

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 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 Stephanie Elhart at 5:37pm on April 16, 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, Ruth Crouch, Timothy DuMez, Stephanie Elhart, Brian Porter

Members Absent:

Maria Carrizales-Alonzo, Chris McNaughton, Mary Mims, Tom Pietri

Staff Present:

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

Public Present:

Bill Barker (GVSU Charter Schools Office), Sophia Camarota (BR Student Rep.), Abby Frankhouse (BR Student), Errol Goldman (BRPS Attorney)

Media Present:

None

Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's March 19, 2018 meeting, were approved upon a motion by Ms. Elhart, seconded by Ms. Crouch. (5-0)

Item 4. BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Zoellner stated that a request for proposal resulted in 7 companies attending a pre-bid meeting for custodial services. The bid opening will take place on May 9th. Weadock & Associates are investigating benefit options for the upcoming year. Mr. Zoellner distributed and explained the March financial report.

Item 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Donnelly shared that there were 138 registrants for the 13th Annual Rat Race and commended Roger Hernandez and Lourdes Manderfield who came in as 3rd place male and female. He recently received Ok to Say marketing and has distributed the materials in support of this initiative. On April 26th the school will hold the MS Honors Assembly at 11:30am and HS Honors Assembly at 1:30pm.

Mr. Levering explained that four elementary staff members traveled to Denver Colorado to attend this year's American Montessori Society conference and will present their findings to staff on May 1st. MStep testing was observed by a representative from the Department of Education last week and a positive report is expected.

Mr. Brunink thanked Mr. Levering for his preparation that went in to making the MStep observation such a success and indicated that BR and GVSU are looking to the future in regards to the use of NWEA. SAT, ACT WorkKeys, PSAT, MStep, and NWEA were all recently completed or are currently underway. The possible enhancement millage be a topic of discussion at Friday's Superintendent's meeting. A compensation study is underway investigating where BR teacher salaries fit in compared to other local districts. Mr. Brunink expressed his thanks for the Haworth Fund and its ability to support the robotics partnership with Holland Public Schools.

Item 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Elhart is soliciting suggestions for proposed board members and has met with the nominating committee to brainstorm beneficial skill sets. She will continue to work with Mr. Brunink on the Head of School appraisal and is working on a draft for the board. As the parents of seniors Ms. Elhart and Mr. Camarota both have the opportunity to speak at this year's graduation. Interviews will be scheduled to determine who next year's student board representatives will be.

Item 7. GVSU UPDATE

Mr. Barker congratulated Mr. Levering for being one of the top 5 finalists for the 2018 MAPSA Administrator of the Year. He also outlined a few of the highlights from a recent school safety conference he attended at the GVSU CSO.

Item 8. STUDENT REPORT

Miss Camarota explained that Student Council would like to relieve some of the stress of the upcoming exam week and has planned activities like zumba, dog petting, etc. She outlined some of the recent successes of the track team and explained the April 21st follow-up event to

the March for Our Lives. Miss Camarota had the honor of speaking at the Holland March for Our Lives event.

Miss Frankhouse outlined the current records of both the soccer and baseball teams. She also indicated that seniors have moved past the Senior Capstone submission deadline and they will present their projects at the May 24th event.

Item 9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for the board to address.

Item 10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the board.

Item 11. OPEN FORUM / COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Johns explained that Faculty Council will meet next week to set up elections for next year.

Item 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Ms. Elhart, seconded by Ms. Crouch to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. (5-0)

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on May 21, 2018, at Black River Public School's 491 Columbia Avenue Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Mims, Secretary