



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, November 16, 2020 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, Ann Dehmer, Troy Webb.

Board Members Attending Virtually: Scott Barton, Amy Hoffman

Board Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to change agenda item 9.3 Referendum Financial Plan to item #1, item 7.3 School Resource Officer Report to item #2, item 6.2 COVID Updates to 7:00 p.m., and add agenda item 8.2 Conversation about High School Graduation Credits. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Patty Jacobson moved to suspend the limits on Board Members voting while attending the Board Meeting virtually. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Brian Brewer from Baird presented information on the referendum financial plan. He explained what the timeline will be, moving forward, and the savings the District will see with the current low interest rates. The Board will take their first action regarding the referendum at a Special Meeting on December 7, 2020.

Deputy Kyle Nosbisch shared an overview of the School Resource Officer Report and explained the work that he does in the three Jackson County School Districts.

Dr. Severson and Ellen Moldenhauer gave the Board Members an update on the number of COVID cases in the District and Jackson County. The District has decided to move to all virtual learning starting on November 30, 2020. Discussion items were:

- There are currently 64 staff members out of the building due to COVID related reasons.
- Our floating substitute teachers are sometimes supervising up to 4 classes at a time.
- Students will have an option of an internet café in the high school commons.
- Teachers who are able will teach virtually from their classrooms.

- Childcare will be available to our staff's school age children.
- Some children will still come in to school to do small group instruction as well as receive special needs services.

The COVID numbers will be reviewed again in late December and early January to determine when face to face learning will begin again.

Ann Dehmer moved to accept the gifts and grants from Ashley Furniture, Lunda Charitable Trust, Wisconsin Department of Corrections and Frosty Wussow's family. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Stephanie Brueggen presented information on the work being done in 6th-8th grade math.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the employment recommendations as presented. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Stephanie Brueggen updated the Board on the fall 2020 baseline data for literacy and math.

Tom Chambers, Chris Stalheim and Dr. Severson updated the Board on the high school graduation credit requirement recommendation. They are proposing that 26 credits be required for graduation. The Board will take action on this at the December 7, 2020 Special Meeting.

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

Dr. Severson reviewed the next steps for the referendum moving forward:

- From now through January – Planning and design of all projects
- Summer 2021 – The high school boiler and middle school HVAC will be worked on.
- Fall 2021 –
- August 2022 – Projects will be wrapped up

The Board would like monthly updates on the progress of the referendum work.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 411 Student Non Discrimination, 420 School Admissions, 432.1 Release Time for Religious Instruction, 432.2 Release of Elementary Students for Participation in Programs or Activities, 443.1 Student Dress Code, 443.2 Student Conduct on the School Buses, 445.1 Student Searches. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes from the October 6, 2020 special meeting and the October 19, 2020 regular monthly meeting. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The building principals updated the Board on activities at their schools. Chris Stalheim presented a high school discipline report.

The WASB State Education Convention in January will be held virtually this year.

Mary Jo Radcliffe gave a standards based education update.

Stephanie Brueggen spoke about the School Board connection opportunities that the Student Success Committee created. These opportunities will be presented at each monthly Board Meeting and the members can choose the options that they want to participate in.

Future Agenda Items – December 7, 2020 Special Meeting, Policy Committee Meeting.

At 9:17 p.m. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary