

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes - Budget Hearing
June 28, 2021

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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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 K. Donnelly (Dean of Students), John Zoellner (Business Director)

Public Present:

Matt Cawood, Errol Goldman, Mary Rynsburger, Felina Salazar

Media Present:

None

Item 2. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Zoellner reviewed the 2020-2021 Final Budget as well as the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. He also presented a five year projection and took questions from members of the board.

Item 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Item 4. ADJOURN

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:29pm.



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Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's May 17, 2021 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (9-0)

Item 4. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Zoellner distributed and discussed the May financial report.

Motion to approve the final amended budget for 2020-2021. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (9-0)

Motion to accept the preliminary 2021-2022 budgets as presented. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (9-0)

Motion to approve the annual designations as amended. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Crouch. (9-0)

Motion to accept the slate of officers listed below for the 2021-2022 school year. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Bauman. (9-0)

President - Kim Mitchell
Vice President - Tom Pietri
Secretary - Mary Mims
Treasurer - Maria Carrizales-Alonzo

Item 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Donnelly outlined end of year events as well as work that will continue through the summer in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. He also explained Black River's bullying policy and reiterated the procedures in place to address these concerns.

Mr. Brunink explained that this is the last month he will bring a monthly Covid-19 Extended Learning Plan before the board. Summer learning opportunities are up and running with many students choosing to participate. Mr. Pietri solicited comments from the public specific to the Covid-19 Extended Learning Plan but there were none brought forward.

Motion to accept the Covid-19 Extended Learning Plan as presented. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Mitchell. (9-0)

Motion to continue involvement with the MHSAA for the 2021-2022 school year. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (9-0)

Motion to accept the 2021-2022 board meeting schedule as amended. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Mr. Pietri, seconded by Ms. Crouch. (9-0)

Mr. Brunink highlighted some elementary news on behalf of Mr. Levering. He also spoke about summer school procedures, as well as athletic eligibility and staffing changes.

Item 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Pietri thanked everyone for their work, indicating that something truly positive and remarkable was able to come out of a difficult year.

Ms. Crouch stated that the board has completed the annual administrator evaluation using the Michigan Association of School Boards tool.

Motion to accept the Executive Committee's highly effective rating. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Pietri. (9-0)

Item 7. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Cawood shared that the GVSU board voted to approve the renewal of Mr. Pietri's board term. He also explained that GVSU is expanding their virtual board training.

Item 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public but Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo brought up student board representatives and Mr. Pietri spoke of faculty council communications.

Item 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on August 23, 2021, at Black River Public School's 491 Columbia Avenue Campus.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary