

**River Ridge School District Board Meeting Summary**  
**Press Release**  
**Thursday, July 21, 2016**

The River Ridge Board of Education conducted a regular school board meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2016. The meeting was held in the ES/MS/HS Multi-Purpose Room located at 11165 County Hwy P. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order**  
Board President Ken Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call**  
All board members were in attendance: Dave Breuer, Jason Cathman, Cory Moravits, Emilie Mumm, Ken Nies, Cory Raisbeck, and Kerri Schier. Also present were: Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, 5-12 Principal Clay Koenig, Pupil Services Director Trudy DeSimons, Maintenance Director Troy Marshall, and members of the public.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance** -The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Public Notice** - Cory Moravits told the Board that notice of tonight's meeting had been posted at 12:00 pm on July 15, 2016. Jason Cathman made the motion to recognize that the meeting notice for this board meeting was properly posted in a timely manner. Dave Breuer seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- V. Boardsmanship Discussion** – Discussion was led by Eileen Brownlee and Steve Zach, attorneys from the law firm of Boardman and Clark, LLP. (Note: Currently, Steve serves as the board president of the Oregon, WI School District Board of Education. He has been a school board member there for the past 18 years.)
- VI. Convene into Closed Session** – At 7:15 pm the Board convened into closed session pertaining to an employee performance matter. Motion to move into closed session by Kerri Schier.
- VII. Re-convene in Open Session** - At 8:01 the Board moved out of closed session and reconvened in open session. Motion by Dave Breuer/second by Jason Cathman.
- VIII. Action (if any) on Closed Session Matters** - Back in open session, Ken Nies reported that no action needed to be taken for what occurred in the closed session.
- IX. Appearances** - No one had signed up to make public comments to the board during this segment of the meeting.
- X. Approval of Meeting Minutes** – The Board approved the minutes of the June 16, 2016 regular meeting. Motion by Dave Breuer/second by Jason Cathman. The Board approved the minutes of the July 6, 2016 special meeting. Motion by Cory Moravits/second by Dave Breuer.

## **XI. Reports**

### **A. Finance-Kevin Kocer**

- i. The Board approved the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures as presented by Kevin Kocer. Motion by Dave Breuer/second by Cory Moravits.
- ii. The Board approved a Budget Amendment and Overview for 2015-2016 as presented by Kevin Kocer. Motion by Cory Raisbeck/second by Dave Breuer.
- iii. Discuss and Approve First Draft of the 2016-2017 Budget - Kevin Kocer explained the first draft of the 2016-2017 budget that was shared with the board. He mentioned that the final draft will be ready for the district's annual meeting in October and the Board will be asked to adopt the budget following the annual district meeting. Cory Moravits moved to approve the preliminary 2016-17 budget as presented. Kerri Schier seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

### **B. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – Jason Cathman**

Jason Cathman reported that the Staff & Employee Relations Committee met July 11, 2016 to determine an instrument, process, and timeline for evaluating the Superintendent/Elementary Principal. The Board indicated that prior to completing the evaluation instrument; they would like to meet with Dr. Athey in a closed session on August 11<sup>th</sup> to hear specifically how he is addressing the various areas addressed in the evaluation form. The Board would also like to give teachers an opportunity to weigh in the Superintendent/Elementary Principal's performance for the past year. They asked that Dr. Athey explain this option to teachers when they return to school in September. Kerri Schier moved to accept the superintendent/elementary principal evaluation tool proposed by the Staff and Employee Relations Committee. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

### **C. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Ken Nies reported on today's meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.**

### **D. Policy/Curriculum Committee - Kerri Schier reported on the July 6, 2016 Committee meeting. She reported that the Committee looked at the existing 441.1 Search & Seizure policy and the 445.3 Student Suspensions and Expulsions policy along with current samples from WASB. The Committee will continue review of these policies in August before bringing revision recommendations to the Board.**

Academic Standards Notification for 2016-17 - K. Schier indicated that the Board needs to take action to approve the academic standards that the district will be

using in 2016-17. RRSD is using the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards. Cory Moravits moved to approve the district's use of the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for the 2016-17 school year. Jason Cathman seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Co-Curricular Code Revisions with waiver of first reading – K. Schier reported that Wade Winkers and Clay Koenig had gone through the Code of Conduct handbook for River Ridge and made necessary changes in updating it for 2016-17. With the Co-Curricular meeting scheduled to be held at 7:00 pm August 1<sup>st</sup> (prior to the start-up of the fall sports season), she asked the Board to approve the revisions and waive the first reading so that the revised code can be explained to parents and student-athletes on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Kerri Schier to accept the revisions and waive the first reading. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

## **XII. Old Business**

### **A. Long Range Plan Discussion**

- i. Facilities Options Discussion – McKinstry representatives Sean Currie, Trenton Smith, and Patrick McGowan were in attendance . P. McGowan provided the Board with an updated packet of information from the previous month's meeting along with the FIM (Facility Improvement Measure) – a one-page sheet of all the energy efficiency projects and costs associated with each site. Patrick presented a review of the facility options being considered by the Board along with revised cost projections. He and his colleagues answered questions of the Board. Ken Nies asked each board member to share which facility option he/she preferred and an explanation of why they would support that option. Following the comments by each Board member, Cory Moravits moved that the Board support a one-site option for all the students (either Option 3 or 4) and that there be a separate question asked of community members regarding which athletic facility option they would support (i.e., either to continue using the football field/track in Bloomington with the construction of a restroom or locker room facility or to have all the athletic facilities located at the Patch Grove school site). Jason Cathman seconded. The motion passed on a 5 to 2 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voting yes and Breuer and Mumm voting no.

Ken Nies recommended the Board ask financial consultant Carol Wirth to work with McKinstry in putting together referendum questions for the

November 8<sup>th</sup> election. Cory Moravits moved to authorize Administration to work with Carol Wirth and McKinstry in developing referendum questions for the November 8, 2016 election. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5 to 2 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voting yes and Breuer and Mumm voting no.

**XIII. New Business**

**XIV.** The Board approved the resignation of JV Girls' Basketball Coach Matt Mezera who has accepted a teaching position in another district. Motion by Cory Raisbeck, second by Kerri Schier.

**XV. Appearances**

No one from the public signed up to speak to the board at this time.

**XVI. Information**

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Technology Committee – August 2, 2016 at 7:15 am
- ii. Policy/Curriculum Committee – August 4, 2016 at 5:15 pm
- iii. Buildings & Grounds Committee – August 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm
- iv. Regular Board Meeting – August 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm

B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items  
At the next Policy/Curriculum Committee Meeting (8/4/2016), the Committee will take a look at materials related to Suspensions/Expulsions being forwarded by Eileen Brownlee.

C. Adjournment - Cory Raisbeck moved to adjourn/Jason Cathman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.