Vote 7 – 0. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the August regular and special meetings minutes and monthly expenditures.

Don Mathews moved to approve the Investment Policy as presented. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Vote 7 – 0. Motion carried.

Introduction of new teachers – Ron Saari introduced the teachers new to the district this fall. They included:

Adam Pettit – 1st grade
Damon Panek – BRAGS
Karri Wenzel – 1st Grade
Sarah Olson – Elementary Music
Kristy Roush – Gifted/Talented
Stephanie Espe – 4Year Old Kindergarten

District News – A drain line broke at 3rd Street School this past week which closed the boys and girls bathrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the school. Once the tests for asbestos are completed, the drain line will be fixed. This should be fixed within the week. Forrest Street is having a Reading and Math night on September 29 at 6:30 p.m. Homecoming is scheduled for October 5-10 with the parade and football game on October 9. Three teachers from BRF are involved in a Math and Science Consortium. They are Laura Simonson, 3rd grade teacher, Donna Wojciechowski, High School science teacher and Steve Nyman, technology education teacher. HINI vaccinations will take place early to mid November. Kathy Rumsey is coordinating this effort.

Ron Saari also stated that the transition is going smooth. He has been meeting and talking with a lot of people and learning a lot. He will give a more formal report on the progress of his transition plan at the next meeting.

Gifts – The District has received gifts from the following:

Ho-Chunk Nation/Majestic Pines Employees – They filled one of the small school buses with school supplies that they donated to the district valued at about \$2,000.00.

Mr. Warren Loveland donated a large number of crayons and pencils to the district valued at about \$150.00.

Patty McFarland, Purpose Financial, donated school supplies valued at about \$388.00 and a check for \$390.80 to the district.

Facilities Planning – Discussion was held regarding the district facilities. Several options were discussed including possibly contacting a consulting firm, looking into the purchase of property behind Gebhardt School, adding on to Forrest Street School and various other scenarios. Jill Collins will contact Brad Simonson, architect, to put together some additional plans as to where to place the student at 3rd Street School.

Board Goal Setting – Strategic Plan – The goals of the district have been “Improved Student Achievement”, “Facilities and Referendum Planning” and “Public Relations and Improved Communications”. The Board decided to keep these goals for this school year.

Board Development/Professional Growth – Ron Saari would like to meet with the Board regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of both the superintendent and the board. A special meeting will be held on Monday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this issue.

At-Risk Report – Michael St. Pierre, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, presented a review of the various At-Risk programs that are offered throughout the district.

Green School Facility – Damon Panek, BRAGS teacher, presented an update on the Green School Facility. He stated that the facility is shared with the Jackson County Human Services Aging Unit. There have been a few problems but they are working it out with the Aging Unit. The students are very excited with the program and are ready to learn.

Student Tutoring Proposal – Iftakar Memon presented a report regarding a student tutoring proposal.

Policy Committee Report – This is the 1st reading of Home-Based or Private Schooling Policy and revisions to C & I Director and Pupil Services Director job description policies. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for a 2nd reading.

Future Agenda Identification –

Facilities planning meeting
CORE agenda items.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session under Section 19.85 (1) (c), (e) and (f) for discussion and possible action of the following: Admission of Expelled Student, Administrative/Non-Represented Salary Compensation, and BRFEA Negotiations. Lois Corey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek,
Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Don Mathews moved to return to open session. Lois seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Don Mathews moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Lois seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek,
Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk

Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary