

**BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Special Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2020**

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 5:30pm on April 13, 2020, through a Zoom webinar. Recognition was made that a quorum was present through a roll call.

Item 2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Elizabeth Bauman, Mike Camarota, Maria Carrizales-Alonzo, Ruth Crouch, Craig Davis, David Kibler, Mary Mims, Kim Mitchell, Tom Pietri

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

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

Public Present:

Farah Berent (BR Parent), Matt Cawood (GVSU Charter Schools Office), Errol Goldman (BR Attorney), Brandie Navarro (BR Parent)

Media Present:

None

Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's February 17, 2020 meeting, were approved upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (9-0)

Item 4. CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

Mr. Brunink explained the work being done by local superintendents in conjunction with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District in order to ensure schools are meeting the needs of all students during this time. With guidance set forth by Governor Whitmer parameters have been set to allow districts to develop a Continuity of Learning Plan which will prioritize social/emotional health and support learning. Black River has selected Google Classroom and

Google Meet as the platform for the delivery of educational material. A focus on “evergreen,” always relevant activities, assignments, and lectures will allow engagement throughout the rest of the school year. Mr. Brunink addressed questions from the board and indicated that this plan will be submitted to Grand Valley State University and approved for implementation.

Item 5. LEARNING CONTINUITY AND EDUCATION GRANT

Mr. Pietri explained that Grand Valley State University has presented Black River a grant with the express purpose of supporting the Continuity of Learning Plan.

Motion to accept the Grand Valley State University Continuity of Learning grant. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Mr. Camarota. (9-0)

Item 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

Item 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on May 18, 2020, at Black River Public School’s 491 Columbia Avenue Campus.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary