Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, October 21, 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, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Scott Barton.

Board Members Absent: Laurel Meek

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

Public Comment – None

Mary Jo Rozmenoski made a motion to move agenda items 8.1 Field Trips and 8.2 Student Senate Report to after agenda item 6.1 Board Commendation. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski and Dr. Severson presented Brad and Ann Eberhardt with a Board Commendation Award for their donation of the batting cage at the new Red Creek softball fields.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve Mrs. Sarah Halverson’s trip to Italy and Greece with high school students. The trip will take place in June, 2021. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve Mr. Brad Markhardt’s trip with three high school FFA students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Zoe DalCerro and Peyton Theisen updated the Board with the Student Senate Report.

Marianne Torkelson spoke to the Board Members about the work being done by the Jackson County Child Care Task Force.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the following gifts and grants:
- Mr. Bill Rakestrow donated a trumpet to the middle school band program.
- Amy Hunter, the District’s Mental Health Navigator, is applying for a $1,800.00 grant for staff training on school screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment.
- $35,834.00 Transition Readiness Grant

Nehomah Thundercloud seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1 (obstained).

Dr. Severson provided the Board Members with the Annual Meeting Agenda. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Stephanie Brueggen, Tara Prestwood and Emily Stewart shared information on the work being done in K-5 Science.

The Board Members reviewed the employment recommendations.

Dr. Severson shared the Summer School Programming Report.
Stephanie Brueggen presented information on the iReady Fall Screener which is a universal screener that will be used for K-8 reading and math.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jill Collins reviewed the certification of annual tax levy. Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the information as presented. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jill Collins reviewed the 2019-2020 budget modifications. Scott Barton moved to approve the information as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson notified the Board Members of an individual’s interested in purchasing part of the property adjacent to the District Office. The Board will have additional discussions on what they feel is a good use of the property.

The Board completed first readings 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 moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 21, 2019, September 4, 2019 and September 16, 2019. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Severson’s District Administrator’s Report included:
- Jennifer Dahl’s art students have been invited to create 24 Christmas tree ornaments that will be hung on the national Christmas tree.
- There will be a Walk to School event on October 30th. Volunteers and Staff will meet students at the District Office and walk to Red Creek together.
- On October 30th a group will get together to discuss the Co-Curricular Code.
- Mr. Mark Lehnherr is taking the Outdoor Adventure Class camping at Devil’s Lake.
- On November 5th there will be a discussion about updating the District’s Strategic Plan. Patty Jacobson and Nehomah Thundercloud will participate.
- November 18-22 is American Education Week.
- The current dress code was discussed.

The Administrator’s updated the Board on their individual schools.

The WASB Regional Meeting will take place in the high school commons on Tuesday, October 22.

Future Agenda Items – Dr. Severson will work on getting information on the lot lines for the property that’s adjacent to the District Office.

At 8:32 p.m. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to adjourn. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.