

River Ridge School District  
Press Release  
Thursday, May 19, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education held a special board meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI.

The following items were addressed:

- 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. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Carol Harris, and members of the public.
- III. Proof of Notice – A May 16, 2016 notice of the meeting was approved.
- IV. Appearances – No one signed up to speak under “appearances”.
- V. Discussion of the 2016-17 Preliminary Budget – Carol Harris passed out copies of the most recent bill from McKinstry. The RRSD shows a remaining project contingency of \$73,019.32.

C. Harris reported on the status of the roof repair fund. There will be a balance of \$30,665 in the fund after Allen Roofing Company completes its repairs. The Board may allow the balance to remain designated for roof repairs, or can change the designation in the future.

C. Harris said if the Board is planning a November, 2016 referendum for any purpose, preparations need to be made by August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Board requested that agenda item VI. “Available 2015-16 Budget Balances and Recommended Uses” be addressed prior to the agenda item “2016/17 Budget”.

- VI. Available 2015-16 Budget Balances and Recommended Uses

C. Harris provided an updated list of items which could be purchased prior to July 1, 2016 to expend premium insurance holiday money. The Board went through the two-page list of recommended items and indicated those items they approve for purchase. At the Board’s request, a \$500 allocation was added to purchase balls for the playgrounds. Dave Breuer moved to approve the list as edited by the Board. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.
- VII. Discussion of the 2016-17 Preliminary Budget

The Board discussed the 2016-17 budget. C. Harris provided an overview of how open enrollment numbers affect state aid and our district budget. She noted that the Board’s long-range plan decisions may also impact the district’s 2016/17 budget. There was no Board action regarding preliminary planning for the 16/17 budget.

VIII. Denial of an Open Enrollment Application “Out” for 3-year-old Early Childhood Program A district resident has applied for an open enrollment out of RRSD for 3-year-old early childhood education. Dr. Athey reported that because RRSD does not offer a 3-year-old Early Childhood Education program, the Board should deny this open enrollment out. Cory Raisbeck moved to deny the open enrollment out for 3-year-old early childhood education. The motion was seconded by Dave Breuer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

IX. Long-Range Planning

a. Assign long-range plan topics to board committees.

The Board discussed board committee assignments for discussion of citizen input on long-range planning topics. The Board recommended assigning the following input topics to each board committee:

- **Technology Committee** – address the category of “Technology”
- **Buildings & Grounds Committee** – address the categories of “Facilities” and “Fiscal Responsibility/Efficiencies”
- **Policy/Curriculum Committee** – meet with the Administrative team to address the categories of “Academics” & “Co/Extracurricular Activities”
- **Staff-Employee Relations Committee** – address the category of “Communications/Community Relations”

Kerrie Schier moved to approve the recommended assignments. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

b. Set committee dates and times for long-range plan discussions

The Board set the following committee meeting dates and times for discussion of long-range plan recommendations from citizen groups:

- Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4:30 pm – the Staff-Employee Relations Committee (Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, & Kerri Schier) will meet to address “Communications/Community Relations”.
- Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm – the Buildings & Grounds Committee (Ken Nies, Cory Moravits, & Cory Raisbeck) will meet to address “Facilities” & “Fiscal Responsibility”.
- Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm – the Policy/Curriculum Committee (and Administrative Team) will meet to address “Academics” and “Co-Extracurricular Activities”

A motion was made by Kerri Schier to approve the committee meeting dates and times to address the citizen task force recommendations. The motion was seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried by voice vote. (When committees meet, they will determine who the committee chair will be).

c. Set date/time for Special Board Meeting discussion of long-range plan.

Kerri Shier moved that the board hold a special board meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm to discuss the long-range plan. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

X. Discuss Process for Evaluation of District Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Ken Nies said the board has not yet evaluated the Superintendent/Elementary Principal for 2015-16. He recommended that Dr. Athey provide a sample evaluation form(s) for the Board's consideration and that the Board's Staff and Employee Relations Committee bring forth a form/process for completing the Superintendent/Elementary Principal's evaluation.

K. Nies suggested the Board try to meet in closed session in July to conduct the performance evaluation and to make salary a part of the discussion.

XI. Appearances (2<sup>nd</sup> time) – There were no appearances.

XII. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- Staff-Employee Relations Committee – May 23, 2016 – 4:30 pm
- Buildings & Grounds Committee – May 31, 2016 – 5:00 pm
- Policy and Curriculum Committee – June 1, 2016 – 5:00 pm
- Special School Board Meeting – June 1, 2016 – 6:00 pm

XIII. Adjournment

Cory Raisbeck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Emilie Mumm. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.