



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, January 18, 2021 in the District Office Board Room.

School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Patty Jacobson, Amy Hoffman, Ann Dehmer, Troy Webb, Brad Dobbs.

Board Members Absent: None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski confirmed the public hearing notice with Marti Herzberg.

Public Comment – None

Ann Dehmer moved to approve a grant donation of \$1,000.00 and twelve individual desks and headphones from DHHS, and a \$500.00 donation from ExxonMobile Educational Alliance Program/The Taylor Corner Store. Troy Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski made a motion to move agenda items 7.1 Focus on Purpose – Art Program Review, 9.2 Capital Maintenance Projects, 9.3 Transportation Site Remodel Bids, 9.4 Referendum Financial Plan, 9.5 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$7,843,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds to prior to agenda item 6.2 Strategic Plan Draft. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jennifer Dahl presented an Art Program review.

Jill Collins reviewed drawings of the proposed transportation site remodel and bids from Gaier Construction. Amy Hoffman moved to approve the drawings and bids with the elimination of the cost of fencing, it was agreed that fencing could be re-evaluated after the project was completed. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe will be the Boards' Delegate Assembly Representative at the WASB Annual Education Convention this year. The Board discussed some of the resolutions that will come

before the delegate assembly. It was decided to allow Mary Jo Radcliffe to decide how to vote on the resolutions after hearing discussion at the assembly.

Brian Brewer, with Baird, reviewed information on the referendum financial plan and the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$7,843,000 taxable (convertible to tax-exempt) general obligation refunding bonds. Brad Dobbs moved to approve the issuance and sale of the bonds as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Kent Weinman reviewed the capital maintenance projects for 2021-2022. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve them as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the new Strategic Plan Draft. Conversations will be needed in order to map out the plan for the next five years. Stephanie Brueggen shared information on high impact instructional strategies in the District, which are included as an initiative within the Student Success Pillar. The Board made suggestions which Dr. Severson will incorporate into the draft and share with staff.

Dr. Severson shared that there is a legislative proposal regarding COVID-19 decision making. The Board would like to continue to have this monthly agenda item. Dr. Severson asked the board to communicate with her on what monthly COVID-19 topics they would like to cover.

Patty Jacobson moved to approve the employment information as presented. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson reviewed the open enrollment class size information. Patty Jacobson moved to approve the information as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditure information. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson discussed that Upper 90 will do the commission work for the referendum facility projects. The schematic design work for the high school projects have been sent to Miron Construction for them to begin the bid preparation documents

Amy Hoffman moved to approve Policy 345.5 Cum Laude Policy only. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson's Administrator's Report included:

- An annual report from Headstart.
- She has been having conversations with the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding opening the D1 Community Center in order to provide academic support to students attending school virtually or who are not engaging. Staffing will be provided by the District and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Title IV funds can be used for staffing and transportation.
- There will be upcoming conversations regarding the District's Career Advancement and Stipend Guide. Brad Dobbs will participate as a Board representative.
- Discussion regarding the 2021-2022 School Calendar has begun. There will be two calendar options for the staff to vote on. One option will include two days at the end of August that will not be able to be counted as minutes of instruction, but will be contracted teacher days. This will allow for a few more small breaks during the school year. Both calendar options exceed the minimum minutes of instruction required by DPI.
- All School Messenger communications will be available on the District's website under Family Communication.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski shared that the student equity piece of the WASB State Education Convention has been cancelled.

Ann Dehmer and Patty Jacobson shared their positive experiences observing virtual school.

At 8:32 p.m. the Board adjourned to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 1985(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing administrative contract renewals, Wis. Stats. 1985 (1)(c). A roll call vote was taken and passed 7-0. Aye – Mary Jo Radcliffe, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Amy Hoffman, Troy Webb, Ann Dehmer, Patty Jacobson, Brad Dobbs. Nay – 0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to reconvene into open session and take action as appropriate on any matter on the meeting agenda, including matters discussed in closed session as per Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

At 9:19 p.m. Troy Webb moved to adjourn. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary