Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on October 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School LMC.

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, Laurel Meek, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Scott Barton.

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to have the Student Senate Report relocated before Gifts/Grants on the agenda. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jamie Johnson and Jacob Markhardt presented the Student Senate Report.

The gifts presented to the Board were $7,500.00 from the Jackson County Community Tennis Association. This gift is the final installment of the total lighting project for the tennis courts. Pat Popp donated a trombone to the Middle School Band Program. The District was also awarded the following grants: NTO STEM Grant, $1,500.00 SEEDS Grant from the Oneida Nation to cover expenses to have Jennifer Stevens come to Red Creek to teach the students about Native American art, $2,500.00 Walmart Grant which Paul Rykken will use toward the history display at the High School. Laurel Meek moved to approve the gifts and grants as presented. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
Mary Jo Radcliffe reported that the Community Engagement Committee discussed ideas for the Tiger Tribune, American Education Week, and the Strategic Plan Report Card at their last meeting.

Jordan Young made a presentation on the Adaptive Physical Education Mentoring Class that is a new offering at the High School.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Dr. Severson presented City Police Chief, Scot Eisenhauer, with a Board Commendation for his work and collaboration with all the schools in the District.

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

Dr. Severson asked for Board representation for the Our People Committee which will meet approximately four times during the school year. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016. Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Mary Jo Radcliffe volunteered.

Dr. Severson reviewed this year’s enrollment numbers with the Board. Although we have made progress in our open enrollment out numbers this year, our total enrollment is down 27 students from the previous year.

Each of the Principals reviewed a topic related to their building’s continuous improvement plan.

Dr. Severson will share the fall data, from the STAR test scores, in the middle of the school year when we will be able to document growth.

Laurel Meek reported that at the last Student Success Committee meeting, they discussed summer school programming, they reviewed and revised the core agenda items, and they decided to increase the number of meetings to ten per year.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the monthly expenditures as they were presented. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson reported the construction projects at the District Office are on schedule and should be complete by late November. Asbestos removal at Third Street Elementary is complete. The Middle School pool wall has been repaired. The City will be adding a sidewalk project to their list that will allow bikers to safely bike to Red Creek Elementary and Forrest Street Early Learning Center.
Dave Roou reviewed the A.L.I.C.E. training and procedures that the District has adopted.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the Certification of Annual Tax Levy. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1. The tax levy approval will keep the tax rate at $9.45 per $1,000.00 of property value. This is unchanged from last year.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the Budget Modifications as presented. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of Policies: 151 – Board Policy Development, 151.3 – Board Review of Administrative Rules, 151.1 - Policy Dissemination and Implementation, 720 – Safety Plan, 672 – Purchasing Plan, 534 – Substitute Teacher, 531 – Professional Staff Positions, 833 – Use of Weight Training Facilities. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson gave her District Administrator’s Report and the principals updated the Board on upcoming events at their schools.

The Board reviewed the recent and upcoming WASB meetings, seminars and conferences. Dr. Severson presented Board Members with their new WASB level of achievement awards:

Patty Jacobson and Nehomah Thundercloud achieved Level 1.
Amy Hoffman and Mary Jo Radcliffe achieved Level 2.
Mary Jo Rozmenoski achieved Level 5, which is the highest level that WASB recognizes.

Future agenda items: Dr. Severson and Stephanie Brueggen will do a presentation on Career Cruising. The Board would like an update on the FAB Lab and an update on facility updates requested by the Music Department.

Amy Hoffman moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Amy Hoffman, Clerk                                 Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary