

River Ridge School District  
Press Release  
August 9, 2017

The River Ridge Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room (15) located at 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Jason Cathman, Adam Guthrie, Karla Irish, Cory Moravits, Cory Raisbeck, Kenny Nies and Kerri Schier. Also in attendance were Superintendent/Elementary Principal Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, 5-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal Clay Koenig, and Maintenance Director Jim Wunnicke. Eight people were in the audience.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice – Cory Moravits presented proof of posting on August 8, 2017, at 9:00 am. Kenny Nies declared it an official meeting.
- V. Appearances – There were none signed up to address the school board.
- VI. Construction Tour – Mitch Gilbertson of Kraemer Brother and Jim Wunnicke led the meeting on a tour of the remodeling, new construction, and elementary school.
- VII. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as printed for the following board meeting:
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2017 – Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes, Karla Irish seconded that motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- VIII. Reports
  - a. Finance.
    - i. Kocer Presented the monthly finance report of financial statements, receipts, and expenditures. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial report, Jason Cathman seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.
    - ii. 2017-2018 Budget Update – Kocer reported that there is no new information regarding the budget. The State legislature has not yet passed a budget. Kocer explained that there's a chance that aid could be cut back as much as \$40,000-\$50,000. There will also be a slight increase in Special Education because of student needs.
  - b. Buildings and Grounds Committee. – Ken Nies reported on today's meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

- i. Discuss further about the Bloomington Site – Ken Nies stated there was further discussion of the Bloomington Site, what would be needed for football/track events after selling the property, and how to go about selling the property.
  - ii. Maintenance Director’s Report – Jim Wunnicke shared in his report the updates of the 2001 addition, high school and elementary school. Wunnicke and Gilbertson explained why it is necessary to address ASI #2 (8) and items 9-14 relating to the construction and remodeling of the Patch Grove site. Cory Raisbeck made a motion to approve ASI #2 (8) in the amount of \$24,750, Karla Irish seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote. Cory Raisbeck made a motion to approve items 9-14, Adam Guthrie seconded. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.
- c. Policy/Curriculum Committee. There was no meeting for the month of August. Dr. Athey stated there will policy updates for the September board meeting.
- d. Superintendent’s Report
  - i. Academic and Career Planning – High School Guidance Counselor Caron Townsend discussed the four stages of Academic and Career Planning for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and explained the Academic and Career Planning mandate that must go into effect this school year.

IX. Old Business.

- a. Para-Educator Support Staff Compensation Discussion. At the previous board meeting, one of the support staff, asked about receiving a compensation increase for her technology training she does for students in 5k-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Administration recommended and increase to this individual’s pay \$2.50 per hour, an annual increase of \$3,431.25. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve Administration’s recommendation, Karla Irish seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

X. New Business.

- a. Library Aide Position and Health Room Aide Position . The district had received many applications for the positions, but there was concern about the amount of pay versus the amount of work for the position. Administration asked the Board if they felt comfortable giving Administration leeway to increase the positions pay as to not lose qualified applicants. Cory Moravits made a motion to grant Administration power to determine the hourly wage for both positions and to hire the Health Room Aide before the September board meeting. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion. Karla Irish asked that Administration develop job descriptions of both positions and what duties each will have. Motion carried on a 6-1 roll call vote.
- b. Hiring/Resignation/Maternity Leave.
  - i. Library Aide Resignation. Resignation of Lisa Breuer - Motion by Adam Guthrie, seconded by Cory Raisbeck. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - ii. Hiring of Library Aide. Hiring of Erin Kluesner. Motion by Cory Raisbeck, seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- iii. Change in Aide Assignment. Kocer explained that Peg Guthrie's hours would increase from 4.5 to 7.25 because of a change in her aide assignment. Motion to accept the change by Karla Irish, seconded by Cory Moravits. Motion carried on a voice vote with Adam Guthrie abstaining.

XI. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Policy/Curriculum Committee – Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.
- ii. Buildings and Grounds Committee – There will be no September meeting. Jim Wunnicke will provide a written maintenance report for the Board to go over at September meeting.
- iii. Regular Board Meeting – September 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Moved from September 13<sup>th</sup> due to Homecoming events.

- B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items - Karla Irish asked if a closed session could be included in the agenda for the September 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting regarding Personnel Matter.

XII. Adjournment – Motion by Adam Guthrie to adjourn. Second by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.