

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2018

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Black River Public School was called to order by President Tom Pietri at 5:31pm on August 20, 2018, 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:

Mike Camarota, Maria Carrizales-Alonzo, Ruth Crouch, Stephanie Elhart, Mary Mims, Kim Mitchell, Tom Pietri, Brian Porter

Members Absent:

David Kibler

Staff Present:

Shannon Brunink (Head of School), Michelle Byrne (Administrative Assistant), John Donnelly (Dean of Students), Jim Levering (Elementary Administrator), John Zoellner (Business Director)

Public Present:

Bill Barker (GVSU Charter Schools Office), Errol Goldman (BRPS Attorney)

Media Present:

None

Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's June 25, 2018 meeting, were approved upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Elhart. (8-0)

Item 4. BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Zoellner distributed the June financial report and indicated that the yearly audit review is scheduled for September 11th. He is currently working on the five year projection.

Item 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Donnelly was glad to have teachers back in the building and has been pitching in to get the facility ready for the return of students. He is working with Padnos to recycle bus 20 after scavenging anything that could be utilized.

Mr. Levering explained that the elementary students had a recent meet and greet at Prospect Park. Ms. Carly Johnson will join the 4/5 team this year and they have recently posted a new Title I position.

Mr. Brunink indicated that Servpro is working to clean up water damage under the science building and both Mr. Ewald and Ms. Miskelley will begin the year with classrooms in the main building. Ms. Kaylee Nykerk took over Ms. Kelli Kruthof's position in the Special Education Department. With this move came the opportunity for Mr. Schreuder to add a 5th grade math special to support students who will transition to Black River's Middle School program. Mr. Brunink led the first of this year's inservices today which focused on student centered classrooms and establishing trust. Information regarding the enhancement millage will be going public and he will be reaching out to other charter schools to discuss how we could all benefit.

Item 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Pietri plans to utilize Black River's daily announcements to advertise the open student board representative positions.

Motion to adopt the medication policy as written. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (8-0)

Motion to adopt the Black River procedure for handling individual personnel concerns as written. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Mr. Camarota. (8-0)

Motion to approve the recommendation to GVSU that Mr. Craig Davis be added to Black River's Board of Trustees. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Crouch. (8-0)

Motion to approve the Head of School review as written. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (8-0)

Motion to continue Black River's affiliation with MHSAA for the 2018-2019 school year. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (8-0)

Item 7. GVSU UPDATE

Mr. Barker welcomed Ms. Mitchell to the BRPS Board and commended Black River on their outstanding fund balance. He administered the oath of office to Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Pietri. Both signed the corresponding documentation and it was submitted to the GVSU Charter School Office.

Item 8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for the board to address.

Item 9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the board to address.

Item 10. OPEN FORUM / COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

Item 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Crouch to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. (8-0)

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on September 17, 2018, at Black River Public School's 491 Columbia Avenue Campus.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary