

Black River Falls
February 17, 2003

Meeting No. 10

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 10 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON FEBRUARY 17, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LMC.

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

Board members absent: Mike Johnson

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 February 13, 2003.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Dr. Don Delebo spoke in regard to the health aspects of soda to young people. He feels that soda should not be available to students in school.

The issue of soda machines in the schools will be placed on the March Board of Education Agenda.

Dale Zank, representative from the Trane Company, and Joe Ruff, representative from Winona Heating and Ventilating, presented an update on the capital maintenance turnkey project proposal.

Laura Chrest moved to adopt the capital maintenance turnkey project as proposed. Lois Corey seconded the motion.

Durwood Amundson would like further information on the cost of air conditioning for the LMC at the middle school.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Laura Chrest, Lois Corey, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh
Nays: Durwood Amundson

Motion carried.

The consent agenda items were accepted as presented.

Barb Stenberg, retiring middle school English teacher, was recognized for her many years of service to the district.

Jeff Pugh moved to approve policies # 165, Board Member Code of Ethics, #230 Administrative Team, and removal of policy # 223.31 Early Retirement, as presented. Barb Mackenzie seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Lois Corey, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh, Durwood Amundson, Laura Chrest
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Jill Collins, business administrator, presented an overview of the proposed 2003-04 budget.

Lois Corey moved to approve the budget center allocations as presented. Barb Mackenzie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Richards reported that the enrollment period for the state's Open Enrollment program ends on Friday, February 21. All requests must be in by 4:00 p.m.

The Primary Election for the Area II and Area V seats on the school board is set for Tuesday, February 18. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All electors vote in each race. The two (2) candidates with the highest vote totals in each area will be on the ballot in the General Election on April 1.

The Wisconsin Technology Education Association has notified the district that its program has been named the "Program of the Year." Congratulations are due to Dave Meyer and his department members. The Program will be recognized at the annual meeting in April.

The WASB Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 12. Please contact Dennis Richards or Barb Prochaska if you are interested in attending.

The student trip to Italy planned for this June has been postponed due to world events.

The Reality Day activity was held at the high school last week. A number of community members participated and the feedback from students and participants has been positive.

State Testing - Sherri Torkelson, director of curriculum and instruction presented a report on state testing and power standards.

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School Climate/Character - Barb Mackenzie presented two (2) policies, Character Education and Bullying, to be forwarded to the policy committee. The next policy committee meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 2003.

Durwood Amundson would like input from staff, parents, and students in regard to school climate.

Sherri Torkelson will provide the Board with the survey that was used by the DPI as part of the Characteristics of Successful Schools model.

WASB Convention Reports - Jeff Pugh presented an overview of the sessions he attended at the WASB state convention. Lois Corey stated that the convention is a very worthwhile conference to attend.

Board Member Participation in Activities - Lois Corey suggested that the board members report on the activities they have participated in between board meetings.

Block Schedule - Rosanne Weber, high school principal, presented a report on the block scheduling at the high school that has been in place for several years.

Policy Committee Report - The policy committee will be meeting on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

Curriculum & Instruction Report - The curriculum & instruction committee is going to focus on the Successful Schools Model.

Board Assessment Committee Report - The assessment committee will be compiling the board self evaluation survey. The School Board Annual Assessment survey for community members will be included in the March edition of the Insights. The survey should be returned by March 31.

Future agenda items:

Soda machines in the schools

Update on Board discipline/protocol

Student/Parent input on school climate

Board member participation in activities between board meetings

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Laura Chrest moved to adjourn to executive session under section 19.85(1)(c) to consider teacher employment and contract renewal information at 8:47 p.m. Durwood Amundson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to executive session..

Barb Mackenzie, Clerk

Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary