



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS**  
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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on February 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. The meeting was re-scheduled from Monday, February 19, due to inclement weather.

School Board 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, Scott Barton, Nehomah Thundercloud, Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek.

Board Members Absent: Amy Hoffman

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to change agenda item 7.1- Focus on Purpose to take place after agenda item 6.1- Board Commendation. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment – Mr. Max Hart spoke to the Board announcing his candidacy for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District Representative.

Dr. Severson and Mary Jo Rozmenoski presented a Board Commendation to Jenel Berkowitch and Tasha Koresh in recognition for the work they have done in order to revive the Black River Falls Elementary PTO.

High School Students, McKayla Gilbertson and Emma Goodenough, spoke to the Board about a milk carton recycling project that they have implemented in each school within the District. This project is part of a Green & Healthy School Initiative at the high school which is overseen by Mrs. Clare Knodle.

Mr. Bob Becker, President of the Black River Country Bank, presented his ideas on continuing collaboration in an effort to promote the financial literacy of our District's students. His proposal is to utilize FDIC's Money Smart financial literacy curriculum for 9-12 graders. All area financial institutions would be welcome to contribute. The Black River Country Bank is not interested in having a financial institution at the high school.

Mrs. Marianne Torkelson, from the Co-op Credit Union, proposed to continue the Tiger Credit Union at the high school. A decision will be made at the March Board meeting.

Justin Brown, Cory and Jennifer Fisher and Ross Goldsmith addressed the Board regarding their concerns about lack of consistency in student discipline at the high school. The Board directed Dr. Severson to investigate the matter and Justin Brown agreed with the decision.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the 2019 graduation date as June 9, 2019. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

A February meeting of the Community Engagement Board Committee was not held.

The Board members reviewed the Employment Recommendations.

Mr. Rick Dobbs and Mr. Chad Stanley spoke about their school's achievement data which they are required to report to the state at the mid-year and end-of-year as a part of the Achievement Gap Reduction program. Dr. Severson explained that Tomah currently has a JAG program (Jobs for America's Graduates). Her and Mr. Chambers visited the Tomah high school to see how their program works. Dr. Severson will continue to meet with the people from JAG so that she can learn more about the possibility of a program in our District.

A February meeting of the Student Success Board Committee was not held.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the Wisconsin TaxPayer Alliance comparison data.

Dr. Severson reviewed a report that was created by the 7 Rivers Alliance which shows workforce comparative data.

Jill Collins reviewed the school building budget centers and per pupil allocations. The numbers show a zero increase from 2014-2015 through 2018-2019. Laurel Meek moved to approve the information as presented. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes from the January 15, 2018 Board meeting. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson's District Administrator's report included:

- An emailed update was sent out to families regarding the District's safety procedures.
- The Jackson County Sheriff's Department is interested in working with the County's School Districts in order to increase the police's presence in the schools.
- Girls and Boys Hockey Co-ops are due for renewal.
- Mrs. Lindsey Lewis and Stephanie Brueggen hosted a health sciences and occupations luncheon which invited our local healthcare employers to talk about ways of strengthening opportunities for our students who may be interested in a career in healthcare.
- Dr. Severson is part of a state wide consortium of Superintendents working on a Redefining Ready reporting system.
- This week is FFA week.
- Over 60 area businesses participated in the Middle School's job shadowing program this year.
- Many District staff members participated in a dyslexia simulation and training. The presenter will return in March to work with support staff.

Board members shared information that they received at the State Education Convention.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski attended meetings in Washington D.C. as the WASB President. She also attended the WASB Legal and Human Resources Seminar in Wisconsin Dells.

Future Agenda Items:

- Decision on the Tiger Credit Union
- Review of how the Curriculum Policy is being implemented.

At 8:22 p.m. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Nehomah Thundercloud, Clerk

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