

Black River Falls  
December 16, 2002

Meeting No. 8

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 8 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON DECEMBER 16, 2002 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LMC.

Board members present: Durwood Amundson, Laura Chrest, Mike Johnson, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh

Board members absent: Lois Corey

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 December 12, 2002.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tasha Mathews, student, spoke in favor of continuing the police liaison officer position.

Melissa Schonasky requested that the subject of "Bullying" be placed on the agenda for next month as she is concerned about bullying in the schools.

The issue of the Police School Liaison Officer was requested by Laura Chrest to be moved to the next item on the agenda.

Kathy Powell presented a petition signed by almost 500 parents requesting that the board reconsider their decision on the police liaison officer.

Megan Finch, teacher at the high school, read a letter from teacher Michael Shepard expressing support for the police liaison officer.

Carol Hornby, teacher at the high school, spoke on behalf of Sue Lindahl, art teacher at the middle school, expressing Sue's gratitude for the support she has received from the officer.

Karen Amo, student at the high school from 1995-99, stated that alcohol/drugs were a negative effect on students and when the officer was added the alcohol/drug use was curbed.

Sue Millis expressed concern about expecting parents to monitor the halls.

Paul Rykken, high school teacher, expressed support for Officer Mathews as he has helped the students in his Civics class.

Julie Murray expressed support for the police liaison officer position.

Durwood Amundson moved to refer to policy # 151 and reinstate the police liaison officer position. Jeff Pugh seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Durwood Amundson, Jeff Pugh

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

Motion failed by a 4-2 vote.

The consent agenda items were accepted as presented.

Mike Johnson moved to approve policy # 185.1, Board Policy Committee as presented. Barb Mackenzie seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Laura Chrest, Mike Johnson, Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh

Nays: Durwood Amundson

Motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

Jeff Pugh moved to approve policy # 345.31, Grade Advancement, as presented. Mike Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Dale Zank, representative from the Trane Company, and Joe Ruff, representative from Winona Heating and Ventilating, appeared at the meeting to outline a proposal to improve the operating performance and energy efficiency in our buildings. The plan would enable the district to take care of the large capital maintenance projects, like boilers, that would otherwise consume all of the maintenance project budget. Other projects include lighting, gym sensors, and an energy management system.

The district would need to borrow approximately \$834,000 to do all these projects during next summer and fall. The energy, operations, and maintenance savings realized and the dollars for the projects that were already budgeted for in the long-range plan, would be used to make the payments on the loan. It is projected that the district will realize further savings at the end of 10 years.

Laura Chrest moved to proceed with the Energy Performance Comprehensive study not to exceed \$8,500 as stated in the proposal. Mike Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a 5-1 vote. Durwood Amundson cast the dissenting vote.

Dr. Richards reported that the Academic Decathlon team is advancing to the regional level. The District is part of a \$200,000 TEACH 3 Grant through CESA # 4 which will be used for Digital Video Editing. There are two (2) Christmas Concerts scheduled this week; Third Street School on Tuesday evening and Forrest Street School on Thursday evening. The District has many programs available for academic support. The Power Lab at the high school is up and running. It is available for use from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 – 1:30 p.m. Native American tutoring is taking place at the high school from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. The Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade tutoring takes place on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. The after-school program at Gebhardt is set to start in January through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community Grant. The program will be available to all students in grades K-2 on Monday and Wednesday and grades 3-5 on Tuesday and Thursday. The program will run from 3:15 – 5:30 p.m. There will be tutoring available for high school students on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. starting in January. The LMC Computer lab at the high school is available from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. and 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Alice Larkin, school nurse, appeared to enlist support for a school-based public access defibrillation program. She explained the initial start-up costs as well as the cost for sustaining the program from year to year. The consensus of the board was to proceed with the plan for the program and keep the board updated.

Core agenda: Barb Mackenzie moved to adopt the core agenda draft dated July 8, 2002. Laura seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Mike Johnson Barb Mackenzie, Gregg Mulry, Jeff Pugh, Laura Chrest

Nays: Durwood Amundson

Motion carried.

Graduate Surveys:

Discussion was held on ways to do the surveys. The district will check with the alumni association about doing a survey. Guidance personnel have expressed concern about the time involved in sending out the surveys and the few surveys that are returned.

Procedures for committee reports to the full board:

Laura Chrest moved that the board accepts committee reports/recommendations as presented or they are amended/revised by the board as a whole. Mike Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Pugh reported that the WASB Convention would be held in January in Milwaukee. The WASB resolutions were distributed to the board. Further discussion on the resolutions will take place at the January board meeting

Durwood would like a report from the members that attend the convention.

WASDA is sponsoring a financial workshop at CESA # 4 in January.

Board Policy and Handbook Committee – The following policies were presented to the board for the first reading:

- 342.7 – Programs and Services for English Language Learners
- 760 - Nutrition Services
- 761 - Free and Reduced Price Meals
- 771 - Use of Copyrighted Materials

The Curriculum & Instruction Committee did not meet in the last month.

The Facilities Committee met with Dale Zank, representative from the Trane Company, and he outlined the proposal to improve the operating performance and energy efficiency of the district buildings. The committee requested him to present the proposal to the full board at the December board meeting.

The Board Assessment Committee will hold their next meeting sometime in January.

Board Goals:

Dr. Richards gave the board a report on the activities taking place in the district that involve parent/community involvement.

Dr. Richards stated that the deadline for filing for School Board Candidacy is January 7, 2003. Also, if any of the incumbents are not going to run for re-election, they should complete a Notification of Non-Candidacy form by Friday, December 27, 2002. If a Non-Candidacy form is not completed and an incumbent does not run for re-election, the deadline for candidates, other than the incumbent, is extended by three (3) days.

Ruth Casper, high school secretary, requested ideas on how to handle the high school issues without the police liaison officer. The board indicated they were not going to micromanage and that Dr. Richards would have to work on a solution.

Future Agenda Item identification:

- Bullying
- Public Access Defibrillation update
- WASB Resolutions
- Discipline procedures for high school students - Interaction of assistant principal with student discipline
- Accentuate positive school climate & community support
- Administrative contracts/evaluation document
- Interaction with Departments/ Dept. Heads
- Status of sound system
- Site for meetings – board goal

Durwood Amundson moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Mike Johnson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Durwood Amundson, Laura Chrest, Mike Johnson, 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