

River Ridge School District  
Press Release  
September 6, 2017

The River Ridge Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in the Multi-Purpose Room located at 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Jason Cathman, Adam Guthrie, Karla Irish, Kenny Nies and Kerri Schier. Absent: Cory Moravits and Cory Rasibeck. Also in attendance were Superintendent/Elementary Principal Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, 5-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal Clay Koenig, Special Education Director Amy Mezera and Attorney Eileen Brownlee. Two members of the public were in the audience.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice – Jason Cathman presented proof of posting on August 30, 2017, at 1:00 pm. Kenny Nies declared it an official meeting.
- V. Appearances – There were none signed up to address the school board.
- VI. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as printed for the following board meeting:
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2017 – Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes, Karla Irish seconded that motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- VII. Reports
  - a. Finance.
    - i. Kocer presented the monthly finance report of financial statements, receipts, and expenditures. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial report, Jason Cathman seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
    - ii. Sparsity Aid – Kocer mentioned that sparsity aid will be rolled back a significant amount which will have an effect on schools.
    - iii. Bus Contract – Kocer shared that we are about one month away from providing notice that we may go out on a RFP process regarding bus contracts for the next three years. This will be on the October Regular Board Meeting Agenda.
  - b. Buildings and Grounds Committee. – Ken Nies reported that there was no Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held for September.

- i. Maintenance Director's Report – Jim Wunnicke provided a written report for the board meeting. Dr. Athey reviewed the items on the report as well as provided updates from the OAC and Progress Meetings.
  - ii. Discuss further about the Bloomington Site – Attorney Eileen Brownlee was present to talk about the many phases of putting together a contract to sell the Upper Elementary building and property. Copies of the rough draft of the sales contract were shared with the board, as well as addendums if the board were to just sell the property or only the building with options to lease use of the locker rooms, restrooms, etc. Brownlee also addressed the DNR grant of 1986 regarding the agreement between the school district and the Village of Bloomington concerning the tennis courts. There were a number of suggestions given about obtaining information to bring to next month's meeting. This topic will be added to the agenda for the October meeting.
- c. Policy/Curriculum Committee. Kerri Schier shared that the Policy and Curriculum committee met earlier in the night and looked at several policies being brought forward for first and second readings.
- i. 760 Food Services Management [revised] – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Jason Cathman made a motion to accept the policy and Karla Irish seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - ii. 760 Rule for Food Services Management [new] – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Adam Guthrie made a motion to accept the policy and Kerri Schier seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - iii. 412.1 Full Time Student [new to replace current 412] – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Karla Irish made a motion to approve the first reading and Jason Cathman seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - iv. 420 School Admissions [revised] – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the first reading and Karla Irish seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - v. 420 Rule Procedure for Placing Transfer Students [new] – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the first reading and Adam Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - vi. 443 Student Conduct [revised] – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the first reading and Jason Cathman seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - vii. 443 Rule Code of Classroom Conduct [revised] – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Karla Irish made a motion to approve the first reading and Kerri Schier seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- d. Superintendent's Report

- i. Feedback from Teacher Workshop/Open House/First Day of School. Dr. Athey gave the Board an oral report of what took place at New Staff Orientation, Teacher Inservice, Open House, and the First Day of School.
- VIII. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)
  - a. Personnel Matters. Kerri Schier made a motion for the board to move into closed session to address personnel matters. Karla Irish seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The Board went into closed session at 7:30 p.m.
- IX. Reconvene into Open Session. Karla Irish made a motion for the board to return to open session. Jason Cathman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.
- X. Action, if any, on Closed Session Matters. There was none.
- XI. Old Business.
  - a. Official Hiring of Health Room Aide. Kerri Schier made a motion to accept the recommendation of hiring Jackie Kalinowski as the Health Room Aide. Karla Irish seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- XII. New Business.
  - a. Establish Date and Time for District's 2017 Annual Meeting. Kocer recommended that this year's Annual Meeting/Budget Meeting be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve this recommendation and Jason Cathman seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - b. Snow Removal Bid Opening. Kocer reported that only one snow removal bid was received, which was from Top Notch Construction. Karla Irish made a motion to accept the bid from Top Notch Construction with the understanding that salt spreading charges be figured somewhat differently than indicated and they are equal or less, but not more than what was stated in the bid. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Irish, Nies, and Schier voted "yes" while Guthrie abstained. The motion carried on a 4-0-1 roll call vote.
  - c. Fire Department Access to Patch Grove Building. Jim Wunnicke strongly recommends that a knock box be purchased and mounted to the outside of the Patch Grove building to give access to the Fire Department in the case of an emergency. Only a select few would have access to this box (Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief). The board was in favor of this request.
- XIII. Appearances. There were none signed up to address the school board.
- XIV. Information
  - A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
    - i. Technology Committee – Tuesday, September 12 at 7:15 a.m.
    - ii. Technology Committee – Tuesday, October 3 at 7:15 a.m.

- iii. Policy/Curriculum Committee – Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.
- iv. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- v. Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- vi. Annual Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items - Ken Nies brought up Cory Raisbeck's request for closed session to discuss "staffing reductions" in the October meeting. The remaining Board members would like to wait on this discussion until the Maintenance Director Jim Wunnicke has been able to complete his process of determining the time needed to take care of the buildings and grounds.

Jason Cathman asked if a thank-you had been sent to Bloomington Meat Locker for having stored the school's meat for the summer. Dr. Athey had sent a thank-you.

- XV. Adjournment – Motion by Kerri Schier to adjourn. Second by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.