

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2021

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 5:33pm on August 23, 2021, 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 (5:56pm), 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), Jim Levering (Elementary Administrator), John Zoellner (Business Director)

Public Present:

Matt Cawood, Amy Dykema, Brian Dykema, Errol Goldman

Media Present:

None

Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's June 28, 2021 meeting were approved upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pietri (8-0)

Item 4. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Zoellner explained that the State of Michigan approved our application to continue our food service program with Aramark. They have also approved funding to cover free meals for all students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion to approve the food service contract with Aramark for the 2021-2022 school year. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Crouch (8-0)

Mr. Zoellner indicated that the audit went well, resulting in no findings, and a Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled in September.

Item 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Levering highlighted some of the back to school events and preparations and shared that having everyone back in the building has been therapeutic.

Mr. Donnelly explained that Covid-19 mitigation measures continue and thanked the incredible team working behind the scenes that has helped to get everything in place for the start of the year.

Mr. Brunink outlined staffing changes and the week's inservices. He also explained the reasoning behind the mask mandate and how he always strives to enforce necessary policies while respecting varying opinions.

Item 6. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Cawood reminded the board that GVSU has expanded their virtual board training opportunities.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for the board to address.

Item 8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the board.

Item 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Dykema read a prepared statement in response to accessibility work on Black River's campus and shared her hopes for future changes.

Item 10. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move into closed session at 6:13pm to review a written legal opinion pursuant to section 8h of the open meetings act. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Bauman through a roll call vote. (9-0)

Item 11. OPEN SESSION

Motion to come out of closed session at 6:39pm. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Crouch through a roll call vote. (9-0)

Item 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on September 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary