



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on August 17, 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, Amy Hoffman, Todd Stittleburg, Patty Jacobson, Nehomah Thundercloud

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

The Board presented the Karner Blue Garden Club with a Board Commendation to recognize them for the beautiful work they do at our schools and in the Black River Falls community.

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

- Meeting minutes from 7-20-15 (Regular Meeting) and 8-12-15 (Special Meeting)
- Monthly expenditures
- Employment Information

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the Annual Academic Standards Notification. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Annual Operating Resolutions with Laura Simonson listed as the Title VII agent. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- A Thank You letter from JDRF for the donation they received from the District's "jeans day" collection.

- Reported the process to allow home school students to participate in WIAA athletics, as directed by the change in the state statute.
- Important dates for the Board: September 24th – CESA #4 Board Outreach
September 26th – Tiger Pride 5K run/walk
October 21st – Regional Meeting at Cochran Fountain City.

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

Dr. Severson updated the Board on the progress of the construction at the facilities. The grand re-opening at the High School and Middle School will be held on August 28th from 4-8 p.m.

Dr. Severson reviewed the Back to School Calendar of Events with the Board.

The Board approved the first readings of the following policies: Policy 345.1 Grading Systems, Policy 347.1 Directory Data, Policy 162 New Board Member Orientation.

The Board took a sample STAR reading test in order to see the adaptability of the test and its content.

Patty Jacobson expressed her concerns that driver's education is not provided in the school setting. She is concerned that people are not taking the class and are simply waiting until they turn 18 to get their driver's licenses or they're driving without a license altogether. It was decided that even though the Board doesn't feel that driver's education is something the school should offer, it is possible that the School District could work with other agencies in order to provide access to the classes if they need financial assistance.

The Board discussed the costs involved in providing Wifi on the sports buses. Dr. Severson reviewed a couple of options that seem financially manageable. It was decided that the Board would like to review the opinions of the High School Student Tech Team, Coaches, etc. before making a final decision.

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

Tuesday, September 8th will be the next Policy Committee Meeting.

The Community Engagement Committee did not meet in August.

Mary Jo Radcliffe and Stephanie Brueggen reviewed the subjects covered at the Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee Meeting.

Other Reports – None

Future Agenda Item Identification – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn into closed session pursuant to WIs. States. 19.85 (1) (c) (e) for the purpose of discussing Administrative Contracts, Wis.Stats. 19.85 (1) (c). Mary Jo Radcliffed seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 6-0 at 7:25 p.m.

Todd Stittleburg moved to reconvene into open session and take action as appropriate on any matter on the meeting agenda, including matters discussed in closed session. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to add 10 days to Mr. Rick Dobbs' contract for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Stittleburg moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary