

Black River Falls  
October 21, 2002

Meeting No. 6

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 6 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON OCTOBER 21, 2002 AT 7:00  
P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LMC.

Board members present: Durwood Amundson, Lois Corey, Mike Johnson,  
Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh,

Board members absent: Laura Chrest

President, Gregg Mulry, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Notices of the meeting were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and  
Melrose Chronicle on Thursday, October 17, 2002.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Roger Kaufman commented on the DARE program. He would like information on the  
effects of the program on the children.

The consent agenda items were accepted as presented.

Jill Collins, business administrator, explained the 2002-03 budget modifications.

Mike Johnson moved to approve the 2002-03 budget modifications as presented. Barb  
Mackenzie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Pugh moved to approve the 2002-03 tax levy of \$4,178,541 with a tax rate of \$8.01  
per thousand dollars of equalized value for the 2002-03 fiscal year. Mike Johnson  
seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on policy 480 Children of Divorced Parents. It was determined that  
the policy states the procedure the non-custodial parent should follow in regard to  
receiving any student records that are provided to the custodial parent.

Lois Corey moved to accept the bid of \$103,520.00 from Mid-State Truck Service of  
Marshfield for the purchase of two (2) 65-passenger buses for the 2003-04 school year.  
Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Board Meeting Core agenda. Dr. Richards will put together a  
framework of a core agenda for discussion at the next school board meeting.

Dr. Richards reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Quiz Bowl team finished 1<sup>st</sup> out of 12 teams in the tournament held in Arcadia. The team members were Henry Darst, Harrison Koch, Andy Seguin, Emily Jordan, Amelia Hoffman and Kelsey Olson. The High School Play “Anything Goes” will be presented on October 31 and November 1 at 7:00 p.m. and possibly November 2 at 2:00 p.m. (pending the outcome of the football playoffs). The High School History and Social Studies department is conducting a variety of activities related to the fall elections and is asking for support from the board in regard to the KIDSVOTE 2002 activity.

The board is supportive of the KIDSVOTE 2002 activity.

Dr. Richards also reported on a microphone system to be used at the board meetings.

Durwood Amundson moved to get additional bids for a microphone system for the board meetings. Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the police liaison contract. The contract will expire at the end of December 2002. Dr. Richards will contact Mayor Hunter in regard to the position. The board would also like a copy of the job description for the officer.

Discussion was held on the technology of the district. Tim Simonson, technology coordinator, gave an overview of the technology in place in the district.

Discussion was held on the location of the meeting. It was determined that the location of the meeting should remain constant so everyone will be used to where the meetings will be held.

Discussion was held on the pre-meeting social. It was determined that the pre-meeting social should continue and that board members are encouraged to come to visit with the public.

Board Policy and Handbook Committee report:

The Board Policy and Handbook Committee recommended the following policies for initial review:

- # 131 School District Elections
- #165 Board Member Code of Ethics
- #231 High School Principal (Job Description)
- #345.5 Graduation Requirements
- #653.1 Free Admissions
- #661.1 Authorized Signatures
- #671.3 Tax-Sheltered Annuities

Formal action on revising policies 131, 653.1, 661.1, 671.3 will take place at the November meeting. It was requested that policies 165, 231, and 345.5 be returned to the Board Policy and Handbook Committee for further review.

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee held its initial meeting in October and discussion items included the role of this committee. The next meeting of the C & I Committee is scheduled for November 4.

Future agenda items:

- Formal action on Board Operating Guidelines
- Post Secondary Careers – What does the Board of Education want a graduate to look like?
- Governance concept update
- Board Assessment Committee update
- Core agenda discussion
- DARE program – How well is it working?
- Police Liaison Officer position
- Youth Options

Durwood Amundson moved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Mike Johnson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Durwood Amundson, Lois Corey, Mike Johnson, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry,  
Jeff Pugh

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

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Barb Mackenzie, Clerk

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Barb Prochaska,  
Recording Secretary