

River Ridge School District  
Press Release  
May 30, 2017

The River Ridge Board of Education held a special school board meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room of the ES/MS/HS located at 11165 County Hwy P, Patch Grove, WI. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order - Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Roll Call - Board members present: Jason Cathman, Adam Guthrie, Karla Irish, Cory Moravits, Kenny Nies, and Kerri Schier. Absent: Cory Raisbeck. Also in attendance: Supt./Elem. Principal Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, 5<sup>th</sup> 12th Grade Principal Clay Koenig, and Maintenance Director Troy Marshall.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice - Cory Moravits stated that public notice of this meeting had been given on May 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm.
- V. Appearances - There were none.
- VI. Focus on Energy – Ryan Sprague (Energy Advisor, Agriculture, Schools, and Government Program, Madison, WI) discussed the Focus on Energy project proposal he has drafted for the River Ridge School District. (re: \$6,000 for lighting, \$18,000 for two new boilers, \$2,000 for two rooftop air-conditioners totaling \$26,473.00). He obtained signatures from the Superintendent and planned to get these submitted on the district's behalf.
- VII. Energy/Operating Efficiency Project Funds – Mitch Gilbertson (Kraemer Brothers), Kevin Eipperle, and Christi Monk (FEH Design) were in attendance for the next part of the agenda. Kevin Kocer started the discussion by saying we have approximately \$153,000 available for an Act 32 project. The district has made it clear they would like to see windows and additional parking spaces addressed with available monies. Kevin Kocer shared information he learned from Attorney Eileen Brownlee about what steps have to be followed to have this ready for the June 14, 2017 regular school board meeting. Proposals from anyone who wishes to bid on the performance contract must be received by June 9. The Board has the authority to get this posted in the newspaper. Mitch Gilbertson said that the parking lot project would be addressed for slightly under \$100,000 which includes everything (e.g., asphalt, painting lines, landscaping around edges, etc.). Regarding windows, Mitch Gilbertson has received an alternate window pricing in the amount of \$55,000 that would address window replacements in the elementary wing and the 2001 addition. These would be an aluminum commercial (heavy duty) grade window which should last 40-50 years. They would match the specifications with the windows going into the new addition. Moravits made a motion to approve the ad for the bidding process for publication in the newspaper. Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- VIII. Approve Project Alternate List & Additional Project Discussion: Mitch Gilbertson shared what had been discussed earlier in the day at the OAC and Progress meetings pertaining to ways there would be a way to shift monies to accommodate the window replacements in the

elementary wing and 2001 addition: He said \$12,000 was available from what the final GMP came to; \$5,000 could be saved out of permit/fees; \$20,000 could be saved if we went away from wall tiles in restrooms and locker rooms and went with cement block/epoxy paint instead. This would add up to the \$55,000 needed for the windows without touching the \$100,000 left in contingency at this point.

Kenny Nies shared the prioritized list that the Building & Grounds Committee had put together a few months back.

1. Additional parking spaces.
2. Window replacements in the elementary/2001 addition.
3. Cafeteria walls.
4. Siding (elementary wing gable)
5. Tile in the old locker rooms of the high school.
6. Elementary mezzanine
7. Elementary gym floor (rubberized)
8. Water fountain in the lunchroom.
9. Clocks.
10. Corridor tile.

Mitch Gilbertson said he will do some more checking into the windows (e.g., pricing, specs, etc.) and put a prioritized list together as the board has done to have ready for the June 14 school board meeting. The board can decide at that meeting what the prioritized list/order should be so that when contingency money can be used they'll be addressed in the order of the list. This will be an action item on the agenda.

Before Mitch, Kevin, and Christi left, Mitch said the new construction project is going well. They are actually a little ahead of schedule right now and work is going smoothly.

- IX. Convene into Closed Session – The Board took action to convene into closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss certified staff compensation.
- X. Reconvene in Open Session – The Board reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m.
- XI. There was no action taken in closed session.
- XII. Approval of Resignations/Hiring – The Board approved the transfer of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Sam Jung, to 4K teacher. The Board accepted the resignation of Nicole Bailey, Science teacher. The Board approved the hiring of Shea Esser for the Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor position.
- XIII. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items – Irish expressed concerns about the backstop of the softball field. She said too many foul balls get hit over the backstop because of its low height. She asked if Wade Winkers could provide recommendations/costs for the Building & Grounds Committee.
- XIV. Information.
  - A. Upcoming meeting schedule.
    - i. Policy and Curriculum Committee – June 7, 2017 at 5:15 pm.
    - ii. Building and Grounds Committee – June 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

iii. Regular Board Meeting – June 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

XV. Adjourn – the Board adjourned at 9:14 p.m.