MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON DECEMBER 20, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Ramie Bakken at 6:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Susan Olstad, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

No one was in attendance to present the Student Senate Report. Tom Chambers gave an update on their status.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the consent agenda. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote. The consent agenda included the November regular meeting minutes, the December 6 special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, and gifts/grants ($4,964 from Lunda Charitable Trust).

The board completed the first reading of the proposed revision to Policy 421: Entrance Age.

The board completed the first reading of the proposed revision to Policy 431: Student Attendance.

The board completed the first reading of the proposed revision to Policy 823: Internet Web Page Development.

The board completed the first reading of the proposed new Policy 734: Energy Management.

The board completed the first reading of the proposed new Policy 453.6: Student allergies.
Ron Wirtz moved to approve the second reading of the proposed revision to Policy 343.2: Youth Options Program. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

Don Mathews moved to approve the new course proposals (Music Theory, Internet Publishing, and Intro. to Sociology). Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved that board consent, for the purpose of reviewing and supporting the proposed resolutions submitted to the WASB by member schools for the January 2011 Convention, be tabled and discussed further at January’s Regular Board Meeting. Susan Olstad seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7-0 vote. Mary Jo Rozmenoski will be attending as our delegate.

Don Mathews moved to approve the foreign exchange student application for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

The District Administrator’s Report consisted of the following district news:

- There was an Anti-Bullying Assembly on Friday at the high school. It was presented by Motivational Productions and paid for by DOT.
- The district’s final Christmas program is tonight at the high school. All programs were successful and will be televised on the cable access channel over break.
- Over $850 was raised for Project Christmas through Celebrity Night at Pizza Hut. All K-12 staff contributed as waiters and waitresses.
- As part of their “Christmas around the World” activities, students from Gebhardt and Forrest Street participated in a buddy activity. They read stories and worked on art projects together.
- Jackson Electrical Cooperative through its project with our FFA organization recently received a Youth Program – National Community Service Award. We are excited about this as it shows how our staff and students work so very well together with our community. Congratulations to Brad Markhardt.

Discussion items requested by administration included Dan Olson’s Construction Class project and its contract with the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Nation presented the idea of the District being a subcontractor to the contractor who is building the house. The goal is to have this issue settled by the end of break.

There was one discussion item requested by the board:

1. Board Listening Sessions – The Board continued discussion on implementing listening sessions in an effort to improve relations with the BRFEA. Union President, Todd Fendt, is willing to meet with Mr. Saari and Ron Wirtz in order to determine an appropriate structure.

There were no discussion items requested by the public.
No WASB events were attended.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, January 3 at 4:00 pm.

The December 13, 2010 Public Affairs Committee meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. They will not reschedule but will meet again on Monday, January 10 at 5:00 pm.

The Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 21 at 4:00 pm.

A monthly report was given to the board with Conference/Workshop Attendance information. Board members shared personal experiences throughout the district.

There were no other reports and no future agenda items were identified.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Maureen Ruka, Recording Secretary   Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk