

Black River Falls
March 17, 2003

Meeting No. 11

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 11 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON MARCH 17, 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 March 13, 2003.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Roger Kaufman addressed the board in regard to the recent expulsion hearings. He expressed interest in the outcome of the recent expulsions.

Dr. Richards stated that the expulsions were student records and specific details could not be released.

Lois Corey requested that the field trip request be acted on separate from the consent agenda items.

The consent agenda items were accepted as presented.

Discussion was held on the field trip request for a trip to Costa Rica in June or July 2004 from the Spanish Club.

Laura Chrest moved to approve the trip to Costa Rica in June or July 2004. Lois Corey seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Mike Johnson

Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Jeff Pugh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE
OF NOT TO EXCEED \$950,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES

Mike Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mike Johnson moved to approve the open enrollment applications as presented. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Extensive discussion took place in regard to the soda vending machines in the school district. Dr. Delebo addressed the board with concerns about the soda machines. Keith Toczynski, Jackson County Dairy Association also expressed concerns with the soda machines and would like to see more dairy products in the vending machines in the schools. Mr. Toczynski will contact Brad Markhardt, FFA Advisor, in regard to adding/changing the products that are sold in the vending machines the district now has for dairy products.

Durwood Amundson moved to suspend the rules to allow action on the soda machine issue. Barb Mackenzie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Durwood Amundson moved to remove all soda from the vending machines that are accessible to students from the middle and high school by the 2003-04 school year. Lois Corey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Durwood Amundson, Lois Corey

Nays: Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh, Mike Johnson, Laura Chrest

Motion failed by a 5-2 vote.

Dr. Richards reported that the district has qualified for a grant of \$15,000 from Focus on Energy to help offset the costs associated with the Trane Turnkey Project.

The high school hosted the National Guard send-off ceremony today. A large group comprised of family members, citizens, and dignitaries attended the 35-minute ceremony.

Lance Wiersma and Huston Mahan have received the W.T. Graham Award provided by the Wisconsin Art Education Association. Lance and Huston were among the 40 students recognized from a pool of more than 300 applicants.

Lois Corey, Jill Collins and Dr. Richards attend the WASB Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 12. Governor Doyle was among those who addressed the group.

The National Guard has activated Tim Simonson, the district's Technology Education Coordinator, for a period of up to twelve months.

Discussion was held on e-mail capabilities via the district system for board members. This will be set up when the new board terms begin in April.

Climate Surveys:

Discussion on the climate surveys was tabled until the April meeting.

Several board members reported on the activities they have participated in since the last board meeting.

WASB Report: Jeff Pugh reported that there are two seminars coming up: Bargaining Health Insurance and What School Board Members Need to Know. If anyone is interested in attending one or both of these seminars they should contact Dennis Richards or Barb Prochaska to register.

A revised policy on Administration of Medication to Students, # 453.4 and a new policy, Automatic External Defibrillator, # 453.11 were presented for the 1st reading. These policies will be placed on the April agenda for final approval.

Discussion was held on policy # 151 regarding the process to use when reviewing requests for new policies.

Laura Chrest moved to suspend the rules to allow action on policy # 151. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Lois Corey moved to have policy # 151 brought back to committee for further discussion. Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Johnson moved to send policy # 521.2 to committee to revise and to include bullying/hazing/harassment language in the content and title of the policy. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was determined that the Character Education Policy be sent back to the policy committee for further review.

The Curriculum & Instruction Committee has not met since the February meeting.

Facilities Committee:

The committee is recommending acceptance of the baseball lighting offered by the local American Legion Post.

The committee also recommended that the district not enter into an amended agreement with the city to turn over control of the Lunda Center to a non-elected board.

Information on the cost of feasibility of air conditioning school sites was presented.

Board Assessment Committee:

The committee has not met since the February meeting. However, the community survey was mailed in the March Insights and responses are being accepted through March 31st. Barb Mackenzie also distributed the semi-annual board self-evaluation documents to the board members. She stated that six of the seven members had completed the document.

Board Goals: Dr. Richards had sent an update of the board goals to board members in his mailing on Friday, March 14.

Future agenda items:

Climate Surveys

Update on e-mail

Reorganization meeting – possibly the 4th Monday in April

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Mike Johnson moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Jeff Pugh seconded the motion.

Ayes: Laura Chrest, Lois Corey, Mike Johnson, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Barb Mackenzie, Clerk

Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary