

Black River Falls  
November 18, 2002

Meeting No. 7

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 7 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON NOVEMBER 18, 2002 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 November 14, 2002. Revised meeting notices were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio and Melrose Chronicle on Friday, November 15, 2002.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carol Hornby, high school teacher, stated that having the police liaison officer in the school district has created a positive environment.

Tom Cooper expressed concern about the driver education program. He stated that some parents have taken their children to WWTC for driver training because of the backlog created by having only one driver education teacher in the district.

The consent agenda items were accepted as presented.

Discussion was held on the new course proposals. Jeff Pugh moved to approve the addition of three new courses for the 2003-04 school year. The courses are as follows:

Housing and Exploring Careers from the Family & Consumer Education Department  
21<sup>st</sup> Century World from the Social Studies Department

Laura Chrest seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Board Operating Guidelines. Laura Chrest moved to approve the Board Operating Guidelines as presented. Lois Corey seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Durwood Amundson

Motion carried.

Jeff Pugh moved to approve the following board policies as presented:

- # 131 – School District Elections
- # 231 – High School Principal (Job Description)
- # 345.5 – Graduation Requirements
- # 653.1 – Free Admissions
- # 661.1 – Authorized Signatures
- # 671.3 – Tax Sheltered Annuities

Laura Chrest seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the police liaison position.

Tasha Mathews, student representative from the high school, expressed support for the police liaison officer position.

Mary Rykken, high school teacher, and Eric Erickson, high school guidance counselor, also expressed support for the continuation of the police liaison officer position.

Ken Multhauf questioned the secure feeling of staff and students with an officer in the building.

Rosanne Weber, high school principal, expressed support for the continuation of the police liaison officer position.

Don Gilberg, Black River Falls Police Chief, stated the position has helped to keep things from happening in the district. He also stated that the city has budgeted for their portion of the funding of the police liaison officer position through the 2003 calendar year.

Lois Corey moved to continue the police liaison officer position in the district. Jeff Pugh seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Lois Corey, Jeff Pugh, Durwood Amundson

Nays: Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Laura Chrest

Motion failed.

Due to the tie vote the police liaison officer position will be terminated when the contract with the City of Black River Falls expires at the end of December 2002 .

Dr. Richards reported that this is American Education Week and there are many activities taking place in the district including an invitation for the public to come and tour the schools and a retiree's breakfast. The District was recognized at a ceremony at the Assembly of God Church for the support given to the children of the community. The roofing project at the district office was started today and the cost is approximately \$32,000. Approximately 20 high school students

will be attending a manufacturing and processing day at the technical college on Tuesday. Casey Brown, Black River Falls graduate, along with his father, Ritchie Brown, his uncle, Amos Kingsley and a friend, Rex White Gull, all of Black River Falls, were featured in an article in the Wisconsin State Journal for constructing a traditional Ho-Chunk long house as part of American Indian Heritage Month at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Casey is now a junior at UW-Madison.

Discussion was held on the Board Core Agenda. Any additions/changes to the agenda should be given to Dr. Richards before the next board meeting. The Board Core Agenda will be placed on the December agenda for action.

Discussion was held on the DARE program. DARE Officer Gacek stated that DARE is taught to students in grades 2, 4, 5 and 7 in the district.

Discussion was held on the procedure for Committee Reports.

Governance Model – Discussion on the topic will be postponed until after the election takes place in April 2003.

Graduate Profile – Department Chairs Committee and the Curriculum & Instruction Committee are working on this issue.

Jeff Pugh reported that the WASB State Convention is coming up in January.

Board Policy & Handbook Committee report – Policies 185.1 and 345.31 were shared with the board for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. These policies will be placed on the board agenda for action at the December meeting. The committee will start work on the 200 series policies at their next meeting, which will be held on December 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee report – No meeting was held as Jeff Pugh and Barb Mackenzie were not available to attend the scheduled meeting. The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Facilities Committee report – The facilities committee will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Board Assessment Committee report – Ruth Swenson, Board Assessment Committee member, provided the Board members with a “Guideline” for the evaluation of the School Board. Ruth and Durwood Amundson worked on this document. The next meeting of this committee has not been scheduled at this time.

Board Goals – Progress is continuing on the board goals.

Future agenda topics:

Board Core Agenda  
Board Goals  
Update on graduate follow-ups  
When is a committee's work done

Jeff Pugh moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Lois Corey seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

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Barb Mackenzie, Clerk

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Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary