

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Black River Public School was called to order by President Tom Pietri at 5:35pm on May 17, 2021, through a Zoom webinar. Recognition was made that a quorum was present through a roll call.

Item 2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Mike Camarota (Ottawa), Maria Carrizales-Alonzo (Holland), Ruth Crouch (West Olive), Craig Davis (Holland), David Kibler (Holland), Kim Mitchell (Holland), Tom Pietri (Holland)

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Bauman, Mary Mims

Staff Present:

Shannon Brunink (Head of School), Michelle Byrne (Administrative Assistant), John K. Donnelly (Dean of Students), John Zoellner (Business Director)

Public Present:

Annie Simonson, Balamuruhan Amurthalingam, Ben Vesper, Damon Cove, Elizabeth Brower, Eric Scott, Errol Goldman, farah berent, Kim Eich, Liz McManus, Mary Rynsburger, Matt Cawood, Phil, Shane Harrelson, tyler

Media Present:

None

Item 3. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Cawood administered the oath of office to Ms. Mitchell who will be serving another 3 year term on Black River's Board of Trustees.

Item 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's April 19, 2021 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (7-0)

Item 5. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Zoellner explained the April financial report and stated that the Finance Committee met. Budget Adjustment 2 is currently in progress.

Item 6. COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Mr. Brunink explained that the Covid-19 Extended Learning Plan has not changed despite some procedural shifts which he outlined. Classes are currently focused on credit recovery and the delivery of additional enrichment material. They will then transition into Project Term for the final two weeks of school.

Mr. Pietri opened the floor for public comment and there were not any brought before the board.

Motion to approve Black River's Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan as presented. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Crouch. (7-0)

Item 7. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Brunink shared that testing is ongoing and outlined the incredible work of Ms. Wise on ensuring our students have these opportunities. Staff has begun the interview process to fill open positions for next school year. Ms. Ekdahl and Ms. Schrotenboer have been working with a team of teachers developing summer school, credit recovery, camps, and food service opportunities. Mr. Brunink reiterated the mask policies and how they differ now for indoor and outdoor activities on our campus. He thanked Ms. Ekdahl along with the many chaperones that made this year's Prom possible. This year's event looked different than it usually did but had a great turn out. Ms. Phillips and Ms. Esmeier were thanked for their work on this year's Honor Assembly videos. We will have an in person graduation ceremony honoring the Class of 2021 on May 25th and Mr. Brunink outlined the details.

Item 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion to approve the contract with Black Pearl as written. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (7-0)

Mr. Pietri explained that he will join Ms. Crouch and Ms. Mims on the nomination committee to propose a slate of new officers in June.

Item 8. GVSU REPORT

Motion to accept the new Charter Renewal Contract with Grand Valley State University. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Mr. Camarota. (7-0)

Item 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Pietri read aloud questions and comments indicating that questions may be answered personally by individual members of the board after the meeting. This included questions/comments about the agenda, prom, awards ceremony, graduation, in person board meetings, and the robotics team from Shane Harrelson and Kim Eich.

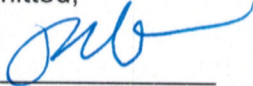
Item 10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on June 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary