

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESS RELEASE
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education conducted its February school board meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. The meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Patch Grove School located at 11165 County Highway P. The following items were addressed:

- I. Board President, Dave Breuer, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- II. All members of the school board were present when roll was called with the exception of Lea Breuer who was absent.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Emilie Mumm stated that the meeting notice for this meeting was properly posted in a timely manner on February 4, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Randy Martin moved to accept that the meeting notice; Ken Nies seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- V. Under "Appearances", no one signed up to speak to the Board in the public comments section.
- VI. The Board approved minutes from the Special School Board meeting held on January 7, 2016 regarding an expulsion matter. The Board approved minutes from the regular board meeting on January 13, 2016.
- VII. The following committee reports were presented:
 - A. Student Activities Update

Austin Morrow's student activities report was moved up to this point in the agenda as he had to leave early. He reported:

 - The River Ridge Dance Team finished 10th out of 14 teams in their division at the State Cheer/Dance competition held in LaCrosse last Saturday.
 - The River Ridge FBLA team finished 8th out of 22 teams at the regional event held in Lancaster last Saturday. Eight (8) students have qualified for the state meet to be held April 11th and 12th in LaCrosse.
 - "FFA Week" and "FBLA Week" will be held later this month.
 - The local Lions Club has approved the school to consider starting a Leo Club.
 - B. Buildings & Grounds Committee

Trenton Smith presented a construction report update:

 - He spoke about problems that occurred at the UE yesterday in the Music Room, Art Room, and Maintenance Room with controls and univents. He shared that these had been ducted backwards causing 3 coils on univentillators to freeze and extensive water leakage in the Art Room. General Heating and McKinstry will be on site Thursday to address the problem. Trenton said that new coils will be ordered and the univents will be replaced at McKinstry's expense. McKinstry will reimburse the District for related custodial time and for any damaged electronics.
 - The weight room at the UE has been approved by the state inspector to be used for storage.

- There are approximately 5 more weeks of electrical work at Bloomington to wrap things up.
- Approval to extend the warranty of the univentillators at the UE to 5 years has been granted.

Transformer Discussion - Randy Martin made a motion on behalf of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the Board approve leaving the “dead” transformers in the attic of the Patch Grove School and not have them removed. The motion was seconded by Ken Nies. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

LED Lighting Mock-up - Cory Raisbeck made a motion on behalf of the Building & Grounds Committee that the Board approve allowing LED lights to be installed in 3 rooms – one in the elementary, one at the UE, and one at the High School – at no charge to the District. The motion was seconded by Emilie Mumm. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Roofing Discussion - Cory Raisbeck made a motion to accept the Allen Roofing bid of \$43,100 to fix the Patch Grove roof with their Duralast roof product. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Maintenance Update - Troy reported that a couple of electric motors to run boilers in the elementary school went down. Reynolds Electric (Lancaster) sold us 2 motors at \$365.00 each to replace the ones that went down.

Finance Report - Carol Harris reviewed the month’s financial statements, receipts, and expenditures with the Board. Dave Breuer moved to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Martin. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CESA 3 Contract for 2016-17 – The Board approved a contract for CESA 3 services for the 2016-17 school year. The cost of the contract, \$70,191.00, represents a 0.7% increase over our projected CESA 3 expenses for the current year..

C. Staff and Employee Relations Committee Report

1. Early Retirement Package for Teachers - Ken Nies made a motion that the Board approve a retirement package proposed by the Staff and Employee Relations Committee. This motion was seconded by Kerri Shier. In a roll call vote, this motion was defeated 3-2 with Breuer, Mumm and Raisbeck voting “no”, Nies and Schier voting “yes”, and Martin abstaining.
2. Employee Handbook Revisions – Cory Raisbeck made a motion to approve the proposed handbook language changes. Dave Breuer seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote with 1 abstention (Martin).

- D. Policy/Curriculum Committee Report – The Board heard a recommendation to approve a second reading of each of the following policies. They approved each policy by unanimous voice vote:

- 343.4 Course Options Program
- 345.61 Graduation Requirements
- 345.61 Early Graduation

The Board heard a recommendation to approve a first reading of the following four policies. The Board approved each policy by unanimous voice vote:

- 112 Strategic Planning
- 453.5 Head Lice
- 411 Equal Education Opportunity
- 133 Filling Board Vacancies

- E. Technology Committee Report

Dr. Athey presented the Technology Committee Report of the January 26, 2016 meeting. The Committee discussed technology sectionals to be offered for a February 10th teacher in-service. They also discussed the district’s current Internet Safe and Responsible Use policy. This policy will require further work before it reaches the Board through the Policy/Curriculum Committee.

VIII Old Business

- A. Long Range Plan for RRSD – Citizen Committee Reports

The Board heard six oral reports of goals/recommendations being brought forward by task forces that were created in January to address ideas shared at five community input sessions in December.

- Academics – Shelly Stagman
- Technology – Tina Dilley
- Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities – Adam Guthrie
- Community Relations/Communications – Kathy Reising
- Fiscal Efficiencies – Robert Keeney
- Facilities – Kristin Schier

Following the reports, Dr. Athey thanked the committees for their time and effort in the creation of the proposed goals/recommendations. Paper copies of the reports were presented to the Board and audience members. The “raw data” from the December community input sessions was also made available to the Board and the public. Dr. Athey encouraged the Board to re-read and reflect on the task force goals/recommendations in preparation for long-range planning by the Board.

IX New Business

- A. 2016-2017 School Calendar - The Board approved a 2016/17 school calendar as recommended by the school's Calendar Committee. The calendar meets the state required hours and minutes for instructional time.
- B. Renewal of two year wrestling co-op with Cassville for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 – The Board approved a recommendation from Administration to renew the RRSD wrestling co-op with the Cassville District.
- C. Dr. Athey reported that eleven applications have been received for the Business Manager position. Administration is in the process of identifying four candidates for interviews on March 10.
- D. Staff Resignations
 - a. Middle School Volleyball Coach – The Board approved the resignation of 7th and 8th grade volleyball coach Michelle White.
 - b. The Board was notified that the Varsity Girls' Softball Coach for Cassville/River Ridge - Jacob Bernetcke (Cassville), has resigned. He was employed by the Cassville School District.
- E. Staff Hiring – The Board voted to hire Wade Winkers as the new Varsity Girls' Softball Coach for River Ridge/Cassville. (As the hosting school for this program, River Ridge is responsible for hiring and paying the new softball coach.)

V. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The following committee/Board meetings will be held in March:

1. Policy/Curriculum Committee – March 3 -7:00 AM
2. Buildings & Grounds/Finance Committee – March 9, 2016 – 5:00 PM
3. Regular Board Meeting – March 9, 2016 – 6:00 PM

- B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for future items
Dave Breuer asked the Superintendent to let the Board know when the three state inspectors will be coming back to RRSD in March so board members can be part of any of the walk-through inspections.
- C. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.