

Black River Falls
March 21, 2011
Meeting #15

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON MARCH 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.

President Ramie reminded those in the audience that if they would like to speak about an item that is not on the agenda that they should notify her prior to the meeting in order to take part in the Public Comment.

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Ramie Bakken, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Susan Olstad, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: Lois Corey

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Josh Hanson was in attendance to present the Student Senate Report and give an update on their status.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. Mary Jo Rozmenski seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote. The consent agenda included the February regular meeting minutes, the February 24 special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, employment recommendations (Jean Lee retirement, Judy Ransom retirement, Ruth Swenson retirement, Mary Perry retirement), gifts/grants, and the 2011-2012 CESA 4 contract.

Don Mathews moved to approve the open enrollment applications. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the High School Boy's and Girl's Hockey Co-op request from the Neillsville School District. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Don Mathews moved to approve the Foreign Exchange Student Providers as presented. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the resolution to change policy year dates with the Local Government Property Insurance Fund. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Patty Harelson, Michael Lichucki, and Shelly Severson presented information regarding Reading Recovery. Lisa Ocokoljich questioned the staffing needed for this program. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the implementation of the Reading Recovery Model. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the reduction of SAGE Staff from 15:1 to 18:1. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom Chambers noted that 63% of the high school staff is in favor of the proposed schedule change, 27% were opposed, and 10% were neutral. Julie Tiedens commented on her role as a committee member and their efforts to find a schedule that best meets the needs of every subject area. Ann Dehmer asked if recent high school graduates were polled about their opinions on this idea. Ron Wirtz moved to approve the high school schedule change. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1 (Ramie Bakken).

The board completed the first reading of the proposed new Policy 443.8: Student Demonstrations/Walkouts.

The board completed the first reading of the proposed new Policy 447.4: Expungement of Records of Expelled Students.

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

- The Elementary PTO Carnival raised more funds this year than any other year.
- The Elementary PTO will be hosting a School Board Member Forum on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Forrest Street Elementary School Library Media Center.
- The Elementary PTO sponsored the Minnesota Children's Museum that came to BRF elementary schools last week.
- The Special Education Department will be sending a team of three to a "Tribal Gathering" along with a team of two from the Ho-Chunk Nation. This is a culturally responsive child find.
- The fourth-graders will be taking a trip to Madison on March 23, 2011 to visit the Wisconsin Historical Museum.
- The eighth-graders traveled to the Guthrie Theater on March 9, 2011 and had a successful trip.
- The middle school band will hold a concert at the Lunda Theater on April 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm.
- March is Music Education Month; the high school choir will sing the National Anthem over the loud speaker on March 22, 2011.
- The FFA held a "Kiss the Pig Contest" to raise money for earthquake relief in Japan. Mr. Brad Lobenstein had to kiss the pig.

- Will Peasley and Olivia Lee have been nominated as Coulee Conference Scholar Athletes. Will participates in cross country, basketball, and track. Olivia plays volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Mr. Ron Saari explained how the Budget Bill will affect the School District of Black River Falls. He also reviewed the district's open enrollment report. Barb Gluch suggested showing data that is broken down by grade level.

Discussion items requested by administration included a historical budget cutting report (noting that \$1.6 million have been cut over the last ten years), a district office job duties report (detailing positions of Theresa Bade, Maureen Ruka, Tammy Rush, Joey Eckles, and Tracy Hoeschele), an athletic budget financial analysis report (showing the 2010-2011 net athletic budget as \$259,296), a Special Education Report (highlighting data and the proposal of a new program), a comparable district data report (displaying statistics in relation to similar size districts as well as those in the Coulee Conference), a Literacy Collaborative presentation (expanding on the topic from February), and a 2011-2012 budget discussion (continuing from February).

There were three discussion items requested by the board:

1. Board Self-Assessment – Ramie Bakken is encouraging board members to take an online survey, and she will report on the results in April.
2. Development of Community Survey of Board Performance – Ramie Bakken motioned to table this item until further notice. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Board Listening Sessions – Ron Wirtz and Mary Jo Rozmenoski attended the first session that took place on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm at the high school library.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.

No WASB events have been attended.

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

The Public Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 11 at 5:00 pm. Susan Olstad reported on the committee's progress.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 4:00 pm. Susan Olstad reported on the committee's progress.

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

There were no other reports.

The school psychologist job description policy, virtual school policy, wireless device policy, and neighboring school collaborations were future agenda items that were identified.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session as per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) at 10:24 p.m. for the purpose of BRFEA bargaining negotiation discussion. Susan Olstad seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (6 = Yes).

Ron Wirtz moved to reconvene into open session as per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (2). Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reported that, in closed session, Ramie Bakken motioned to have the administration draft a sample Memorandum of Understanding and return to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 for a decision. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (4 = Yes, 2 = No – Don Mathews and Laurel Meek).

Laurel Meek moved to adjourn at 11:25 pm. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (6 = Yes).

Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk