Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on April 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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, Amy Hoffman, Scott Barton. Arrived at 6:10 p.m. - Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek, Nehomah Thundercloud.

Board Members Absent: None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to change agenda items 7.1 Focus on Purpose, 8.2 Student Senate Report, and 9.4 Energy Efficiency Project to take place after agenda item 6.1 Board Commendation. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment – None

Dr. Severson and Mary Jo Rozmenoski presented Peter and Jone Hoffman and Jim and Andrea Hoffman with a Board Commendation for their generous donation of the land and softball fields that are now located near Red Creek and Forrest Street Elementary Schools.

The Physical Education Department shared their recent curriculum work during Focus on Purpose.

Student Senate President, Nolan Plaisance updated the Board on recent news with the Student Senate.

Mario Millonzi and Ben Terpening, from Upper 90, made a presentation to the Board regarding the District’s energy efficiency and ideas to improve it. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to give them approval to seek bids for the work. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The Board will review the information at the May meeting.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to accept the gifts and grants as presented. The gifts were musical themed artwork donated by McDonald’s Courtesy Corp., a grant for tools from the La Crosse Area Builders Association’s Tools for Schools Program, up to $23,500 in grant money for the Fab Lab. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

The High School Homecoming Committee meeting was not held and will be rescheduled.

Dr. Severson reported on the Community Engagement Committee meeting. They discussed the spring banquet, staff appreciation and the perception survey results.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the employment recommendations. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to nominate Mary Jo Rozmenoski as the Board representative to the CESA Annual Meeting. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Nehomah Thundercloud, Board Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Patty Jacobson, Mary Jo Radcliffe and Mary Jo Rozmenoski to start them in their new three year terms of office.

The Board reviewed Policy 165 – Board Member Code of Ethics.
Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Tiger football team’s trip request to attend North Dakota State’s football camp this summer. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Rick Dobbs explained the schedule adjustments that will take place for elementary students and staff during the 2018-2019 school year. The Physical Education Teachers spoke about their challenges with the new schedules. A community member, Bill Larkin, spoke about his concerns with the changes in the Physical Education schedule.

The Student Success Board Committee did not meet in April.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the 2018-2019 budget recommendations. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the CESA contracts for 2018-2019. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the second reading of Policies 351.1 Summer School, 352 Field Trips and Community Service Activities, 353.1 Volunteers Policy, 363.3 Technology Concerns for Students with Special Needs, 370 Extra Curricular Programming, 371 Student Publications, 372 Student Fundraising Activities, 412 Student Census, 412.1 Full Time Students. Patty Jacobson requested that Policies 361 Selection of Instructional Materials, 361.2 Selection and Management of Library Media Centers, and 871 Handling Complaints About Instructional and Instructional Media Center Materials be pulled out of this month’s agenda and reviewed at the May meeting. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the March 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson’s District Administrator’s report included:
  • Three of our school buses were stuck in the snow on Monday, April 16th. There were no injuries.
  • The District continues to work with both the City and the County on a School Resource Officer.
  • She shared some statistics regarding the future plans of the Class of 2018.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski shared information from the National School Board Delegation Assembly.

At 8:33 p.m., Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c)(f) for consideration, including action, if appropriate, regarding the employment/renewal/nonrenewal/medical leave of professional employees. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried 7-0.

At 8:48 p.m., Patty Jacobson moved to reconvene into open session and take any necessary action as per Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.