



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, October 19, 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, Scott Barton, Amy Hoffman, Ann Dehmer

Board Members Absent: Troy Webb

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

Public Comment – None

Dr. Severson reported that the Administrators are attending the meeting via Zoom and are available to answer any questions.

Dr. Severson shared that Connie Seiber, Food Services Director, was recognized by the School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin's President for the meals that were served during the COVID emergency feeding period.

Dr. Severson shared the Intergovernmental Agreement for the three year School Resource Deputy Program which went into effect on January 1, 2019 and will end on December 31, 2021. The Board decided they would like a short annual report, each year, on the work being done by the School Resource Officer.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to move agenda item 7.1 Focus on Purpose – K-5 Math to happen at this point in the meeting. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

June Johnson and Christy Roush presented information on the work that's being done in K-5 Math.

The Board Members reviewed Policies 341.52 Discussion and Critical Analysis of Issues; Role of District Employees, and 361.1 Selection of Instructional Materials. It was agreed that if Board Members receive complaints on how these policies are carried out, they will bring the details to Dr. Severson so she can address the complaints with the appropriate staff.

Max Hart was presented with a Board Commendation for his work with The Curds for Kids program which provided hundreds of pounds of cheese curds to our students during the COVID-19 emergency feeding program.

Dr. Severson spoke about the possibility of using a COVID-19 Dashboard as a tool to share information on cases in our schools. The information would be available on the District's website and would be updated at the end of each day. The Dashboard would replace the emails that are currently sent out. The Board was in favor of this. Dr. Severson will communicate with the community and staff on how the tool will work.

Starting on October 21, 2020, classes will be held virtually on Wednesdays at the High School.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the employment information as presented. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe reported that the Our People group met on October 14, 2020. They discussed ways to keep Orange Frog Training in people's minds, and ways to ensure a positive work environment within our district. Dr. Severson reported that a prize drawing will be done every week for staff with local items from our community as prizes. This will be done in place of American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week which are more extensive celebrations.

Dr. Severson shared the Summer Program Report. Because of COVID-19, the numbers are drastically lower than in the past since there was limited programs offered this year.

Dr. Kielbasa shared the 2019-2020 Seclusion and Restraint Report.

Stephanie Brueggen spoke about implementing Social Emotional Learning Curriculum and the work that's being done at each school. Stephanie and Mary Jo Radcliffe also reported on Standards Based Education. The Board will receive a monthly update on the progress of the Standards Based Education work moving forward.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson gave the Board an update on referendum Information:

- The community will receive referendum information in the mail within the next couple of days.
- Informational social media posts are scheduled.
- A virtual referendum meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Jill Collins reviewed the final numbers for the annual tax levy and budget modifications. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Certification of Annual Tax Levy as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Scott Barton moved to approve the Budget Modifications as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board completed the first reading of policies 411 Educational Opportunities, 420 School Admissions, 443.1 Student Dress Code, 443.2 Student Conduct on the School Buses and 445.1 Student Searches. Dr. Severson is eliminating policies 432.1 Release Time for Religious Instruction and 432.2 Release of Elementary Students for Participation in Programs or Activities, due to these policies being obsolete.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on the current outstanding lunch debt.

Dr. Severson reported that the District's enrollment is down by 30 students this year. This number is not reflective of families choosing open enrollment, it's the number of school age children residing in our District this year.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Since the Principals were attending the meeting virtually, Stephanie Brueggen updated the Board on the activities happening at the schools.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski reminded the Board that the WASB Joint Education Convention is coming up and will be held virtually.

Dr. Severson reminded everyone that the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26th at the Lunda Theater at 6:00 p.m.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk

Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary