Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on December 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Rozmenoski at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Axel Dressler, Laurel Meek, Todd Stittleburg, Amy Hoffman.

Board Members Absent: Nehomah Thundercloud

Meeting commenced with verification of public notice.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to relocate the FBLA Presentation to prior to Focus on Purpose, and the New Course Proposals to after the Consent Agenda. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Kenneth Schoolcraft was presented with a Board Commendation for his many years of planning and assistance with the Veteran’s Day programs at our schools.

Mrs. Emalea Cogdill and Amara Baker presented information on the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference which the group attended in Minneapolis, MN.

Mr. Bradley Lobenstein spoke about the English Language Arts Department. Jessica Amo and Jared Johnson spoke about the benefits they’ve received by taking the ACT College Prep Course.

Axel Dressler moved to approve the consent agenda. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included:

- Minutes from the November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting, November 18, 2014 Board Development Meeting and December 1, 2014 Special Meeting.
- Monthly Expenditures
- Corrected FCCLA Field Trip Request
- Monetary gift from the Music Boosters to purchase a high quality video camera for the Music Department, $465.00 from Lunda Charitable Trust to purchase film breakdown software for the Boys Basketball Program.
Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the new course proposals for the High School. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler moved to approve the 2015-2016 long-term capital improvement plan. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the resolution to authorize a long-term capital improvement trust fund. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the second reading of Policy 351.1 Summer Programming. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the second reading of Policy 811.1 Native American Parent Involvement. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Stittleburg moved to approve the resolution to add a building fund account at the Jackson County Bank. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the budget revisions. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler moved to approve the signing of the Strategic Planning Contract with Studer Education Group. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

District Administrators Report - Dr. Severson discussed:
- The numbers involved with Course Options.
- Pizza Hut Project Christmas raised $1,246.00.
- Fuel Up to Play 60 is submitting our District in a national competition for our breakfast program.
- The girls’ golf team is interested in continuing the sport now that the trial period is complete for this year.
- The District is currently advertising to hire a Speech/Language Pathology Assistant.
- ACT testing will be held on March 3, 2015 for all juniors. Because of the environment that’s required, there will be no school that day for freshmen, sophomores and seniors.
- WorkKeys testing will be done on March 4, 2015.

Jill Collins presented the 2013-2014 Audit Report. There were no findings.

Dr. Severson shared a School Facts Report that is compiled by The Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance. This report compares all schools in CESA #4.

Dr. Severson gave an update on the progress of the facility planning. Mid February is the target for the High School and Middle School design plans to be completed so bids can go out. The first elementary design team meeting will be held on January 6, 2015 with a tour of the new
school in Lake Mills. Community Forums will be held in the near future so all interested parties have a place to ask questions and share ideas.

The Board participated in a grading activity to help show how complex the topic of grading is. The District will be working on a unified grading system.

WASB resolutions were discussed.

WASB/Other reports - None

Policy Committee did not meet in December

Public Affairs Committee did not meet in December

Laurel Meek updated the Board on discussions that occurred at the December Curriculum and Instruction/Student Achievement Committee Meeting.

Conference/Workshop Attendance - None

Other Reports – None

Future Agenda Items:
  • Information from the Math Department

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) at 8:28 p.m. for consideration, including action, if appropriate, regarding employment/renewal/nonrenewal of a professional employee. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken (6=yes).

Todd Stittleburg moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Axel Dressler, Clerk                                                  Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary