

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Black River Public School was called to order by President Tom McGough at 5:31pm on December 15, 2025, 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:

Matt Benson, Abe Carillo, Craig Davis, Kim Koeman, TJ McDonald, Tom McGough, Mary Mims

Members Absent:

Sarah Bast, Elisabeth Bauman

Staff Present:

Shannon Brunink (Head of School), Michelle Byrne (Administrative Assistant), Rachel Carlson (Business Director), Jim Levering (Elementary Administrator), Adam Naylor-Tatterson (BR Teacher)

Public Present:

Arabella Benson, Bethany, Gina Buma, Jonathan Buma, Megan Hanneken, Courtney Stahl, Taylor

Media Present:

None

Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, all minutes of the Board's November 17, 2025 meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. McGough, seconded by Mr. McDonald. (7-0)

Item 4. BUSINESS REPORT

Ms. Carlson discussed the financial report and explained that we have received the first two payments from the State of Michigan as expected. She reminded the board that the state's fiscal year is different than that of education and that they are on track to present Budget Adjustment 1 in January.

Item 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Brunink explained that Mr. Donnelly continues to work very hard with student safety and behavior. He outlined the 31aa funds offered through the state and indicated that schools are waiting on more information to help understand the parameters. Final grades for the first semester will be posted to Infinite Campus next Tuesday and staff continues to work to educate families on this resource. Mr. Brunink explained annual inspections and details on what all goes in to the decision of calling a snow day.

Mr. Levering outlined the end of the semester in the elementary building and shared that he plans to present on their behavior protocols and tiers of support next semester. He then shared a presentation on behalf of the Title I team led by Christin Lankheet. He explained how they provide extra academic support in math, reading, and writing and the difference between Title I and an IEP. Outlining data and trends from the program he shared how proud he is of the work their staff is putting in to support their students.

Item 6. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Naylor-Tatterson reported that the most recent Faculty Council event, a holiday party, was very well attended. The yearly faculty survey will be available soon and will help guide the committee when developing their next set of charges.

Item 7. STUDENT REPORT

Miss Benson provided a sports highlight and indicated that indoor practices have taken place for some off season sports. The sailing team placed 7th in the nation during the Florida competition. Upcoming events include Friday's Joe Schuler memorial games, Orchestra, Choir, and Band performances, as well as the Student Council sock hop fundraising for Toys for Tots.

Item 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. McGough thanked Mr. Brunink for his thoughtful snow day determinations and acknowledged the challenges of evaluating the big picture.

Item 9. GVSU REPORT

Ms. Stahl plans to present the school performance report at the January meeting. Impact 30 grant notifications will go out later this week and she reminded the board of the terms set to end this year. She also outlined upcoming board training opportunities.

Item 10. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for the board to address.

Item 11. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Koeman asked about the upcoming half days and it was explained that teachers will be completing final grades at all levels for the semester.

Item 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Buma shared their family's experience with the Title I program.

Item 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on January 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary M. Mims, Secretary