Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, June 15, 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, Amy Hoffman, Ann Dehmer, Troy Webb, Scott Barton, Patty Jacobson.

Board Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment – Brady Palmer communicated via conference call. He would like to organize fund raising for additional posters to be purchased for seniors who did not participate in athletics. Dr. Severson will check into the information that he’s requesting.

Ann Dehmer moved to change agenda item 8.3 School Nursing Report to take place before agenda item 6.1 Gifts/Grants. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Elizabeth Pardoe presented the School Nursing Report which summarizes her work during the year.

Patty Jacobson moved to approve a $5,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank COVID-19 Relief Grant Program presented by the Jackson County Bank and a $1,500 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lister. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson presented the results from the Summer Programming Survey. There were 175 respondents to the survey. Administration will share the results with staff. Families are not interested in virtual summer school options.

Dr. Severson shared the results from the Family End of Year Feedback Survey regarding the COVID-19 closure. There were 210 respondents.

Dr. Severson presented the School Calendar for 2020-2021 which has been adjusted with the deletion of scheduled snow days and the addition of a full week for spring break. Amy Hoffman moved to approve the new calendar. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
Dr. Severson shared the questions that Principals asked their staff, and some of the feedback that was received, regarding their end of year experiences.

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

Laura Simonson and Melanie Floyd shared the Achievement Gap Reduction Reports from Forrest Street Early Learning Center and Red Creek Elementary School. Ann Dehmer moved to approve the reports as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Marc Rukavina presented the Virtual School Report via conference call.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the School Handbooks. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson shared the Extra Curricular Participation Report.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jill Collins summarized the 2020-2021 School Year Budget. Scott Barton moved to approve the budget as presented. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Dr. Severson notified the Board that she’s ready to move forward with the 2% staff wage increases that were previously approved.

Dr. Severson reviewed the open enrollment in and the open enrollment out projected numbers for the 2020-2021 school year. 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 meeting minutes from April 27, 2020 and May 18, 2020. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson’s District Administrator’s Report included:
- Administrators will create new facility use expectations and start allowing the public to use the District’s facilities starting in July.
- The tennis court resurfacing is now complete.
- The policy for seniors to attend graduation will be updated once work has been done to improve attendance.
- The Community Facility Survey is open until June 22, 2020. There is a link on the District’s website that takes interested parties to the survey.
• A plan for a graduation ceremony is going to be presented to the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. If they approve the plan, it will be presented to graduates.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski reported that WASB continues to hold their seminars and conferences virtually.

Future Agenda Items:
• Percentage of seniors who qualified for graduation
• Co-curricular and Dance Team participation numbers

Dr. Severson and the Board Members chose Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting to discuss the Community Survey results and the COVID-19 Report.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk                                   Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary