Meeting #13

MINUTES OF MEETING #13 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON DECEMBER 21, 2009 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

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

Board Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by President Ramie Bakken at 4:31 p.m.

Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:
Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Ron Wirtz, Mary Jo Rozmenoski
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Verification of Public Notice was given.

Public Comment –
Student Senate Report – Bronson Stein was present to discuss the Student Senate and their status. He also commented on proposals they have made to the administration at the High School in regards to open campus.

There were no Action Items at this meeting.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
The consent agenda included the November regular and special meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, there were no employment recommendations and no gifts.

Kathy Johnson and Jill Collins presented the Liability & Worker’s Compensation Insurance bids. Ron Wirtz moved to approve CIC for Liability and MCIM for Worker’s Compensation insurance. Ken Artis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lois Corey moved to approve the New Course Proposals - Renewable Energy and Ethics in Science. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Ayes: Ron Wirtz, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Laurel Meek
Nays: Don Mathews
Abstained: Ken Artis
Don Mathews moved to approve the High School Concert Choir Field trip request to Iowa. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ron Saari also informed the board of the High School Physics classes’ trip to Nickelodeon Universe in Minnesota. It is not an overnight trip however, so it did not need board approval.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the purchase of two (2) busses from Mid-State. Ken Artis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Wirtz moved the district sell the shares of the Gabelli Equity Trust Resolution and deposit the money in an activity fund. Don Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Don Mathews asked if there was any family communication or if it was possible. Jill Collins stated she could try.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved that the district sign the Race to the Top district MOU letter. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ron Saari made the board aware we can still opt out if so desired in the future.

Board Code of Conduct Policy – 1st Reading – Don Mathews felt the district has a policy in place already that covers this and that it may hinder potentials school board candidates. Noted the vote in the Policy Committee was 3-1. Lois Corey questioned why it would hinder anyone. Don Mathews suggested the policy be put in the application packet for school board positions and Ramie Bakken agreed.

Ken Artis moved that board consent be given for the purpose of reviewing and supporting the proposed resolutions submitted to the WASB by member schools for the January 2010. Don Mathews seconded. Motion carried. Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Ramie Bakken will be attending.

District Administrator’s Report – Ron Saari informed the board about a gift from Walmart for $2000.00 for BRAGS. He presented his recommendation for Referendum Timeline. Included in this timeline was his update on the Public Relations Plan which included adding a Communication Education/Resource Coordinator. A Board of Education flier was presented. A few changes to the contact information of the board members will be made to the flier. Responses to last month’s Public Comment were also given.

A 2010-2011 Budget Presentation was given by Jill Collins.

No discussion items were requested by the board.

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Board Reports -
WASB – no report given.

Policy Committee report – The committee will be looking at a Controversial Issues Policy.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee – The committee will look at course proposals, staff development, RtI and financial reviews.

Conference/Workshop Attendance – no report given

Other Reports – no reports given

Future Agenda Items:
Lois Corey asked if a response needs to be given to Ron Saari’s referendum proposal. Ron Wirtz asked it be put on the agenda for discussion at January’s meeting.

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ken Artis, Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Nays: None

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

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Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk      Joleen Eckles, Recording Secretary