

Black River Falls
January 20, 2003

Meeting No. 9

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 9 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON JANUARY 20, 2003 AT 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

Notices of the meeting were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and Melrose Chronicle on Thursday January 16, 2003.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gregg Mulry stated that this is Martin Luther King Day. Dr. Richards stated that programs were held throughout the district in honor of Martin Luther King day.

Rosanne Weber and John Meznarich presented an overview of the discipline procedures used at the high school.

Melissa Schonasky appeared to speak on bullying suggesting that it takes place throughout the school district but primarily at the high school. She questioned the level of commitment that exists to address the topic.

The consent agenda items were accepted as presented.

Jeff Pugh moved to approve policies # 342.7 English Language Learners, 760 Nutrition Services, 761 Free and Reduced Price Meals, and 771 Use of Copyrighted Materials, as presented. Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Laura Chrest moved to approve the 2003-04 school calendar with the deletion of the 1 hr early dismissal on November 13, 2003. Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried

Discussion was held on the WASB resolutions.

Barb Mackenzie moved to ask Jeff Pugh, as the district's delegate, to vote no on the categorical grant structure resolution at the WASB Convention. Durwood Amundson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Durwood Amundson, Laura Chrest, Mike Johnson, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh. Lois Corey abstained. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held on the other resolutions that will be acted on at the Delegate Assembly.

Dr. Richards reported that an 8th grade Parents Night will be held on February 10th. The purpose of the event is to familiarize parents with high school programs, graduation requirements, and scheduling procedures.

The high school Technology Education Department has been nominated for consideration as the WTEA Program of the Year. A portfolio has been developed and mailed to the association for consideration in the judging.

Gebhardt School was awarded a \$1,000 mini-grant from CESA #4 for use in the development of a program dealing with "healthy choices." The high school's Supporting Players group will make the presentation in April.

Brain Stemper and Dave Meyer have been selected to be participants in hosting model classrooms for technology education teachers. The two were selected as participants by CESA #4 in a TEACH grant that aims to share model procedures and programs with other teachers throughout the service area. Their classrooms will be specially equipped to assist in the distribution of the model lessons and techniques.

Jill Collins and Dennis Richards participated via distance learning in a statewide symposium on school finance. Individuals and groups proposing changes to the existing school aid distribution formula made five presentations. The session was very informative and suggests that a "foundation" approach to school aids is gaining favor.

Brad Markhardt's Veterinary and Small Animal science class was featured in last week's Melrose Chronicle. The program links student with the animal shelter via nine visits per semester.

The district will be purchasing a PA system for use at the board meetings.

Jean Lee appeared at the meeting to provide an overview of the New Teacher Mentoring Program. This program provides support and assistance for new teachers throughout their first year of teaching in the district.

Department Head Meeting – The Board would like to hold a joint meeting with the Department Head Council. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at 3:30 p.m.

WASB – The Effective Bargaining Principles Seminar is scheduled for February 7 in Madison and again on March 7 in Wausau. Board members were asked to let Barb Prochaska or Dennis Richards know if they would like to be registered for the seminar.

Board Policy Committee – The policy committee is continuing to review the 200 series of the board policies. The following policies were presented for their first reading:

165 – Board Member Code of Ethics

230 – Administrative Team

Policy 223.31 – Early Retirement and 223.31-Rule – Early Retirement Guidelines were presented for removal as the early retirement language is now in the individual administrator contracts.

Action on these policies will take place at the February meeting.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee – Barb Mackenzie gave an overview of the activities that took place at the Curriculum & Instruction committee meeting. The committee reiterated its support for the creation of an updated strategic plan using the Successful Schools Model. She and Lois Corey also explained the possibility of informal round-table discussions with departments from 6:30 –7:00 p.m. prior to board meetings for board members and the public.

Facilities Committee – Jill Collins, Business Administrator, stated that the 2003-04 capital maintenance projects were discussed at the facilities committee meeting.

Laura Chrest moved to recommend approval of the 2003-04 Capital Maintenance projects as presented. Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Assessment Committee – Barb Mackenzie shared some survey forms the committee has put together to get assessment from the board, audience at board meetings and community members through the Insights.

Barb Mackenzie moved to approve the use of the survey forms. Laura Chrest seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Board Goals – Dr. Richards presented an update on the happenings around the district in regard to the board goals.

Future Agenda Item identification:

Core Agenda items

School Climate

Agriculture report

Block Scheduling – How is it going?
SAT testing

Laura Chrest moved to adjourn to executive session under section 19.85(1)(c) to consider the employment and performance evaluations of the administrative team at 9:05 p.m. Lois Corey 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