Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, December 16, 2019 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, Nehomah Thundercloud (left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.), Laurel Meek

School Board Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment – None

Dr. Severson and Mary Jo Rozmenoski presented a Board Commendation to Megan Finch in recognition of her earning the title of National Board Certified Teacher.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the acceptance of the following gifts and grants: $3,000 from Ashley Furniture to the SkillsUSA chapter, $2,181 from DPI for the 2020 Robotics League Participation, $400 from the BRF Community Band for the purchase of marching band drum harnesses, $100 from the My Second Home Women’s Softball Team in Pigeon Falls. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Lindsey Lewis presented information on the work being done in 9-12 Science.

The Board reviewed the recently hired employee list.

Tom Chambers gave a Student Senate update.

Tom Chambers and Lindsey Lewis spoke about the Standards Based Grading System that’s being used by some of the high school teachers.

Dr. Kielbasa reviewed information on the District’s work on Inclusive Practices.

Dr. Severson explained the new processes that are being put in place in response to student behaviors. Patty Jacobson moved to approve hiring the requested additional staff. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reviewed the new course proposals. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve them as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
Laurel Meek moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson spoke about touring the facilities last Friday with Miron Construction and Brey Architecture. They are on track to have an estimate ready by February or March that will address facility needs.

The Board reviewed the School Safety Drill Reports.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 18, 2019 monthly Board meeting. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson’s District Administrator’s Report included:
- A Strategic Plan Update
- Information on year around school calendar meetings.
- The District Administrators updated the Board on work in their buildings.

The Board decided to send Dr. Severson information on the WASB Resolutions that they have concerns with and they will talk about them at the January Board Meeting.

Amy Hoffman moved to nominate Patty Jacobson as the WASB Delegate Assembly Representative for the District. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Patty Jacobson accepted the nomination.

Future Agenda Items – WASB Resolution concerns and questions.

At 8:33 p.m. Laurel Meek moved to adjourn. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk                     Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary