

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:
February 11, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the River Ridge Board of Education was called to order by President Lea Breuer on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Randy Martin	Dave Breuer
Lea Breuer	Kerri Schier
Bob Key	Bob Mathre
Kenny Nies	

Also present were District Administrator Lee Pritzl, Business Manager Carol Harris, staff members and several members of the public.

Kenny Nies presented proof of posting showing notice of the meeting posted on February 10, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. at the River Ridge Elementary, Middle/High School, Upper Elementary School and the post offices in Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mt. Hope and Patch Grove. The motion to approve the posting was made Bob Key and seconded by Kerri Schier. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. Appearances

Benjamin Lewis, who is representing Darlene Mueller, stated that the April, 2015, referendum needs to be spelled out in plain language so that the voters can easily understand the cost savings and the referendum question.

Kathy Reising feels that she will vote yes on the April referendum because it is the most responsible plan to sustain the School District. She doesn't want to see the board have control over borrowing since the voters should remain in the driver's seat.

V. Approval of Special and Closed Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2015; Special Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2015; and Regular Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2015.

The motion was made by Kenny Nies and seconded by Bob Mathre to approve the minutes. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

VI. Consent Agenda (action)

A. Carol Harris presented the Finance Report.

The following General Fund expenditures were reviewed: Tom Ackerman, 60.00; Jack Albrechtson, 60.00; Thomas R Block, 60.00; Henry Bray, 45.00; Lester Breuer, 23.52; CESA 3, 280.00; Sue Christ, 15.12; Lisa Clark, 145.04; Patricia Dwyer, 464.80; Christopher Earle, 21.28; Follett School Solutions, 319.06; Scott Garthwaite, 60.00; Carol A Harris, 40.04; Steve Kaiser, 95.00; Dan Kerkenbush, 45.00; Kevin Kitelinger, 95.00; Brandon Klein, 45.00; Lancaster School District, 80.00; Sandra C Mergen, 47.04; Jim Muller, 60.00, Gary Nettesheim, 21.28; Carl Orr, 60.00; Trevor Prochaska, 60.00; Andy Riechers, 95.00; Riverdale School District, 80.00; Mark Schlueter, 60.00; Daniel T Sedgwick, 60.00; Shane Sperle, 62.72; Ken Thiede, 65.00; Debra L Trautsch, 813.12; UW Platteville, 100.00; Justin Weber, 60.00; Weston High School, 150.00; Charlie Zahn, 65.00; Airgas USA LLC, 246.05; Alliant Energy/WPL, 1,613.78; Apple Computer Inc., 429.00; Badger Sporting Goods, 35.30; Best Western East, 157.48, CDW Government Inc., 58.00; CESA 10, 400.00; CESA 3, 27,872.43; CESA 5, 50.00; Center on Education & Work, 1,650.00; CenturyLink, 2.46; Clinicare Corporation, 10,082.50; DWD-UI, 22.03; Delta 3 Engineering Inc., 587.50; Dependable Solutions Inc., 2,795.00; FirstMerit Bank NA, 66.00; Follett School Solutions, 2,462.52; Fox River Foods Inc., 6,085.45; Larry Gates, 110.00; Hermsens Home Center, 4.99; Hermsens Inc., 551.17; Infomart Inc., 36.00; Brandon Klein, 45.00; Mas Bakery, 135.91; McGraw-Hill School Education, 137.50; New Horizons Supply Co-Op, 448.16; Okeys Market, 20.05; Patch Grove Postmaster, 85.20; Prairie Farms Dairy, 2,011.08; River Ridge HS Pupil Act, 43.35; River Ridge Special Checking, 766.57; Robert Brooke & Assoc. Inc., 131.41; School Specialty Inc., 393.85; Daniel T Sedgwick, 60.00; Sharp Electronics Corporation, 192.54; SimplexGrinnell LP, 27.25; Specialized Data Systems Inc., 103.00; Steel Mart, 295.92; TDS Telecom Inc., 803.20; Tierney Brothers Inc., 247.50; Top Notch Construction & Design LLC, 1,210.00; Town & Country Sanitation, 425.00; University of Wisconsin-Madison, 656.25; Village of Patch Grove, 1,874.42; WACPC, 230.00; WARCO Transportation Inc., 47,920.68; WE Energies, 11,251.02; West Music Company, 197.47; Wiscnet, 525.00; Wisconsin Public Finance, 6,000.00; Employee Flexible Benefit Account, 159.75; AFLAC Premium Holding, 1,982.21; Ameritas,

155.00; Clare Bank, 4,250.00; Credit Bureau Data Inc., 142.99; Employee Flexible Benefit Account, 1,146.51; Employee Insurance Fund, 6,270.00; FirstMerit Bank NA, 30,818.19; Horace Mann Life Ins. Company, 1,575.23; Minnesota Life Ins. Co., 1,209.13; WI Dept. of Revenue, 285.51; Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, 5,501.53; Ameritas, 155.00; Clare Bank, 4300.00; Credit Bureau Data Inc., 142.99; Employee Flexible Benefit Account, 1,146.51; FirstMerit Bank NA, 31,711.08; Horace Mann Companies, 87.06; Horace Mann Life Ins. Company, 1,575.23; Lincoln Life Administrator, 107.00; Madison National Life, 2,687.31; National Insurance Co. of WI, 1,236.94, Superior Vision Insurance Plan, 1,350.50; WI Dept. of Revenue, 285.51; Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, 5,685.97; Wisconsin Retirement System, 35,431.26; Alliant Energy/WPL, 4,261.18; Amazon/Synchrony Bank, 31.53; Thomas R Block, 45.00; Rick Desanti, 95.00; Earthgrains Baking Company Inc., 976.30; Tim Ebling, 60.00; Equipment leasing Co., 165.00; First National Bank, 59.94; GFC Leasing, 492.85; Holiday Inn, 514.94; Howe Printing Company Inc., 99.70; Dan Kerkenbush, 60.00; Brandon Klein, 45.00; Carl Orr, 60.00; Piggly Wiggly-PDC, 38.04; River Ridge Special Checking, 210.00; US Cellular, 84.68; Village of Bloomington, 310.86; Wal-Mart Community, 293.79; Wal-Mart Community BRC, 81.74.

The following General Fund revenues were reviewed: CESA 3 2,007.01; Village of Bagley, 72,618.89; Staff/District, 50.00; River Ridge Employee Insurance Fund, 144.30; Schwans Food Service, 34.63; Con Agra Foods, 111.71; Albany School District, 100.00; Town of Patch Grove, 86,994.24; Village of Mt. Hope, 19,325.71; River Ridge HS Pupil Activity, 33,471.03; State of Wisconsin, 32,930.00; State of Wisconsin, 12,584.01; State of Wisconsin, 349.53; State of Wisconsin, 55,534.34; Town of Millville, 44,897.45; Town of Little Grant, 27,552.39; Village of Bloomington, 110,270.62; Town of Wyalusing, 78,303.86; Town of Beetown, 21,736.28; Town of Glen Haven, 36,278.65; Town of Mt. Hope, 82,903.21; TDS Telecom, 3,765.77; Town of Bloomington, 116,624.48; Town of Woodman, 7,404.39; State of Wisconsin, 39,629.50; State of Wisconsin, 9,950.60; State of Wisconsin, 11,567.18; River Ridge Employee Insurance Fund, 144.30; State of Wisconsin, 110.16; US Cellular, 917.27; Village of Patch Grove, 24,592.49; Cooks, 17.04; FirstMerit Bank, 6.60; FirstMerit Bank, 16.21; AnchorBank, 9.50; BMO Harris Bank, 0.88; Peoples State Bank, 45.42.

The following Insurance Fund revenues were reviewed: Benefit Plan Administrators, 36.00; Judie Barnes, 326.40; Lorraine Bartels, 326.40; Patricia Bloyer, 326.40; Betty Cooley, 184.00; Joe Devlin, 110.50; Sandra Hagemann, 3,406.90; Marilyn Huser, 44.40; Carol Kalinowski, 110.50; Dolores Meyer, 552.00; Colleen Myers, 663.00; Susan Rinehart, 5,524.40; Judith Taylor, 65.50; Jerome Usgaard, 3,561.40; James Warczak, 282.00; Shirley Wegmuller, 44.40; River Ridge School District, 6,270.00; Charles Rice, 500.00; CVS Caremark RX Inc., 1,262.42; Benefit Plan Administrators, 92.30; Peoples State Bank, 69.30; Clare Bank, 0.65.

The following Insurance Fund expenditures were reviewed: Delta Dental, 1,425.66; Delta Dental, 2,079.40; Delta Dental, 3,504.10; Delta Dental, 3,220.50; Humana Insurance Co., 31.40; Physicians Mutual Ins. Co., 339.40; CMS Medicare Premium Center, 629.40; River Ridge School District, 144.30; Benefit Plan Administrators, 26,062.76; Benefit Plan Administrators, 1,431.00; Benefit Plan Administrators, 11,447.89; Benefit Plan Administrators, 4,543.65; CVS Caremark, 5,755.73; CVS Caremark, 5,617.63; CVS Caremark, 45.20.

The following Scholarship Fund expenditures were reviewed: Appreciation of Arts Scholarship, 200.00; T-Wolf Scholarship, 200.00; Brad Wachter Scholarship, 250.00; Bagley Royal Neighbors Scholarship, 200.00; Laufenberg Scholarship, 250.00; Bonn Scholarship, 196.08; Carlson Scholarship, 400.00; Dr. Pohle Scholarship, 250.00.

The following Scholarship Fund revenues were reviewed: Cash, 67.05; Bagley Royal Neighbors, 400.00; FirstMerit Bank, 3.82.

The following Debt Fund revenue was reviewed: Peoples State Bank, 2.52.

The following Capital Projects Fund revenue was reviewed: Cash, 449.78.

B. Troy Marshall presented the Buildings and Grounds Report. The discussion included the latest State Inspector's visit, the ceiling in the weight room at the Bloomington site is crumbling and the room has been locked and off limits for now, the speaker system for the athletic fields at Bloomington, the installation of new fire alarm pull stations in Bloomington, the chemical disposal issue, the chimney will be inspected soon and a new outside door for the Ag Shop has been ordered.

C. Lea Breuer presented the Staff and Employee Relations Report. She discussed our meeting that included compensation for teachers dealing with PDPs and credits. There will be a meeting on February 24, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss this further.

D. Troy Marshall presented the Crisis Team Update. He discussed a recent lockdown and that they are striving to make those situations more efficient.

E. Employment Recommendation (action)

1. Principal Position. Second interviews have been completed, but not quite ready for a recommendation at this time. The motion was made by Randy Martin and seconded by Dave Breuer to table this until a later date. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

F. Employment Resignation (action)

1. District Administrator/Elementary Principal. Mr. Pritzl handed in a letter of resignation that is effective on April 23, 2015, with his last day in the district being February 27, 2015. The motion to accept his resignation “with regret” was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Bob Mathre. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A, B, C and D was made by Kenny Nies and seconded by Dave Breuer. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

VII. Reports

A. A Chinese exchange student presented a comparison between Chinese and U.S. schools.

B. The Stephanie Harvey Update was presented by Deb Trautsch, Kim Horsfall and Heidi Serres.

C. The RTI Update was presented by Pat Dwyer and Shawn Chatfield. It is a multiple level support system for the students. It is an ongoing process that addresses academics and behaviors. The RTI team plans enrichment and intervention activities to assist students.

D. Referendum Update and Information

1. Communication Plan. Carol Wirth will be involved to provide the financial information. It was discussed that the informational meetings were not very effective. Direct mailings may be used more extensively this time. It was also mentioned that the information needs to be clearer. The newspapers may also be used to a greater extent. There will be at least one informational meeting. Greg Callin and Carol Wirth will be invited here for a meeting to provide us with the necessary information.

E. McKinstry Presentation

1. Dan Choi and Trenton Smith talked about the services that McKinstry can provide. They are a Performance Contractor that can help with an Energy Efficiency project if the April referendum fails. This type of project would allow the school board to obtain the funding for a project without voter approval. They will be performing a no cost energy efficiency audit of both River Ridge School buildings to provide possible options for a project of this type. When this audit is complete, they will be back to discuss those options.

F. First Reading of Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship Policy and Exhibit #463. This was discussed by Caron Townsend.

G. Contractor Policy Review. Eileen Brownlee has drawn up a contractor policy for the board to review. The contractor would have to sign a form verifying that he or she is qualified to perform the scope of work that is to be performed. It puts the liability on the contractor. Randy Martin agreed to provide the paperwork to all contractors who have completed any work within the School District since April 1, 2014.

VIII. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

1. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting (March 18, 2015, at 5:15 p.m.)

2. Next Full Board Meeting (March 18, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.)

B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items: There were no suggestions.

C. The motion was made by Bob Key and seconded by Bob Mathre to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing staff renewals. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin
Lea Breuer
Bob Key
Kenny Nies

Dave Breuer
Kerri Schier
Bob Mathre

The following voted no: none. The motion carried. The meeting moved to closed session at 8:13 p.m.

D. The meeting returned to open session at 10:12 p.m.

E. The motion to adjourn was made by Bob Key and seconded by Bob Mathre. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Kenneth D. Nies