



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

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, Patricia Jacobson, Amy Hoffman, Scott Barton, Nehomah Thundercloud

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

The meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Amy Hoffman moved to relocate agenda items 7.1 Student Senate Report and 7.2 Focus on Purpose – Red Creek, to happen before agenda item 6.1. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jacob Markhardt and Jamie Johnson, Student Senate President and Vice President, updated the Board on what's happening with the Student Senate organization at the High School.

Students from Red Creek presented the Board with a video of their school and shared their favorite things about Red Creek Elementary School.

The Board Commendation was presented to Larry and Marcia Hansen and Joe Phillips at the Madrigal Dinner on December 10, 2016.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to accept the two gifts that were presented which were \$900.00 from BRF FFA Alumni to be used for a SMART TV in the Ag. Ed. class room, and \$406.99 from the BRF Music Boosters to be used to purchase a Rubbermaid cart for transporting band equipment. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Friends Sharing Food organization is not ready to give final information to the Board regarding their use of the currently empty spaces at Gebhardt. More information may be available at the January Board meeting.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on the Inspire Pilot Project. Chris Hardie, from the Chamber of Commerce, has contact the District in order to work together on this project. The District, in partnership with the Black River Falls Chamber of Commerce, will be

participating in a pilot program called Inspire. The focus of the project is to make connections between the students while they are still in school and future potential employers. All schools in Jackson County are involved in this new venture. The Board reviewed the two recent resignations.

Dr. Severson and Stephanie Brueggen reviewed the School Accountability Report Card with the Board. The District is consistently closing achievement gaps at a rate faster than the state averages. While our overall achievement averages are still not where we expect them to be, this data affirms that we are moving in the right direction.

Dr. Severson shared the results from the Media Sources survey that had been sent out to staff.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the Boys Hockey Co-op as presented. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman spoke about the Student Success Committee. They discussed action plans at their December meeting.

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

Patty Jacobson moved that the District maintain ownership of the land that was previously the Third Street School location and that the land should be for District use. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board will review the Policy and Resolutions from WASB in order to choose what they feel needs further discussion at the January Board Meeting prior to the annual convention. .

Dr. Severson gave the Board an update on the District's facilities. The update included:

- The lighting project at the Middle School is on schedule to be completed soon.
- The November gas use at Red Creek Elementary was 50% of what it previously was at Third Street Elementary.
- The District Office updates are very close to completion.

Patty Jacobson moved to approve the meeting minutes from 11-21-16 and 12-5-16. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- The Olga Olson Memorial Fund group met last Friday. This memorial fund was set up by the class of 1948. At that time, it was meant to be a low interest student loan. The current group is looking into different options for the fund. They're hoping it can become a scholarship.
- Ashley for the Arts will be presenting the Class of 2018 with a check for \$5,000.00 at Tuesday night's basketball game. The Lunda family will also be presented with the 2016 Humanitarian Award from the Ashley for the Arts group. The family was nominated by the Class of 2018.
- The Principals reviewed the activities happening at their schools.

The Board discussed the April School Board meeting date and decided that changing the date is not necessary.

WASB/conference/workshop attendance – None

Future Agenda Items – The Board would like the media sources, from the survey, to be broken down by school.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Amy Hoffman, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary