Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, November 18, 2019 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, Patty Jacobson, Laurel Meek (left at 7:30 p.m.), Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Scott Barton.

Board Members Absent: None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski confirmed the public meeting notice with Marti Herzberg.

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to accept the $200.00 Beef and Veal in the Classroom Grant from the Wisconsin Beef Council. Sarah Halverson will use this money to purchase beef products to be used in her classroom. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Melanie Floyd presented information on a new format that Forrest Street Early Learning Center used for parent teacher conferences.

City Administrator Brad Chown and Mayor Jay Eddy presented information to the Board Members regarding the City’s interest in purchasing the vacant land next to the District Office in order to build a new Public Safety Building. The Board decided to discuss this further at a future Board Development Meeting.

Theresa Skogstad and Stephanie Brueggen updated the Board on science work being done at the Middle School.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the Employment Recommendations as presented. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
Dr. Severson spoke about a letter that Jennifer Dahl received from State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor, thanking her for her contributions to writing the Wisconsin Standards for Academic Expectations in the field of Art and Design.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the request for a student to attend the Washington D.C. JAG Student Leadership Academy. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson updated the Board on the Strategic Plan Committee Meeting that was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Stephanie Brueggen spoke about the EMT Basic Course that will be offered at the Black River Falls Western Technical College Campus. This gives our Juniors and Seniors a chance to earn 5 WTC elective credits. Gross Motors will also host an Auto Academy course that is an opportunity to earn 6 WTC elective credits.

Amy Hoffman reported on the Student Success Board Committee Meeting that was held on November 8, 2019.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson reported that two meetings have been held to review the District’s capital maintenance projects. Scott Barton moved to authorize the administration to form a committee to move forward with making decisions regarding these projects. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to work with Miron Construction and Bray Architects to assist in facilitating the capital maintenance and facility conversations within the committee and community. Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve Policy 811.1 District and Tribal Communication and Collaboration. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson explained that the soccer team has been fully funded by outside sources. Since 16 of the team members are our students, Dr. Severson recommends that the District fund the team in the future. Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the district to fund the soccer team. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Laurel Meek moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: Policy 841 Staff Requests for Grants or Gifts, Policy 372 Student Fundraising, Policy 383.1 Service Animals on
District Premises, Policy 871 Handling Complaints about Instructional Materials, Policy 872 Handling Complaints about School Related Matters. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Patty Jacobson moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 21, 2019 and October 29, 2019. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Dr. Severson presented a Board Commendation Award to Steve Collins for his community contributions as well as the training of our District staff in CPR, First Aide, etc.

Dr. Severson’s District Administrator’s Report included:
- A location near Red Creek Elementary School is being considered for the relocation of the Spring Creek School building.
- District wide meetings have been scheduled for December 3, 2019 in the High School LMC and December 5, 2019 in the Red Creek LMC to talk about appropriate ways to handle student behaviors.
- Jay Weinman, Activities Director, will update the Board on the new version of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski shared that she has received many compliments on the WASB Regional Meeting and dinner that was held in the high school commons on October 22, 2019. She would like to thank everyone that worked to make it a great evening.

Future Agenda Items: behavior meetings update, vacant land discussion at a Board Development meeting.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk                                       Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary