

**BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 16, 2017**

**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Black River Public School was called to order by President Stephanie Elhart at 5:33pm on January 16, 2017, 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:

Maria Carrizales-Alonzo, Ruth Crouch, Timothy DuMez, Stephanie Elhart, Tom Pietri, Brian Porter

Members Absent:

Gregory Christie, Chris McNaughton, Mary Mims

Staff Present:

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

Public Present:

Delaney Cavanagh (BR Student), Officer Dave Cyrus (HPD), Douglas Danckaert (BR Parent), Lynel Danckaert (BR Parent), Cheryl Edwards-Canon (GVSU Charter Schools Office), Abby Frankhouse (BR Student), Errol Goldman (BRPS Attorney), Kacie Munoa (BR Parent), Brandie Navarro (BR Parent)

Media Present:

None

**Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, all minutes of the board's December 19, 2016 meeting were approved upon a motion by Ms. Elhart, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (6-0)

**BR Board Disciplinary Committee on December 15, 2016**

It was moved by Ms. Elhart and supported by Mr. Pietri to ratify the action of the Board Disciplinary Committee where it was determined that Student X be expelled for knowingly and repeatedly bringing a dangerous weapon (knife) to school and lying about it to school officials. Student X was found to be in violation of section 13 of Black River's Code of Conduct and the Dangerous Weapons provision. The motion passed 6-0.

#### **Item 4. ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Brunink welcomed Officer Cyrus and thanked the Holland Police Department for the consultation they continue to provide on campus safety.

Mr. Levering explained that Odyssey of the Mind has begun in the elementary and he is continuing work on the community building event where families can attend a Grand Rapids Griffins game. In the recent Spelling Bee Jahnvi Pentakota and Mary Catherine Leahy took first and second place respectively. For the Geography Bee, Jonathan Fink took first place, Aanya Usmani took second place, and Charlee Reither took third place. He was also proud to share that Mrs. Christy Schreiber was last week's Holland Sentinel Classroom Spotlight.

Mr. Donnelly shared that Students took part in a variety of service events in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Rat Race sign-up is now open. Ms. Ginny Grinzinger and Ms. Cessie Wright are leading the preparations for this event and it will take place on April 22, 2017. Ratfest will take place from 4-8pm on Saturday, January 21st and Snowcoming events will follow the week after.

Mr. Brunink said that work continues for the March AdvancEd external review and Title I Audit. He was proud to share that the Mackinac Center ranked Black River as the highest rated High School in Ottawa County. Mrs. Nicole Klunder is in the midst of Open Enrollment. The New Parent Info Night was pushed back due to weather and will take place on Thursday, January 19th. Mr. Brunink explained that a draft of next year's school calendar is in the works and it will mirror this year's major dates. He also noted that the HR change to Black Pearl has been incredibly smooth.

#### **Item 5. BUSINESS REPORT**

Mr. Zoellner echoed Mr. Brunink's remarks regarding the Black Pearl transition. He distributed the December Financial Reports. He also distributed the Budget Adjustment #1 and explained the unexpected changes.

**Motion to approve** Budget Adjustment #1 resolution for adoption by the Board of Trustees of Black River Public School passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Elhart, seconded by Ms. Carrizales-Alonzo. (6-0)

#### **Item 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Elhart reminded the board of the New Parent Info Night on Thursday as well as the Open House scheduled for February 4th. She encouraged board members to attend and students to sign up as tour guides.

Ms. Elhart distributed policies regarding safe and disruptive free school zones and indicated that a website compliance policy will be presented next month.

**Motion to accept** Board Policy 5502 - Dangerous Weapon and Disruptive-Free Zones. The resolution passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Elhart, seconded by Mr. Pietri. (6-0)

Ms. Crouch indicated that the school has signed a contract with SchoolPointe and have chosen a template. A website survey was circulated to parents and we have received input as to how the new website can best be utilized.

#### **Item 7. GVSU UPDATE**

Ms. Edwards-Canon distributed the 2015-2016 Charter Schools Office Report.

#### **Item 8. STUDENT REPORT**

Miss Cavanagh explained that Student Council is continuing to work with staff to distribute more plants throughout the buildings and shared student concerns about parking.

Miss Frankhouse shared that committees continue their work to prepare for the Snowcoming events. The pep rally has been moved to the end of the day on Friday to keep the school spirit momentum going into that evening's games.

#### **Item 9. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business for the board to address.

#### **Item 10. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the board.

#### **Item 11. PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM**

Kacie Munoa, Lynel Danckaert, and Douglas Danckaert all shared campus safety concerns with the board.

#### **Item 12. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on February 20, 2017, at Black River Public School's Columbia Avenue campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary M. Mims, Secretary