

River Ridge School District Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, August 25, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education held a special board meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016. The meeting was held in the ES/MS/HS Multi-purpose Room located at 11165 County Hwy P, PatchGrove, WI.

- I. **Call to Order** – School Board President Ken Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Board members present: Jason Cathman, Cory Moravits, Kerri Schier and Ken Nies. Board members absent: Dave Breuer, Emilie Mumm, and Cory Raisbeck. Others present: Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, and members of the public.
- III. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- IV. **Statement of Public Notice** – Clerk Cory Moravits reported that the notice of tonight’s meeting was given at 10 AM on August 23, 2016. Motion by Cathman that the meeting was properly noticed. Second by Schier. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- V. Appearances – No one from the audience addressed the board at this time.
- VI. **Long Range Plan Discussion**
 - A. **Financial Presentation** – Carol Wirth, from Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals, LLC, made a presentation on the assumptions and considerations related to the referendum questions on the August 25 Board agenda. She also reviewed an analysis of projected operating revenue limit and expenditures. She explained the financial impact of proceeding with a referendum in November and answered questions posed by board members.
 - B. **Initial Resolution Number 1 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$9,500,000** –Wirth read aloud Resolution I to authorize general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,500,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of combining current district facilities to create on pre-K – 12th grade campus at the Patch Grove site, including classroom and gymnasium additions, remodeling and renovation projects, energy efficiency improvements, site and baseball field improvements, acquiring related furnishings, fixtures, and equipment, and refinancing a state trust fund load issued to provide interim financing for purposes described above. Moravits moved to adopt Resolution I as presented. Second by Cathman. The motion carried on a 4 to 0 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, and Schier voting “Yes”. There were no “No” votes.
 - C. **Initial Resolution Number II Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to Exceed \$1,500,000** –Wirth read aloud Resolution II pertaining to authorizing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of financing improvements to the athletics fields at the Patch Grove site. Schier moved to adopt Resolution II as presented. Cathman seconded. The motion carried on a 4 to 0 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, and Schier voting “Yes”. There were no “No” votes.
 - D. **Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Questions of the Approval of Initial Resolutions Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$11,000,000** –Wirth explained that this resolution adds together the dollar amounts from Resolution I and Resolution II to take to referendum on November 8, 2016. Wirth read aloud the 7 sections contained in this resolution:
 - Section 1 – Referendum Election date of November 8, 2016

- Section 2 - Notice to Electors (what notices need to be filed and the timelines)
- Section 3 – Polling places and hours
- Section 4 – Referendum Election Officials
- Section 5 – Official Referendum Ballot Forms
- Section 6 – Canvases (certifying the returns of the referendum election)
- Section 7 – DPI Notice (notifying DPI of the date of the referendum election and providing them with copies of the initial resolutions)

Cathman moved to adopt the resolution providing for a Referendum Election. Second by Moravits. The motion carried on a 4 to 0 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, and Schier voting “Yes”. There were no “No” votes.

- E. **Board discussion of Agreement with McKinstry Essention, LLC for Pre-referendum Services** – The Board declined approval of a pre-referendum agreement proposed by McKinstry and requested further discussion with McKinstry regarding a walk away fee for the work done to-date on architectural drawings for the district. Implied in the motion is that the architectural drawings become the property of the River Ridge School District. Motion by Moravits, second by Cathman. The motion carried on a 4 to 0 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, and Schier voting “Yes”. There were no “No” votes.
- F. **Board discussion of Authorizing to Contact Additional Contractors** – The Board authorized Administration to contact two contractors, in addition to McKinstry, pertaining to costs and timelines for the referendum projects. Motion by Cathman, second by Schier. It was recommended that all three contractors be invited to the Board’s September 13th meeting to speak to the full board. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. **Appearances**

Nelda Krogman expressed concern about the cost of the referendum projects (\$9,500,000 for Resolution I and \$1,500,000 for Resolution 2).

Greg Patterson asked for clarification as to whether the two referendum questions can stand by themselves. Carol Wirth said that there will be two separate questions on the ballot; Resolution I pertaining to the new construction, remodeling and energy efficiencies at Patch Grove and, Resolution II pertaining to the athletic complex at Patch Grove. She said if Resolution I fails and Resolution II passes, the Board would not have to move forward with the athletic complex.

VIII. **Information**

A. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. Technology Committee – Tuesday, September 6 at 7:15 am
- ii. Policy and Curriculum Committee – Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 5:15 pm
- iii. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:00 pm
- iv. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Tuesday, September 13 at 5:00 pm
- v. Regular Board meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm

B. **Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items** –

Kerri Schier would like to start scheduling information meetings pertaining to the upcoming referendum.

Ken Nies wants the McKinstry “Pre-referendum agreement” matter resolved and McGowan Architects paid for services rendered thus far.

Ken Nies would like to have McKinstry and two other contractors make a presentation to the Board about what they could offer us and time lines for completing the project(s).

- IX. **Adjournment** – Jason Cathman made the motion for adjournment. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.