

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 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 November 17, 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, Maria Carrizales-Alonzo, Ruth Crouch, Craig Davis, David Kibler, Kim Mitchell, Tom Pietri

Members Absent:

Mike Camarota, Mary Mims

Staff Present:

Shannon Brunink (Head of School), Michelle Byrne (Administrative Assistant), John K. Donnelly (Dean of Students), Krista Ekdahl (BR Teacher), John Zoellner (Business Director)

Public Present:

Matt Cawood, Errol Goldman, Hailey Huggett, Hannah Huggett, Kelly Huggett, Molly Huggett, Nolan Meier

Media Present:

None

Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's October 18, 2021 meeting were approved upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pietri. (7-0)

Item 4. BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Zoellner distributed the October Financial report and discussed the switch to Horizon Bank.

Motion to approve the 10 year loan with Horizon Bank. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (7-0)

Item 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Donnelly was thrilled to share the success of Black River's Varsity Boys Soccer team who were named this year's regional champions. He was also able to attend a recent professional development with GVSU's Charter Schools Office and greatly appreciated the one on one experience.

Mr. Brunink turned things over to the Green Team for a presentation on composting. Hailey Huggett, Hannah Huggett, Molly Huggett, and Nolan Meier each shared the benefits of composting, results of a waste audit for Black River's campus, and addressed obstacles/concerns that are anticipated in the implementation of this program.

Mr. Brunink indicated that Covid has continued to be a focal point. BR has experienced an uptick in cases but is not considered an outbreak at this time. He outlined Ottawa County's data and explained how this has resulted in staffing shortages. The county's mask mandate will lift on January 2nd and schools will then implement masking requirements individually. Mr. Brunink has asked Dr. Stephanie Grant to present about trauma tied to Covid-19 and the need for self care at the November 23 professional development. Elementary will also focus on Right Start Math.

Mr. Brunink also reiterated the accomplishments of the Varsity Boys Soccer team sharing how impressed he was with their discipline and ability to handle adversity. He also shared that the BR Theatre Company had a wonderful performance of Clue.

Mr. Brunink indicated that they are working to schedule the next Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Davis shared that he greatly appreciated the efficiency of virtual parent teacher conferences. And Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo noted that teacher wishlists could be posted virtually if done again.

Item 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion to ratify the public comment guidelines. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pietri. (7-0)

Ms. Mitchell shared that she was able to meet with Ms. Megan Koops-Fisher and discussed the Ready for School program.

Item 7. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Cawood explained that GVSU is finalizing the 2021 Academic Grant Awards and the annual school performance reports will be available in January. They are conducting the school operations survey and the virtual board training series continues.

Item 8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for the board to address.

Item 9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the board.

Item 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

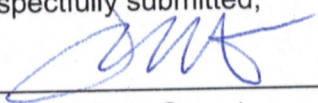
Item 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on December 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary