

River Ridge School District Board Meeting Summary
Wednesday, July 6, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education conducted a special school board meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 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 present: Cory Moravits, Dave Breuer, Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, Emilie Mumm, Kerri Schier, and Cory Raisbeck. Also present were: Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer and members of the public.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Statement of Notice – Motion approved to recognize meeting posting of June 24, 2016 at Noon. Motion by Raisbeck, second by Breuer.

V. Appearances – No one signed up to address the board during this segment.

VI. New Hires

A. Librarian Position – The Board approved Administration’s recommendation to hire Jan Block for one day per week during the 2016/17 school year to serve as district librarian. Motion by Breuer, second by Cathman.

B. Spanish Teacher (Grade 7-12) – The Board approved Administration’s recommendation to hire Susana Magsig. Susana has taught Spanish in the Dodgeville School District for the past 10 years. Motion by Schier, second by Moravits.

C. Special Education Teacher (Elementary Cross-categorical) – The Board approved Administration’s recommendation to hire Rebecca Bjurquist. Most recently, Rebecca taught at Bluffview Middle School and the Catholic School in Prairie du Chien. Motion by Cathman, second by Breuer.

Dr. Athey reported that all staff vacancies for the 2016/17 year have now been filled.

VII. RRSD Long-range Plan Discussion

Trenton Smith (McKinstry) and Patrick McGowan (McGowan Architecture) were on hand to present a Powerpoint presentation to the Board related to facility options and costs. McGowan discussed, and responded to questions, on the following five options:

Option 1 – Classes at Two sites/Athletics at Two Sites

- Bloomington (grades 5 & 6) and Patch Grove (grades 4K-4 and grades 7-12)
- Energy Improvement upgrades included

Option 2 – Classes at Two Sites/Athletics at Two Sites

- Bloomington (grades 4K-2) and Patch Grove (grades 3-12)
- Remodeling and energy improvement upgrades included

Option 3 – Classes at One Site/ Athletics at Two Sites

- All students attend classes in Patch Grove
- Addition, remodeling, and energy improvement upgrades included
- Bloomington – Locker building or restroom building constructed near football field/track

Option 4 – Classes at One Site/Athletics at One Site

- All students attend classes in Patch Grove
- Addition, remodeling, and energy improvement upgrades included
- Football/track, baseball, and softball in Patch Grove

Option 5 – Classes at One Site/ Athletics at Two Sites

- All students attend classes in Patch Grove
- Addition and remodeling included. No energy improvement upgrades to non-remodeled space.
- Bloomington – Locker building or restroom building constructed near football field/track

At the end of his presentation, Mr. McGowan shared projected costs for the various options:

Option 1 - \$4.6 to 5.7 million

Option 2 - \$5.1 to 6.4 million

Option 3 – \$8.0 to 9.3 million

Option 4 – \$10.3 to 12.2 million

Option 5 - \$5.0 to 5.6 million

At the Board's request, the information shared by P. McGowan will be posted to the district's webpage. And, an ad will be placed in the Herald and the Courier inviting district residents to submit questions about the various options to the following district email address hsoffice@rrsd.k12.wi.us.

The Board requested the following information be provided at the July 21 regular meeting:

- Estimated cost for demolition of the Bloomington building.
- Feasibility of demolishing the Bloomington building but salvaging the locker room portion (and restroom facilities) for continued use.
- Cost to level land south of the Patch Grove School building in order to construct a football field and track.

Cory Raisbeck noted that the Prairie du Chien School District engaged in a capital campaign prior to passing a referendum. He said he would be interested in learning more about the process which that district used for its capital campaign.

VIII. Appearances

No attendees had signed up to appear/speak.

IX. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Staff & Employee Relations Committee – Monday, July 11, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the Superintendent's office
- ii. Buildings & Grounds Committee – Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- iii. Regular School Board Meeting – Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- iv. Technology Committee Meeting – Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:15 a.m.
- v. Policy/Curriculum Committee – Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016 at 5:15 pm in the Superintendent's office

X. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items -

Cory Raisbeck requested that Administration consult with the district's attorney, Eileen Brownlee, to determine what policies we may want to put in place prior to making video recordings of board meetings available on the district's website.

XI. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. Motion by Breuer, second by Raisbeck.