

River Ridge School District  
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting  
April 12, 2017

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Wednesday on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in the Multipurpose Room of the Elementary/Middle/High School located at 11165 County P, Patch Grove WI. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order - Committee Chair Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call - Board committee members present: Cory Moravits, Kenny Nies and Cory Raisbeck. Also in attendance were Superintendent/Elementary Principal Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, Maintenance Director Troy Marshall, 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal Clay Koenig, and Jason Cathman.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Proof of Giving Public Notice - Cory Moravits stated that the meeting was properly noticed on April 7, 2017, at 4:00 pm. Kenny Nies declared this an official meeting.
- V. Appearances - Darlene Mueller expressed concern that budget information no longer appears in the monthly newsletters. She asked why and if there was a possibility she could access/receive that information. Kevin Kocer responded by saying many districts have gone away from putting budget information in newsletters. Kenny Nies asked Darlene if we could just provide her with the information from now on. She said she would appreciate that.
- VI. Energy Efficiency Project Funds - Kevin Kocer explained that the board received a premium during the bond issuance of approximately \$153,000. He explained that this amount needs to go into debt service, but a direct levy for an energy efficiency project could be used in the same amount to keep the proposed tax rate level. A decision needs to be made prior to June 30, 2017. Committee chair Nies said the question will be brought to the full board.
- VII. Approve 2017-18 Transportation Rates with WARCO Transportation - Doug and Tim Hoffman from WARCO were in attendance. On Wednesday, April 5, Doug, Tim and Tom Hoffman met with Dr. Athey and Kevin Kocer regarding 2017/18 transportation rates. Kocer said the proposed 2017/18 rates represent a \$13,400 (2.83%) increase over 2016/17 rates. WARCO says the increase is due to a number of factors (e.g., gas costs, extra trips, calculations of routes needed, etc.). The Buildings & Grounds Committee will recommend approval of the 2017/18 rates to the Board.
- VIII. Maintenance Director Position - Dr. Athey said Troy Marshall has accepted a position as the Maintenance Director for the Columbus School District in Wisconsin.

- A. Letter of Resignation - The Buildings & Grounds Committee will recommend approval of the resignation to the Board.
- B. Decision to Post - Kenny Nies recommended discussion of whether to post for a Director of Maintenance position be taken up by the full board at tonight's 6:00 p.m. board meeting. Discussion was tabled until then.
- IX. Approve Certified Survey for Property Acquisition - Kocer said the district's acquisition of land from Roy and Mickey Quick was finalized on March 28, 2017. Attorney Eileen Brownlee recommends the board approve this action so that the Certified Survey Map (CSM) can be forwarded onto the county. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will recommend that the full board approve the CSM at tonight's 6:00 p.m. board meeting.
- X. Parking Lot Concerns - Raisbeck asked if this agenda item could be addressed before the WARCO representatives left. He wanted to know if WARCO believes the parking situation has improved since 10 parking spots have been reserved before and after school for drop-off and pick-up. School officials posted signs about this change in the parking lot. Notes were sent home with students and information provided in the monthly newsletter and school webpage. WARCO said that this action has helped with drivers parking in lined spaces and not elsewhere. The bus company does not believe this to be a problem. They did say that next year when all the children attend school in Patch Grove more parking spots for drop-off/pick-up may be needed. School officials may want to encourage drop-off and pick-ups happening on the south side of the school.
- XI. Maintenance Director's Report
- Marshall said he had sent out an email two weeks ago that the BAV boxes (re: boiler) could be an energy efficiency project. It would save the district \$10,000. He said one boiler system could heat the entire school building if this work is done. Troy said Kraemer Brothers has this figured in their plans.
  - Bleachers purchased out of premium holiday insurance money last year have been assembled and placed by the softball field.
  - Kraemer Brothers has said they would take care of assembling playground equipment when the construction project is completed. Marshall said he would also like to get cost estimates from Burke, where the playground equipment was purchased. Burke may be able to do it for less and we would be assured that the equipment is assembled correctly. Marshall mentioned that there is also playground equipment for the 4K - 1<sup>st</sup> grade playground that has not yet been assembled.
  - Marshall has talked to Spahn and Rose (Prairie du Chien, WI) about materials the River Ridge School District purchased for building football storage shed. Spahn and Rose would credit for the materials, minus the trusses, which would amount to getting about \$4,000

back. The size of the storage shed would be 32" x 24". Kenny Nies recommended keeping the materials for now until we decide if/where the building should be built.

- Winona Controls will be at RRSD next week to start running pipe from the basement to the elementary wing. The project involves CESA 10, Richmond Brothers, and Winona Controls.

XII. Future of the Bloomington Site - Athletic Director Winkers says there is no WIAA requirement for access to a building during storms/lightning. Teams may use buses for shelter. Winkers would prefer that athletes be able to shower at the Upper Elementary school after games rather than having to shower at the high school in Patch Grove. There is a prospective buyer for the Bloomington School. The Buildings and Grounds Committee planned to meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 5 pm to identify terms for a contract to be drafted by Eileen Brownlee. The Building and Grounds Committee will invite the prospective buyer to meet with the Committee on May 10.

XIII. Baseball Field Lights – Marshall said spring sports for RRSD are scheduled out through the next two years. Our game starting times are early because there has been no decision about the baseball field lights. The Board has three years to make a decision on whether to spend 2017 referendum funds for baseball lights.

XIV. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items – there were none.

XV. Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – 5:00 pm in Superintendent's Office/Board Room

XVI. Adjournment: Moravits moved to adjourn; second by Raisbeck. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.