



Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on March 16, 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, Axel Dressler, Amy Hoffman, Todd Stittleburg.

Board Members Absent: Nehomah Thundercloud, Laurel Meek.

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Focus on Purpose – Mrs. Jennifer Bolger updated the Board on the Elementary Math Department. Mr. Tim Young spoke about the UW Eau Claire Math Competition and introduced Gary Ramos and Brad Bluedorn who spoke about their experiences at the competition. Black River Falls took second place at the competition.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the consent agenda. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The consent agenda included:

- Minutes from the February 16, 2015 Regular Meeting and the February 26, 2015 Focus Group
- Monthly Expenditures
- Employment Information
- Monetary gifts - \$4,300 from the Black River Falls Music Boosters for the purchase of a baritone and french horn. \$300 from Christine Schultz, with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, for girls STEM registration fees.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar. Axel Dressler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the boys hockey cooperative team renewal with Melrose-Mindoro and Neillsville. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Axel Dressler moved to approve the CESA contracts for 2015-2016. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the high school and middle school floor plans. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Severson gave the District Administrator's Report. She reported that Tammy Rush and Jill Collins presented at the National Skyward Conference last week. Carol Ernst is substituting for Lisa McCullough while she is on maternity leave. The annexation paperwork has been turned in to the City of Black River Falls and the Town of Adams has been notified. A request for construction bids has been published in the La Crosse Tribune, Jackson County Chronicle and Banner Journal. The bid proposals will be opened on April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in Neenah, WI.

The Principals updated the Board on the activities that are happening at the schools throughout the district.

Dr. Severson reviewed Administrations recommendation on balancing the budget for the 2015-2016 school year. She explained what the \$0 per pupil increase in the revenue limit and the elimination of categorical aide means for the District next year. A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for action to be taken.

Susan Jenkins shared her thoughts regarding the need to keep a full-time LMC Director on staff.

Dr. Severson highlighted the new grading guidelines handbook and explained what grading practices will be starting with the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on Strategic Planning. The Studer Group will return on March 24th. The two meetings that will take place will be March 24th – Leadership Team meeting, and March 25th – Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

During the Facility Update, the Board reviewed flooring options and the construction timeline at the high school. Fencing will go up at the high school on March 23, 2015 and demolition will begin on March 30, 2015.

The Board completed the first readings of:

- Policy 343.1- Non-Traditional Credit

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- Policy 527- Employee Grievance Policy
- 2015-2016 Support Staff Handbook

Board Budget Communication – Mary Jo Rozmenoski will write a letter to the editor and a School Messenger will be sent out.

Discussion Items Requested by Public – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski reported that CESA is in the process of looking for a new Director. She also gave an update on the Policy Committee meeting.

Axel Dressler reported that the Public Affairs Committee is working on ways to promote District successes. They hope to have advertisements out by graduation.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee has been working on grading and assessment inventory.

There were no conference/workshop attendances to report.

Other Reports – None

The Board would like to continue to receive facility updates.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Axel Dressler, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary