

River Ridge School District
Press Release
Tuesday, September 27, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education held a special school board meeting Tuesday, September 27, 2016. The meeting was held in the ES/MS/HS Multi-purpose Room located 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 6:03 pm.
- II. **Roll Call** – Board members present: Jason Cathman, Cory Moravits, Ken Nies, Cory Raisbeck, and Kerri Schier. Members absent: Dave Breuer and Emilie Mumm. Others present: Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, 5-12 Principal Clay Koenig, Special Education Director Trudy DeSimons, and members of the public.
- III. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- IV. **Statement of Notice** – Clerk Cory Moravits reported that notice of the meeting was posted at 12:00 pm on September 21, 2016. Motion by K. Schier to accept that the meeting was properly posted. Seconded by J. Cathman. The motion carried by voice vote.
- V. **Appearances** – No one had signed up to address the Board at this time.
- VI. **Long-range Plan Discussion**
 - A. Cost Impact of Referendum – Carol Wirth and Brandon Wirth, of Wisconsin Public Financial Professionals, addressed the Board. C. Wirth presented the Board with a handout titled “Analysis of Operating Projections and Tax Impact”. She explained the analysis of projected operating revenue limits and expenditures under each of the following scenarios:
 - i. Questions 1 and 2 do not pass – the district would be looking at a potential revenue shortfall of \$374,497 by 2019/20.
 - ii. Question 1 passes but not Question 2 - the district would be looking at a potential revenue shortfall of \$147,382 by 2019/20.
 - iii. Questions 1 and 2 pass – the district would be looking at a potential revenue shortfall of \$116,978 by 2019/20.

C. Wirth explained the debt pay-off schedule between now and 2021-22 for current RRSD debt (energy project, WRS referendum, and prior operating referendum). She explained how the debt pay-off schedule would be consolidated for a total of \$11 million in debt service if the 2016/17 referendum passes. She showed the tax impact of the projected debt service schedule.

If Question #1 passes approving up to \$9.5 million, the rate increase would be \$0.00118 per \$1,000. In other words, it would be an increase of \$118 a year (\$9.83/month) on a \$100,000 home.

If Questions #1 and #2 pass approving up to \$11 million, the rate increase would be \$0.00137 per \$1,000. In other words, it would be an increase of \$137 a year (\$11.42/month) on a \$100,000 home.
 - B. McGowan Architect Compensation – Patrick McGowan of McGowan Architects submitted a bill of \$9,500 for work to prepare conceptual drawings for RRSD between June and August. He indicates that once he receives payment from the district, he will

send an electronic file of the drawings to the River Ridge District to use. Agreement to these terms was reviewed by the school's attorney who found nothing of concern. C. Moravits moved to pay McGowan the \$9,500 as a walk-away fee for the work performed. The motion was seconded by K. Schier. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 to 1 with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, and Schier voting yes. Raisbeck voted no.

- C. Architectural Services Contract – On September 20, Greg Callen (Kraemer Brothers) and Kevin Eipperle (FEH Design in Dubuque, IA) met with Board President Ken Nies, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, and Maintenance Director Troy Marshall. Kraemer Brothers recommends FEH Design to provide pre-referendum services to RRSD; and, should the referendum pass, to provide architectural services for the project. A proposed contract calls for paying FEH Design \$3,200 for pre-referendum services and stipulates that should the referendum pass on November 8, FEH Design would continue on as architect for the project. Following Board discussion, C. Raisbeck moved to send the proposed contract to the school's attorney for review and then returned to the Board for consideration. C. Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- D. Communication Plans Regarding the 2016/17 Referendum – The Board discussed modifying a planned Oct. 12 information session on the referendum to an open house with tours of the building areas addressed in the referendum. C. Raisbeck moved to approve an October 12 Open House at the EL/MS/HS for 5:00 – 7:00 pm. J. Cathman seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote.

VII. **Appearances** – No one signed up to speak to the Board at this time.

VIII. **Information**

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Policy and Curriculum Committee – Wed., Oct. 5 at 5:15 pm
- ii. Technology Committee – Tues., Oct. 4 at 7:15 am
- iii. Regular Board Meeting – Wed., Oct. 26 at 6:00 pm
- iv. Annual District Meeting – Wed., Oct. 26 at 7:00 pm

B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items – Ken Nies asked whether any other board members are interested in attending a Monday, Oct. 3 meeting at 1:00 pm with FEH Design. Kerri Schier suggested Buildings and Grounds members attend. Monday's meeting will be noticed as a Building and Grounds Committee meeting. It will be held in the Superintendent's office.

IX. **Adjournment** – K. Schier moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by J. Cathman and carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.