



Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Dr. Severson reviewed the voting procedures which follow state statute and board policy. The Board Members agreed to follow these procedures as presented. Dr. Severson reviewed options for questions to ask the candidates, should voting progress to that point in the procedures. The Board Members chose questions number 1, 2, and 6. The School Board Members introduced themselves to the four candidates. Mary Jo Radcliffe drew candidate names to decide the order that interviews will take place. The order chosen was 1. Linda Geddes, 2. Brad Dobbs, 3. Ann Smetana, 4. Iftikhar Memon. All candidates introduced themselves, spoke about why they're interested in serving on the School Board, and discussed what they see as the most important work of a Board Member at this time. After interviews were complete, the Board Members marked their choice on the ballot and signed them. Marti Herzberg collected the ballots and counted them. Brad Dobbs received four votes and Ann Smetana received 2 votes. Brad Dobbs was appointed to the Board vacancy with the majority of votes cast. Dr. Severson thanked all of the candidates for their interest in serving on the Board.

Mary Jo Radcliffe administered the Oath of Office to Brad Dobbs and presented him with School Board Policy 165 – Board Member Code of Ethics. Brad joined for the remainder of the meeting.

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

The Board Members reviewed the self-evaluation tool and agreed to work together with it.

A schedule will be made for the Board Members to observe virtual teaching.

Dr. Severson's Administrator's Report included:

- The WASB State Education Convention will be held virtually January 20-22. This will be discussed further at the January Board Meeting.
- The Board will be updated on the Strategic Plan at the January Board Meeting.

- Virtual enrollment is at 30% across the District.
- Seven Candidates have turned in Ballot Access Documents for the three School Board Members seats that are up for election. The three incumbents will be running as well as Thomas Epps, Bethany Redbird, Mandy Youngthunder and Sarah Peloquin. Since there are seven candidates for three open seats, a primary election will be held.

At 8:05 p.m., Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn. Brad Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

Marti Herzberg and Dr. Shelly Severson, Records

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