

**BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2016**

**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Black River Public School was called to order by President Stephanie Elhart at 5:33pm on October 17, 2016, 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:

Maria Carrizales-Alonzo, Gregory Christie, Ruth Crouch, Timothy DuMez, Stephanie Elhart, Chris McNaughton, Brian Porter

Members Absent:

Mary Mims, Tom Pietri

Staff Present:

Shannon Brunink (Head of School), Michelle Byrne (Administrative Assistant), Krista Ekdahl (BR Teacher), Tara Gorris (BR Teacher)

Public Present:

Errol Goldman (BRPS Attorney), Shane Harrelson (BR Parent), John Sanford (Axios Field Representative), Tom White (Michigan Association of School Boards)

Media Present:

None

**Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, all minutes of the board's September 19, 2016 meeting were approved upon a motion by Ms. Elhart, seconded by Mr. Christie. (7-0)

**Item 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Elhart explained that administrative and student reports were circulated prior to tonight's meeting in order to allow time for Tom White's superintendent evaluation training.

Mr. Dumez outlined the structural changes made to the Business Report. He explained that the goal is to summarize on one page with further details in the following document.

**Item 5. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business for the board to address.

**Item 6. NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by S. Elhart and supported by Mr. DuMez to sever the relationship with Charter HR ES (Axios) effective January 1, 2017 subject to final concurrence by the Board President.

Ms. Elhart introduced Mr. Tom White from The Michigan Association of School Boards who provided training on a superintendent evaluation tool now required by the State of Michigan.

**Item 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments from the public.

**Item 8. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Ms. Elhart and supported by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo to move into closed session to review a written legal opinion pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was conducted. Ayes: Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo, Mr. Christie, Ms. Crouch, Timothy DuMez, Ms. Elhart, Mr. McNaughton, Mr. Porter. Nays: None. Motion passed. The Board of Trustees moved into closed session at 7:17pm.

It was moved by Ms. Elhart and supported by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo to move out of closed session. A roll call vote was conducted. Ayes: Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo, Mr. Christie, Ms. Crouch, Timothy DuMez, Ms. Elhart, Mr. McNaughton, Mr. Porter. Nays: None. The Board of Trustees moved out of closed session at 7:42pm.

**Item 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN FORUM**

Ms. Crouch volunteered to begin next steps in vetting Foxbright to help develop the BR website.

Mr. Harrelson was recognized for he and his wife's participation in the PO Funwalk that raised over \$20,000 for Black River PO.

Mr. Sanford from Axios thanked Black River for their relationship to date and explained that Axios intends to improve their performance moving forward.


**Item 10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Ms. Elhart, seconded by Mr. McNaughton to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on November 21, 2016, at Black River Public School's Columbia Avenue campus.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mary M. Mims', written over a horizontal line.

Mary M. Mims, Secretary