Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on November 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room at the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Tribal Office Building.

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

Board Member Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Patty Jacobson, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Scott Barton, Laurel Meek.

Board Members Absent: None

The meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski thanked the Ho-Chunk Nation for hosting the November meeting during Native American Heritage Month.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Dr. Severson presented Board Commendations to Eric Jacobson, from Federation Co-op, and Carol Blaken, from Jackson Electric. The Board wanted to thank them for the lasting educational experiences they have provided to the BRF FFA members since 2008.

Mr. Tony Boerger updated the Board on the Social Studies Department. Moses Decorah and Arielle WhiteEagle spoke to the Board about the reorganization of the Waksik Wacek student club and its goals.

Employment Recommendations were presented.

Stephanie Brueggen presented the Board with information on the District’s Academic and Career Planning program.

Ashley Weibel gave a presentation on the Career Cruising Demo.

Stephanie Brueggen explained the information regarding the student schedule modifications. Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the modifications as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the Youth Options request. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Amy Hoffman reported that, at the last Student Success Committee meeting, the members reviewed data from last year’s state assessments and worked on their Core Agenda.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson reported on the construction project at the District Office. All of the District projects have stayed within the referendum budget. One of Third Street Elementary’s neighbors has experienced cracking in the plaster walls of their home. This seems to be due to the demolition at the Third Street site. Miron Construction has been notified and will be in contact with the neighbor.
Dr. Severson shared that the buildings have all composed a list of items that they would like to be considered for District-wide maintenance. The District Leadership Team will review these items and prioritize them.

The Policy Committee did not meet in November due to the lack of a quorum.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve Policy 811.1 Native American Parent Involvement, as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board had a discussion regarding Policy 341.52 Discussion and Critical Analysis of Issues; Role of District Employees.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes from 10/17/16 and 10/31/16. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

District Administrator’s Report:
- Dr. Severson introduced Christopher Stalheim who, besides teaching, is also filling in as Assistant Principal at the High School during Lisa McCullough’s absence.
- Friends Sharing Food has approached the District wondering if a section of Gebhardt would be available for use by three of their four area food pantries. The Board agreed to have Dr. Severson present more information at the December Board meeting.
- The Job Fair, which was held at the High School, went very well. Forty-two local businesses participated.
- The Principals updated the Board on the activities happening at their schools.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to nominate Nehomah Thundercloud as the District’s WASB representative to the Delegate Assembly. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Future Agenda Items:
- Friends Sharing Food information
- Third Street site plans
- News outlet balance in classrooms

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Amy Hoffman, Clerk                          Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary