

Black River Falls
May 19, 2008

Meeting # 16

MINUTES OF MEETING # 16 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON MAY 19, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

Board Members Present: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews,
Laurel Meek, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mathews at 6:05 p.m.

Notices of the meeting were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and Jackson County Chronicle and posted in three (3) public places on May 15, 2008.

Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – Connie Helstad and Andrea Hoffman chaperoned the trip to the State FCCLA Convention. They stated they were very impressed with the entire convention and the FCCLA in general.

Interviews were held to fill the board member position that is vacant due to the resignation of Barb Sedelbauer.

The following people were interviewed:

Gregory Blackdeer
Grady Gutknecht
Susan Olstad
Natalie Cogswell
Suzanne Haag
Mary Jo Rozmenoski

After the interview process, the board voted three times and each time the vote was a tie between Gregory Blackdeer and Mary Jo Rozmenoski.

Ken Artis moved to table action on the vacancy until the June Board Meeting. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried. The consent agenda included the April regular meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, the acceptance of the resignation Sarah Stone effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year, and the employment of Amy Kimmes, 1st grade teacher, Whitney Bourget, 1st grade teacher, Natalie Glass, kindergarten teacher, Kalen Watters, 4K teacher, and Jacob Dahlke, 2nd grade teacher, beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the 2008-09 youth options requests as presented. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jill Collins presented an overview of the 2008-09 budget development. Dr Richards recognized Jill and the principals for their work in bringing the budget to within the revenue controls. Lois Corey moved to approve the budget changes as presented. Ken Artis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Core Agenda – There were no changes suggested for the Core Agenda at this time.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the 4K policy and rule (# 421) and Buildings and Grounds Job Description policy (#242) as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved to accept the base bid from Allied Blacktop Corporation for the reconstruction of six (6) tennis courts and addition of two (2), for a total of eight (8) in the amount of \$153,969. The alternate bids will be awarded when grant funding is secured. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Rouu and Tom Chambers presented information regarding the Middle School Alternative Education Program. The program will help students become proficient in the core classes before they reach the high school level.

Lois Corey moved to accept the Middle School Alternative Education Grant totaling \$360,000 over the next five (5) years. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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District news – Dr. Richards reported that Tom Chambers was voted as FCCLA Administrator of the year; Tina Gilbertson was voted Outstanding FCCLA Advisor of the year; Sherri Torkelson was voted Title I Coordinator of the year. The District received a \$75,000 Blast Grant so the Blast program will be continued. The School Perceptions survey is being developed.

Policy Committee – Preps on the Net was presented to the committee by Tom Leadholm. Discussion was held on Policy 443.6 Electronic Devices.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing and taking action on compensation for the administrative and non-represented support staff personnel at 7:59 p.m. Ken Artis seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Ron Wirtz

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ramie Bakken, Clerk

Barb Prochaska, Recording
Secretary