Meeting # 9

MINUTES OF MEETING # 9 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON DECEMBER 15, 2008 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

Board Members Present:  Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Board Members Absent:  Lois Corey, Ron Wirtz

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mathews at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notices of the meeting were delivered to the Banner Journal, WWIS Radio Station and Jackson County Chronicle and posted in three (3) public places on December 10, 2008.

Bronson Stein and Millie Hoffman, members of the Student Senate, presented an overview of the projects they are working on. Support for the student from Tibet is ongoing. The Senate will be sending $400 which will cover the tuition for this school year and $40 for the student’s own personal use. The Senate also has an on-line forum on RESPECT on the district’s web-site.

Ramie Bakken moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included approval of the November meeting minutes; monthly expenditures; and gifts from John Marg, Auctioneer, for use by the Cheerleaders and the Black River Youth Hockey Association for hotel rooms for the hockey team at the Joe Raymond Tourney and a $2,000 Grant from Wal-Mart for Forrest Street Early Learning Center. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the new course proposal of Applied Marketing for one quarter (1/2 credit) and not to approve the Independent Living – Foods Focus class beginning with the 2009-2010 school year as presented. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, district representative at the WASB Convention, was advised to use her own discretion regarding the WASB Resolutions at the Convention. Overall, board members did not have any objections on the resolutions.

Dr. Blanford and Jill Collins were advised by the board to check with the City of Black River Falls and the DNR before going forward with the approval of the storm easement requested by the National Guard Armory. They will check into this and report their findings at the next board meeting.

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Sherri Torkelson presented an overview of the proposed District Technology Plan.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the District Technology Plan for 2009-2012 as presented. Ramie Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Artis moved to amend the 2009-2010 school year calendar as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Blanford reported that the holiday programs throughout the district have been great. He thoroughly enjoyed the Madrigal Dinner. The Third Street School Program will be held on Tuesday evening and the Gebhardt program will be held on Thursday evening. All of the district programs will be replayed on Cable Channel 97 or 982 at various times over the Holiday break. Last Monday he met with the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding Impact Aid. A district committee will be set up regarding the Impact Aid issue. Milt Lunda passed away and Paul would like to get a memorial for the family from the school district.

Tom Chambers presented an update on the Green Charter School.

The WASB Annual Convention will be held January 21-23, 2009. Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Paul Blanford and Jill Collins plan to attend. Joe Schmit, buildings & grounds supervisor, also plans to attend the convention.

Future Agenda Items:

Core agenda items.

Ramie Bakken moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) & (f) for the purpose of discussing personnel at 5:15 p.m. Ken Artis seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session

Ramie Bakken, Clerk
Secretary

Barb Prochaska, Recording