

Black River Falls
August 19, 2002

Meeting No. 3

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 3 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON AUGUST 19, 2002 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LMC.

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

Board members absent: None

President, Gregg Mulry, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Notices of the meeting were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and
Melrose Chronicle on Thursday, August 15, 2002. Revised agendas were delivered to the
Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and Melrose Chronicle on Friday, August 16, 2002.

Jeff Pugh moved to adjourn to closed session under 19.85(1)(c) &(e), Wisconsin Stats to
review administrative performance evaluation data, compensation and the employment of
a high school principal. Laura Chrest seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentary procedures: Discussion was held on whether the President should vote on
agenda items. The consensus of the board members was that the President should vote.

The consent agenda items were approved with the notation that Gregg Mulry did not vote
on the role call vote items as stated in the minutes from the July 15, 2002 regular meeting.

Mike Johnson moved to approve policy # 233, Elementary School Principal job
description, and #751, Student Transportation Services, as presented. Laura Chrest
seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The consensus of the board was to place a resolution authorizing the lease of the Farm
Bureau building for use by the Phoenix Academy on the Annual Meeting agenda.

Laura Chrest moved to approve the formation of three (3) additional Board committees,
Finance, Facilities, and Curriculum & Instruction. Mike Johnson seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Appointment of board members to these committees will take place next month after
board members have a chance to determine the committees they would like to be placed
on per policy # 185.

2002-03 LMC Services: Discussion was held on the LMC services for the 2002-03 school year.

Durwood Amundson moved to reinstate the LMC position at the elementary level. Motion died for lack of a second.

Laura Chrest moved to reduce the elementary LMC department by one (1) position for the 2002-03 school year. Mike Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Laura Chrest, Lois Corey, Mike Johnson, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh.

Nays: Durwood Amundson

Motion carried.

Middle School Principal vacancy: Jeff Pugh moved to table discussion on the middle school principal vacancy until an update is received from Dave Roou about his deactivation from the Army. Laura Chrest seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Richards reported that the district would offer passes to attend home athletic events to senior citizens age 65 and older. The Middle School and Gebhardt School will again hold 1st day Celebrations on September 3rd, the first day of school. Kindergarten students will start school on Wednesday, September 4th. A \$28,000 literacy grant was awarded to the district from the La Crosse Health Consortium. The grant will be used for materials for the Renaissance program and to equip a literacy lab at the high school.

SAGE Goal Report: Sherri Torkelson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, reported on the SAGE program goals that are set at the beginning of the school year and how they are reported to the Department of Public Instruction. She also gave an overview of the STAR Assessments

Annual Meeting Agenda: The annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 26, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lunda Theatre.

Barb Mackenzie reported on the article by Dr. Richard St. Germaine in regard to Native American students. An ad hoc committee will be formed to address the issues related to Native American students.

Board Handbook Development: Board members would like to see a general information handbook including meeting dates/times, operating guidelines, other expectations of the Board of Education.

Board Operating Guidelines: The Board would like to hold a special meeting within the next month to continue board development and set the board operating guidelines.

Meeting Schedule: Action on changing the meeting schedule to two (2) meetings per month will be held at the September meeting.

Jeff Pugh reported that there are several WASB Contract Administration Seminars being held around the state. The WASB Fall Regional meeting will be held on October 10th in Independence. If anyone is interested in attending one or both of these meetings they should contact Dennis Richards or Barb Prochaska to register.

Parental Involvement: Patty Jacobson did not appear as scheduled. Connie Helstad, PTA President, reported that the PTA is having signs made for each of the schools welcoming visitors and directing them to the school offices. She also stated that the PTA is going to stress volunteerism in the schools this year.

Board Policy and Handbook Committee Recommendations: The recommendations included revisions to policy # 171, Regular Board Meetings, 174, Annual Meeting, and 186 Public Participation at Board Meetings. Formal action on revising these policies will take place at the September meeting.

District Goals: Discussion was held on the district goals. This item will be placed on future agendas for further discussion.

Future Agenda Items:

The following items will be placed on the September agenda:

- Native American Achievement – ad hoc committee
- Two (2) meetings per month discussion
- Report on the Gifted/Talented programming
- No Child Left Behind Act
- District Goals

Mike Johnson moved to adjourn to executive session at 9:40 p.m. to continue discussion on the administrative performance evaluation data, compensation, and the employment of a high school principal. Laura Chrest seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to executive session.

Barb Mackenzie, Clerk

Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary