

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Black River Public School was called to order by President Kim Mitchell at 5:36pm on May 16, 2022, 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:

Elisabeth Bauman, Mike Camarota, Maria Carrizales-Alonzo (5:38pm), Craig Davis, David Kibler, Kim Mitchell, Tom Pietri

Members Absent:

Ruth Crouch, 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:

Matt Cawood, Errol Goldman

Media Present:

None

Item 3. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meeting Act at 5:38pm. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Bauman with a roll call vote. (7-0)

Motion to move out of closed session at 6:10pm. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pietri with a roll call vote. (7-0)

Item 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's March 21, 2022 and March 28, 2022 meetings were approved upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pietri. (7-0)

Item 5. BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Zoellner distributed the working budget adjustment and discussed projections for the 2022-2023 school year. He also shared an estimate of budgets over the next 5 years with the board.

Item 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Donnelly was proud to share the girl's soccer victory at the Spring Thing event on Friday. Prom followed on Saturday at Warehouse 6 and Project Term begins this week. Preparations continue for the June 2nd senior graduation at Christ Memorial Church. They also highlighted Kylee Poulton's recent accomplishments explaining that she was Division 3's #1 female track athlete.

Motion to renew Black River's MHSAA membership for the 2022-2023 school year. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pietri. (7-0)

Mr. Brunink explained that the school is transitioning out of testing (MStep, PSAT, SAT, AP, NWEA) and into Project Term. Final exams took place and grades will be posted this week. He continues work with Black Pearl on the renewal of benefits and staff contracts for next school year. He outlined staffing changes and shared that we have hired a new academic counselor, Ms. Lori Roberts. Mr. Brunink also outlined work being done with the continued vapor intrusion monitoring and stated that there have been no concerns. He talked about students on track to graduate and explained that Mr. Steve Eicher has been working with students that may be able to complete credits during Project Term.

Item 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Mitchell shared that the board has interviewed Ms. Sarah Bast as a candidate for the Black River Board of Trustees as Mr. Kibler approaches the end of his term.

Motion to invite Sarah Bast to join the Black River Board of Trustees for the upcoming year. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Bauman. (7-0)

Ms. Crouch, Ms. Mitchell, and Mr. Donnelly interviewed candidates for next year's student board representatives and they have selected Ava Conklin and Finleigh Sinclair.

Item 8. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Cawood indicated that the GVSU board reappointed Ms. Mims to a new board term at their last meeting. He highlighted new Epicenter submission requirements and thanked members for their participation in the annual board member survey. He also congratulated the school on the recent US News and World Report ranking.

Item 9. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Camarota revisited the recent presentation from the Be Nice group and outlined the staff thank you that the students put together.

Item 10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the board.

Item 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo encouraged those present to peruse the amazing things happening at Black River through the school's Facebook and Twitter pages. She outlined activities such as the 5th grade graduation, 3rd grade bowling party, wax museum presentations, and the 8th grade end of year party.

Item 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on June 27, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary