Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Todd Stittleburg.

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to relocate Public Comment to after Focus on Purpose. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

A Board Commendation Award was presented to Bob Gabrielson and Brian Brawner from WWIS.

Focus on Purpose - Hannah Hodge updated the Board on activities involving High School Student Senate.

Public Comment – Dave Pardoe presented information to the Board regarding the possibility of creating a high school soccer team which would be funded by Jackson County Youth Soccer. Dr. Shelly Severson presented a portion of her District Administrator’s Report that related to the proposed soccer team. The Board will take action at a future date.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski pointed out a correction to the April 28th meeting minutes. The CESA #4 Annual Convention is on June 3, 2015. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the consent agenda once the change is made to the minutes. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda included:

- Monthly Expenditures
- Employment Recommendations
• Gifts – $2,250 from the American Legion Baseball Program for solid clay and infield conditioner for the baseball field, $3,455.15 from D& S Manufacturing for the purchase of welding gas, $250 from FABCO Equipment for Supermileage Vehicle Team Expenses, $830 from Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council for the costs of a youth tobacco survey, Dr. Kirk Lane and his wife Michelle Lane have donated a Rhoades Car (valued at $2,000) for the students at BRAGGS who are interested in green energy and transportation.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the Core Agenda revisions. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the open enrollment applications. Todd Stittleburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the bus bids presented by Jeff Hensel. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Three new buses will be purchased. One for special education that will be equipped with a lift and two 72 passenger buses.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the changes to Appendix B. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Shelly Severson presented the remainder of the District Administrator’s Report which included:

• The High School has recovered a time capsule from 1962. The contents will be revealed at a ceremony on May 19, 2015. The students are generating ideas of things to include in a new 2015 time capsule.
• Presidential Academic Excellence Awards recipients: 42 5th graders, 22 8th graders, 6 12th graders.
• The new tiger logo will be revealed when it is completed.
• The summer professional development offerings were shared with the Board.
• This is the last year for the Educator Effectiveness Grant.
• The local government property insurance costs are increasing by 83%. Jill Collins is investigating changing consortiums to mitigate the increase.

The school principals updated the Board on activities at their individual schools.

Jill Collins reviewed the approved 2014-2015 budget.

Dr. Severson shared preliminary feedback on strategic planning. The next strategic planning meeting will be June 1, 2015.
Dr. Severson updated the Board on the facility projects. Bid packages for the Middle School will go out next week. Ground breaking for the new school will take place in late June/early July.

The Board agreed to have Mary Jo Rozmenoski make board committee assignments.

Discussion Items requested by Public – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski attended the WASB Spring Academy in Appleton, WI.

The Policy Committee’s next meeting will be in June.

Mary Jo Radcliffe notified the rest of the Board that the Community Engagement Committee will now meet four times per year.

Amy Hoffman reported that at the last Student Success meeting, they discussed the Vision Statement and Core Agenda.

Conferences/Workshop Attendance – None

Other Reports – None

Patty Jacobson would like to see a ten year cost comparison for instruction vs. non-instruction.

Todd Stittleburg moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Amy Hoffman, Clerk                                                  Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary