

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the District Office Board Room.

School Board President, Brad Dobbs, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Brad Dobbs, Troy Webb, Tom Epps, Mary Jo Radcliffe, Ann Dehmer, Nick Helstad.

Board Members Absent: Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Brad Dobbs confirmed the public hearing notice with Marti Herzberg.

Brad Dobbs made a motion to move agenda item 6.1 Focus on Purpose – 6th – 8th Grade Social Studies to prior to the Public Comment section of the meeting. Mary Jo Radcliffe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Tony Boerger, Jessica Young, Jacob Rakow and Adam Yirkovsky updated the board members on the work taking place in 6th – 8th grade social studies.

Two community members registered and spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Luke Madsen and Kim Penza updated the board members on the recovery plans from the incident that occurred on February 8, 2023.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the WIAA Boys and Girls Hockey Co-op Agreement Renewals. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve a resolution to submit a waiver to DPI to request August 29, 2023, as the first day of the 2023-2024 school year. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Nick Helstad updated the board members on the most recent Community Engagement Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The board members reviewed the employment information. Approvals were not required.

Dr. Sullivan and Dan Nortman highlighted the positive trajectory the achievement at the Middle School has been on. They also highlighted the hard work and positive efforts of the staff which is the reason behind these increases.

Melanie Floyd and Brandon Jahr updated the board members on the achievement gap reduction mid-year report for Forrest Street Elementary School and Red Creek Elementary School.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented.

Dr. Severson updated the board members on the flooring and masonry work still needed at Forrest Street Elementary School.

Jill Collins updated the board members on the cost of the August vandalism at Forrest Street Elementary School, which is currently at \$1,452,321.22.

Jill Collins reviewed the 2021-2022 audited financial statements. Brad Dobbs moved to approve the statements as presented. Tom Epps seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jill Collins reviewed the 2022-2023 budget revisions. Mary Jo Radcliffe

moved to approve the revisions as presented. Ann Dehmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jill Collins reviewed several scenarios for the possible 2023-2024 budget and shared that the team is not ready with recommendations due to the lack of a state biennium budget. With no changes to the funding formula, the District has a large deficit to fill. We will continue to watch Madison for more information. Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the building budget center allocations as presented so that buildings can get their budgets put together. Brad Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Ann Dehmer moved to approve the second reading of policies 458 School Wellness, 383 Animals on School Grounds, 610 Fiscal Management Goals, 620 Annual Operating Budget, 621 Budget Planning, 622 Fiscal Year, 624 Budget Implementation, 625 Fund Transfer Authority, 630 Debt Management, 661 Depository of Funds. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe moved to approve the meeting minutes from the January 2, 2023 special school board meeting and the January 16, 2023 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Tom Epps seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Severson's district administrator's report included:

- John Thurow has initiated an All Kids Bike fundraising drive.
- Interviews for the Community Health Worker will be held tomorrow.

Brandon Jahr and Rachael Gamroth presented information on events happening at Red Creek Elementary School.

Tom Epps reported on his work at the State Education Convention.

Dr. Severson reported on items from the American Association of School Administrators Convention.

School Board Connection Opportunities: The School Musical will be held the weekend of March 3, 2023. Uncle Pancake will be at Forrest Street on February 23, 2023.

Future Agenda Items –

- Information on food waste.
- Dr. Severson will add "action needed" in her board meeting notes.
- The possibility of a board retreat.
- All board members should sign the Code of Ethics every year.

At 8:31 p.m. Brad Dobbs moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (l) (c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of discussing administrative contracts. A roll call vote was taken and passed 6-0.

At 9:45 p.m. Tom Epps moved to adjourn. Troy Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mary Jo Radcliffe, Clerk Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary

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**Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education**  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, February 27, 2023

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Jeff Arzt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6 Principal Corey Peterson, Building & Grounds Director Dan Stetzer. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Geoffrey Rozek, Kim Sacia, Becky Whalen, Kathy Dunn & Shane Zeman. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrator's Report:** Regional and state level competitions for academic and athletic activities are ramping up this week and into March. Unfortunately, our girl's basketball season ended in Bangor last Friday evening. Boy's basketball will begin regional level competition Tuesday night vs. Cadott. Gymnast Abby Miller will advance to state for the fourth year in a row, on Saturday in WI Rapids. Four wrestlers made it to state individual competition. DECA is competing at state through Wednesday. Three students are attending and one of them, Brianna Baker, interviewed for a prestigious state officer position today. Mock Trial team heads to state this weekend and Academic Decathlon teams will compete next weekend at state with the hopes of going to Nationals in Frisco, TX. Musically, the district hosted Solo/Ensemble competition on February 19 with several Class A state qualifiers.

**Legislative update:** Governor Evers released the details of the 23-25 biennial budget on February 15. His budget asks for an increase of 2.6 billion dollars. It is very early in the process and the legislature is not in agreement with the Governor so this is far from what the final budget will look like.

There is a grant opportunity for the district called FEMA BRIC grant. This grant would allow us to apply for a building grant that would be funded by the federal government. More information will be forthcoming

**Open Forum:** None.

**Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through January. Motion by Whalen, second by Dunn to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$3,422,371.20 Motion carried 6-0.

**Other Business:**

1. After a presentation from Jason Stevenson of WI Bus Sales, a motion by Whalen, second by Sacia, to approve the purchase of a Bluebird EV (electric) bus from WI Bus Sales for \$375,000. This purchase is funded by an EPA grant the district received in the amount of \$375,000. Motion carried 6-0.
2. WASB Search Con-

sultant Fran Finco presented the results of the community superintendent search survey and focus group meetings conducted earlier this month.

3. Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote, to adjourn to Executive Session 19.85 1(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation of personnel at 7:03 p.m.
4. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn, to reconvene to Open Session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Motion by Blaken, second by Rozek, to approve the request for the high school football team to attend an overnight camp in Ladysmith. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Dunn, second by Sacia, to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia, to approve the cost of RFP (Request for Proposal) for the greenhouse and additional classroom project by River Valley Architects. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Sacia, second by Dunn, to approve the cost of RFP (Request for Proposal) for the gym project by River Valley Architects. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia, to approve providing \$3,000 for the US Cellular Broadband expansion grant for Jackson County. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Motion by Blaken, second by Dunn, to accept the resignation of assistant high school baseball coach Jed Jenniges. Motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken, to approve hiring Lauren Koss as assistant high school Track & Field coach; Anne Wachter-Labus as head junior high Track & Field coach; Ashlyn Waughtal as assistant junior high Track & Field coach and Mallory Seever as part-time paraprofessional. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Dunn, second by Zeman, to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray  
Recorder of Minutes  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DONNA R. MILLER  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 23PR19  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 7/17/1940, and date of death 2/25/2023, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N4898 HWY 27, Black River Falls, WI, 54615.
3. All interested persons have waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is JULY 7, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the JACKSON

County Courthouse, 307 MAIN ST, BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wisconsin, REGISTER IN PROBATE C207.

/s/ Elizabeth Storlie  
Probate Registrar  
March 28, 2023  
Sondalle Law Office, LLC – Daniel D. Sondalle  
PO Box 236  
Princeton, WI 54968  
920-295-6477  
Bar Number 1019311  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
BETTY JANE SCHWARTZ  
DOD: 12/09/2022  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 23PR12  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was

filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/07/1931, and date of death 12/09/2022, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N9935 US Highway 12, Merrillan, WI, 54754
3. All interested persons have waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 7, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room REGISTER IN PROBATE C207.

/s/ Elizabeth Storlie  
Probate Registrar  
March 29, 2023  
Benjamin D. Ludeman  
Weld Riley, SC  
PO Box 1030,  
Eau Claire, WI 54702-1030  
(715) 839-7786  
Bar Number: 1101314  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids for Mill Street Improvements will be received by the Village of Hixton, Village Clerk at the Village Hall, 145 E. Main Street, Hixton, WI 54635, by 10:00 a.m., local time, on April 12, 2023; and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The work, in general, will include the approximate quantities and items listed below:

Remove Asphalt	360 sy
Excavation	330 cy
Crushed Aggregate Base Course	110 cy
Breaker Rock	170 cy
Hot Mix Asphalt	400 sy

The proposals shall be submitted on the forms furnished with the specifications. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check payable to the owner equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal or a bid bond of a bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal. This proposal guarantee shall be subject to forfeiture as provided by law.

Complete digital project bidding documents can be downloaded at [www.cedarcorp.com](http://www.cedarcorp.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Reference QuestCDN project number 8396629 for a nonrefundable charge of \$50. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, and downloading digital project information. The QuestCDN website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

**This project is being partially funded by a Local Road Improvement MSILT Program, which consists of roadway reconstruction of the existing street including removals, hot mix asphalt pavement, crushed aggregate base course, breaker run, and geogrid.**

Proposals shall not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date of opening. The Village of Hixton reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals and to waive any informalities therein.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
JACKSON COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on April 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. on the following:

- **CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST #2023-09** as requested by Alexis Barta, on property known as Lot 48 located in the SW1/4-NE1/4, Section 18, T21N, R3W, Town of Brockway, Jackson County, WI. The request is to allow for the operation of a Short-Term rental property in the R-2 (Residential) District.
- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2023-10** as requested by Dennis Dyon, on property located in the NW1/4-SE1/4, Section 32, T20N, R1E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5 acres of the A2(Forestry and Limited Agriculture)District to the R-2(Residential) District for the construction of a single-family cabin home.
- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2023-11** as requested by Robert Birmingham on property known as Lot 1 located in the NW1/4-NW1/4, Section 15, T22N, R2W, Town of Komensky, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5 acres of the A-2(Forestry and Limited Agriculture District to the R-2(Residential) District for the construction of a single-family cabin home.
- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2023-12** as requested by Melissa Sandoval, on property known as Lot 11 located in the NE1/4-SE1/4, Section 9, T20N, R3W, Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 8 acres of the R-2 (Residential) District to the B-2(outlying business) District for the opening of a business to include car detailing and towing.

The petitioner or their agent must attend the County's Public Hearing.

Jackson County Zoning Department  
307 Main Street, Courthouse  
Black River Falls WI 54615  
715-284-0220  
Jonathan.Hemp@Jacksoncountywisc.gov  
Rebecca.Ayers@Jacksoncountywisc.gov  
Dustin.McCune@Jacksoncountywisc.gov

This public hearing is being held so that the Committee may hear those persons who have an interest in the proposed changes and they will consider all input presented which will aid in their decision-making process. The decision of the Committee to either grant, conditionally grant or to deny any conditional use or subdivision request will be finalized at this public hearing. The Committee, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the full County Board for their final decision to either grant, conditionally grant, or to deny any proposed zone changes. Should you desire more information regarding the proposals, please call or visit the Jackson County Zoning Department, Telephone Number (715) 284-0220.

A Notice of this Petition will be forwarded to the Town Board. The Town officials will discuss this request and return a "TOWNSHIP POSITION" form. Thus, the Petitioner SHOULD contact the Town Chairman to explain his/her proposal and answer their questions. An effort has also been made to notify adjoining landowners of the proposal/s, so that they may contact the Town Chairman for more information and/or voice their concerns. To ensure that those interested have been notified, please share this notice with your neighbors. CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK FOR TOWN MEETING DATE and TIME.

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Dated this 22nd day of March 2023.

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NOTICE TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
FRANKLIN TOWN HALL

Bree Lien, Clerk WNAXLP

TOWN OF CURRAN  
ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
7:00 PM - Curran Town Hall  
The April board meeting will immediately follow adjournment of the annual meeting.

Michelle Schwenneker, Clerk WNAXLP

TOWN OF ALBION  
REGULAR  
MONTHLY MEETING  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
at the Albion Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.  
Regular monthly agenda will be followed.  
Notice will be posted in regular posting places.

Joan Hanson, Clerk WNAXLP

TOWN OF ADAMS  
ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the town hall.

The Regular Monthly Meeting will immediately follow the annual meeting.

Dale Ann Bohac, Clerk WNAXLP



## 2023 state trail passes available for purchase

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds outdoor recreators that 2023 state trail passes are now available. Get outdoors this spring with access to some of the most scenic areas in Wisconsin, including thousands of miles of trails and a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. The 2023 state trail passes are valid from the date of

purchase through Dec. 31, 2023. A state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older biking, in-line skating, horseback riding or off-highway motorcycling on specific state trails. A state trail pass is not required for walking or hiking. Trails that require a pass are in state parks, forests and recreation areas and standalone state trails. Signs are

posted at trailheads on the trails that require a state trail pass. County and local trails in Wisconsin may have their own fees, and state trail passes are not valid at those trails. "Our 700 miles of equestrian trails and thousands of bike miles provide outside recreation, enjoyment and health and wellness opportunities to millions of visitors each year," said Steve Schmelzer, Parks and Recreation Management Bureau director. "State trail pass sales help DNR staff maintain these trails, both our linear trails and those heavily used trails inside of parks and forests for bikes and horses, and it helps us continue to expand the network of available miles to residents and out-of-state visitors alike."

Annual trail passes are \$25 for residents and non-residents. A \$5 state trail day pass is also available. State trail passes are available only at individual properties, licensed vendors or self-registration stations. Trail fee revenues are used for maintaining and operating state trails and trails in state parks, forests and recreation areas. These costs include dealing with erosion, trash removal, maintaining safe surfaces, trimming brush, removing fallen trees and law

enforcement. A 2023 state park and forest annual vehicle admission sticker or a day pass for admission to parks, forests, and recreation areas may be required for entry in addition to the state trail pass. For more information on Wisconsin state trail passes, visit the DNR state trail pass website.



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