

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY/CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room.
- II. Roll Call: Board Committee members Lea Breuer, Emilie Mumm, and Kerri Schier were present. Also present: Dr. Athey and Carol Harris.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- IV. Dr. Athey noted that public notice of the meeting was provided on July 30, 2015 at 9:08 AM and again on Aug. 3, 2015 at 3:33 PM with an amended agenda.
- V. The following subject matters were discussed:
 - A. **District Wellness Policy** –The WI Department of Public Instruction completed an audit early this summer at the RRSD. Based on the audit, the District needs to adopt an updated Wellness Policy. The District also needs to make two specific changes in food service practices prior to the start of the 2015/16 school year: **a)** relocate a beverage vending machine from the Patch Grove Cafeteria to somewhere within the High School wing of the building where 4-8 grade students cannot access the vending machine during the school day (8 AM to 3:15 PM). And, **b)** ensure that only “smart snack” items are served by the Food Service The Committee looked at the current Wellness Policy for River Ridge and a wellness policy developed last year by the Dodgeville School District. The Committee also discussed interest in appointing a district Wellness Committee that would be active during the school year.
 - B. **Academic Standards, Required Annual Board Approval of Academic Standards, and Required Annual Notice to Parents of Academic Standards** –WI school district boards are now required to **a)** annually, include an agenda item for the first school board meeting of the school year (i.e., the first meeting after July 1) that clearly identifies the academic standards adopted by the board that will be in effect for the school year in the core content areas of English, Reading, Math, Social Studies and Science.* WI School Boards are also required to **b)** annually, notify parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district of the academic standards to be used for the upcoming school year prior to start of the school term.* ***NOTE:** These requirements became effective July 14, 2015.

Dr. Athey noted that the RRSD has adopted the Wisconsin Academic Standards and has aligned the District curriculum to those standards. <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>

An action item will be placed on the August 12 RRSD Board Agenda for the Board to act on the new state requirements. Once the Board reaffirms that RRSD has adopted the WI Academic Standards and has aligned the District curriculum to those standards, the information will be shared with district parents/guardians via the district's website.
 - C. **Plan for Updating RRSD Policies** – In 2013, the WASB was retained to review the school district's policy manual and to recommend and prioritize needed policy updates. WASB has agreed to refresh the 2013 review and incorporate new school policy requirements that have emerged since 2013. The Committee discussed a summary of the 2013 review by WASB. Lea Breuer will review updates that the Board made during the 2013-14 school year and report back at the August Policy/Curriculum meeting.
- VI. **Member suggestions and recommendations for future items** – Lea Breuer asked that the policy for public participation guidelines for school board meetings be reviewed.

Next Meeting – The next Policy/Curriculum meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 5:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:45 P.M. made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Emilie Mumm. On voice vote, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.