

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Black River Public School was called to order by Vice President Tom Pietri at 5:32pm on February 14, 2022, in room 229 at the school's Columbia Avenue campus. Recognition was made that a quorum was present through a roll call.

Item 2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Elisabeth Bauman, Mike Camarota, Maria Carrizales-Alonzo, Ruth Crouch, David Kibler, Tom Pietri

Members Absent:

Craig Davis, Mary Mims, Kim Mitchell

Staff Present:

Shannon Brunink (Head of School), Michelle Byrne (Administrative Assistant), John K. Donnelly (Dean of Students), Ericka Foreman (BR Teacher), Abby Hamilton (BR Student Teacher), Jim Levering (Elementary Administrator), John Zoellner (Business Director)

Public Present:

Matt Cawood (via phone), Errol Goldman

Media Present:

None

Item 3. GVSU UPDATE

Mr. Cawood called in from Flint, Michigan and made a brief report via speakerphone. He indicated that Mr. Camarota, Mr. Kibler, and Ms. Mims board terms are set to expire June 30, 2022. Academic data reports are in progress and the next virtual board training will be held on February 24th. Mr. Zoellner asked when last year's academic grant will be available and Mr. Cawood indicated that he will look into things.

Item 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's January 17, 2022 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (6-0)

Item 5. BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Zoellner distributed and explained the January financial report. He also explained that Ms. Anneliese Hornberger has accepted a new position at the OAISD. He continues to work with Mr. Brunink on the use of ESSER III funding.

Item 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Levering shared that Ms. Alaina Kramer and the Title I team have done a great job with this year's themes. The library card challenge was an incredible success with 98% participation. To celebrate the accomplishment Mr. Levering dressed up as a book character every Friday of the month. They finished out the event with a night at Herrick Library. Black River hosted the annual Scripps Spelling Bee with Ian Lappenga and Isaac Foreman as winners. Elementary students have finished the Star winter benchmark assessments and data should be shared in March. This is used to inform decisions, groupings, measure student growth, and determine those that are hitting objectives.

Mr. Donnelly explained that Valentine's day brings a lot of emotions in the Middle and High School. He shared information about recent events including Snowcoming, basketball games, and Ratfest. The PBIS program continues and he thanked Ms. Kelli Heneghan for printing limited edition Rat Bucks.

Mr. Brunink distributed the 2022-2023 school year calendar. He explained Common Calendar requirements and the logic behind the dates chosen.

Motion to adopt the 2022-2023 school year calendar as presented. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Bauman. (6-0)

Mr. Brunink has utilized multiple resources to obtain feedback from stakeholders on how best to allocate ESSER III funding. The top results included interventions for struggling learners, facilities, air quality, safety, and other campus needs. Mr. Brunink indicated that the recent open house was a success with 104 families touring. He credited the amazing work of Ms. Kelli Heneghan and Ms. Kerrie Esmeier on this year's marketing for the 297 applications that have been received to date. Mr. Brunink is excited to participate in the 2-22-22 celebrations, for which he has been asked to play the tuba in a tutu. He also shared that GVSU has committed \$1000/year scholarships to graduates of their charter schools. At a recent luncheon, Mr. Brunink was able to connect with BR graduate Annika Barber who will be receiving this scholarship. Mr. Brunink led a discussion with members of the board relating to mask requirements and how both decisions would affect the BR community. He also explained the recent events where a bullet was found on campus, the partnership with the Holland Police Department to evaluate the situation, and work to dispel rumors.

Item 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Pietri indicated that Ms. Mims will renew her board term after it's expiration on June 30, 2022.

Motion to reappoint Ms. Mary Mims to a new term on the Black River Public School Board of Trustees. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (6-0)

Item 8. OLD BUSINESS

After a question from Ms. Bauman, Mr. Brunink indicated that BR is in contact with the Holland Police Department to schedule the next CRASE training. They are currently in the process of updating the program and will present it to the staff upon completion.

Item 9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the board.

Item 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

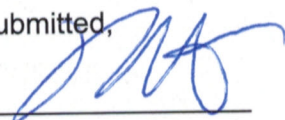
Item 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on March 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary