

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: April 8, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the River Ridge Board of Education was called to order by President Lea Breuer on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Randy Martin
Bob Key
Kerri Schier

Dave Breuer
Lea Breuer
Kenny Nies

Bob Mathre was absent. Also present were District Administrator Tom Andres, 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 April 2, 2015, at 3:46 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 by Bob Key and seconded by Kerri Schier. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

V. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2015, and March 25, 2015, and Regular Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2015.

The motion to approve those minutes was made by Randy Martin and seconded by Lea Breuer. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

VI. REPORTS

A. Carol Harris presented the Finance Report.

The following General Fund expenditures were reviewed: AFLAC Premium Holding, 2,129.18; Ameritas, 155.00; Clare Bank, 4,300.00; Credit Bureau Data Inc., 142.99; Employee Flexible Benefit Account, 1,306.26; Employee Insurance Fund, 129,830.76; FirstMerit Bank NA, 30,985.41; Horace Mann Companies, 87.06; Horace Mann Life Ins. Company, 1,575.23; Madison National Life, 2,687.31; Minnesota Life Ins. Co., 1,248.59; National Insurance Co. of WI, 1,236.94; Superior Vision Insurance Plan, 1,350.50; Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, 5,402.51; Lester Breuer, 10.35; Lisa Clark, 76.48; Susan J. Gotto, 106.15; Carol A. Harris, 27.60; Sandra C Mergen, 40.25; Patch Grove Postmaster, 248.26; Barbara Ploessl, 40.25; Prairie Farms Dairy, 3,022.65; Wade Winkers, 121.90; Alliant Energy/WPL, 5,816.88; Amazon/Synchrony Bank, 140.27; BL Murray Inc., 561.65; Badger Sporting Goods, 557.52; Bear Graphics Inc., 37.24; Brookes Publishing, 565.00; CDW Government Inc., 10,898.87; CESA 3, 12,135.96; Clinicare Corporation, 22,806.50; Command Central, 1,439.75; Courier Press, 29.20; D & B Total Construction LLC, 360.00; Dependable Solutions Inc., 4,951.19; Earthgrains Baking Company Inc., 271.80; Evan Moor Educational Publisher, 81.20; Fire & Safety Equipment III LLC, 537.55; First National Bank, 632.33; Follett School Solutions, 122.86; Fox River Foods Inc., 7,173.10; Gordon Flesch Company Inc., 1,297.67; Harder Corp., 1,167.75; Hermsens Home Center, 29.42; Hermsens Inc., 127.07; Howe Printing Company Inc., 221.90; Infomart Inc., 79.00; Jostens, 125.26; Jr. Electric, 497.54; Kalahari Resort, 636.00; Kraemers Water Store Inc., 66.85; La Crosse Queen Cruises, 50.00; Langmeier Lumber Inc., 7.79; LBS Automotive Services LLC, 22.00; Lookout Books, 701.41; MCT Inc., 3,250.00; Marriott West, 204.00; Morris Newspaper Corp. of WI, 348.66; Nelson Hardwood Lumber Co., 981.00; Nelsons True Value, 48.75; Netch Corporation, 323.75; New Horizons Supply Co-Op, 261.41; Okeys Market, 13.42; Order of Grant County, 463.55; Patch Grove Postmaster, 84.92; Plank RD Pub., 151.77; Prairie Farms

Dairy, 2,822.62; Really Good Stuff, 319.12; Renaissance Learning Inc., 7.20; River Ridge HS Pupil Act., 1,644.00; River Ridge Special Checking, 821.06; SNA, 46.50; SSE Music, 326.81; Schier Electric LLC, 2,939.80; School Specialty Inc., 220.26; Sharp Electronics Corporation, 293.28; SimplexGrinnell LP, 9,201.76; Southwest WI Tech College, 668.20; Steel Mart, 532.22; TDS Telecom Inc., 803.85; Top Notch Construction & Design LLC, 1,670.00; Town & Country Sanitation, 425.00; UW-Platteville, 150.00; WARCO Transportation Inc., 56,490.55; WASB Inc., 885.00; WHSFA, 77.00; WIAA, 2,597.40; WSSCA, 340.00; WE Energies, 9,730.44; West Music Company, 256.64; WI Title I Assoc. Treasurer, 470.00; Zip Print, 437.50; Alliant Energy/WPL, 70.32; Amazon/Synchrony Bank, 113.20; Bloomington Vol. Fire Dept., 25.00; CenturyLink, 2.31; Darlington High School, 125.00; Equipment Leasing Co., 165.00; Infomart Inc., 59.00; Okeys Market, 21.66; Pitney Bowes Corp., 359.10; River Ridge HS Pupil Act., 200.00; River Ridge Petty Cash, 23.41; US Cellular, 130.85; WASB Inc., 12.76; WASBO Foundation, 885.00; Wal-Mart Community, 358.01; Wal-Mart Community BRC, 111.04; Yeomans Inc., 41.33; Ameritas, 155.00; Clare Bank, 4,300.00; Credit Bureau Data Inc., 142.99; Employee Flexible Benefit Account, 1,146.51; Employee Insurance Fund, 6,931.78; FirstMerit Bank NA, 32,047.45; Horace Mann Life Ins. Company, 1,575.23; Lincoln Life Administrator, 107.00; Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, 5,620.02; Wisconsin Retirement System, 35,611.64.

The following General Fund revenues were reviewed: Kwik Trip, 51.32; US Dept. of Education, 1,332.34; CESA 3, 8,869.67; Weston School District, 96.89; Village of Patch Grove, 35,077.50; Town of Woodman, 14,570.33; Town of Wyalusing, 129,808.64; Village of Bloomington, 461.82; State of Wisconsin, 23,515.73; State of Wisconsin, 4,730.43; State of Wisconsin, 18,796.84; State of Wisconsin, 324.59; State of Wisconsin, 1,386.19; State of Wisconsin, 3,178.05; State of Wisconsin, 13,616.49; State of Wisconsin, 32,930.00; Kwik Trip, 38.33; Nancy Fassbinder, 47.70; Staff/District, 27.10; State of Wisconsin, 29,595.00; State of Wisconsin, 768,663.00; State of Wisconsin, 76,200.00; Cooks, 98.47; Fennimore Comm. Schools, 125.00; State of Wisconsin, 26.00; Schwans Food Service, 21.18; River Ridge HS Pupil Activity, 19,083.83; FirstMerit Bank, 18.75; FirstMerit Bank, 27.98; Anchorbank, 26.16; BMO Harris Bank, 0.88; Clare Bank, 18.73; Peoples State Bank, 89.87; Peoples State Bank, 7.31.

The following Insurance Fund expenditures were reviewed: Delta Dental, 2,207.66; Delta Dental, 1,036.00; Delta Dental, 1,995.60; Delta Dental, 1,282.20; Delta Dental, 1,234.60; Humana Insurance Co., 31.40; Physicians Mutual Ins. Co., 339.40; Benefit Plan Administrators, 25,887.73; Benefit Plan Administrators, 14,694.77; Benefit Plan Administrators, 11,192.69; CVS Caremark, 5,483.81; CVS Caremark, 14,710.18; CVS Caremark, 44.80.

The following Insurance Fund revenues were reviewed: Joe Devlin, 659.28; Margaret Guthrie, 324.99; Carol Kalinowski, 659.28; Judith Taylor, 65.50; River Ridge School District, 129,830.76; Betty Cooley, 200.00; Judith Taylor, 65.50; River Ridge Flex Fund, 159.75; Benefit Plan Administrators, 123.43; River Ridge School District, 6,931.78; Peoples State Bank, 69.29; Clare Bank, 0.69.

The following Scholarship Fund expenditure was reviewed: Milwaukee School of Engineering, 234.59.

The following Scholarship fund revenues were reviewed: Peoples State Bank, 0.09; Anchorbank, 13.62.

The following Debt Service Fund expenditure was reviewed: Peoples State Bank, 67,302.68.

The following Debt Service Fund revenue was reviewed: Peoples State Bank, 9.79.

The following Other Capital Project Fund revenue was reviewed: Clare Bank, 495.55.

B. Troy Marshall presented the Buildings and Grounds Report.

1. The two bids received to replace the sound system for the track and football field were \$8500 and \$9500. So far this year, the portable system that is used for meetings and other events has been used for track meets and

has worked great. Troy has recommended that we purchase another one of those portable systems for \$2500. This saves \$6000 and may actually work better than the permanent systems.

2. The Simplex bid to replace the fire alarm in Bloomington is the lowest at \$1995. It would satisfy the State and provide the safety needed at that location.

3. Some of the school's vehicles need upgrading. It is recommended that the board should authorize Troy to begin the process by gathering information to provide options.

4. The old bus garage could be used as a much cleaner and safer storage area if it had a few upgrades to make it bird and rodent proof. The work can be done by the Maintenance Department.

5. Veolia will be removing the old chemicals this summer.

6. A 40' by 50' gym floor cover would cost \$800. It would be easier to store than a full cover and would protect the floor during concerts and other events.

The motion to approve the Reports was made by Bob Key and seconded by Dave Breuer. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. The discussion about a possible health insurance premium holiday was presented by Carol Harris and Brent Straka from Tricor Insurance. The health insurance plan is still running very well. Our monthly claims are running about \$46,000 below the normal average. It is recommended that another health insurance premium holiday should be taken for two months. The motion to approve a two-month health insurance premium holiday for April and May 2015 was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Bob Key. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Dave Breuer
Lea Breuer
Kenny Nies

Bob Key
Kerri Schier

The following voted no: none. Randy Martin abstained. Bob Mathre was absent. The motion carried.

B. Employment Recommendation

1. Katrina Ellis has been recommended as the new math teacher. The motion was made by Randy Martin and seconded by Dave Breuer to approve the recommendation. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

C. Employment Resignation

1. Ashley Mergen has resigned as the assistant girls' basketball coach. The motion to accept the resignation was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Kenny Nies. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

D. Review and Possible Approval of 2015-2016 Calendar

The motion was made by Dave Breuer and seconded by Kenny Nies to approve the 2015-2016 calendar.

On a roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin
Bob Key
Kerri Schier

Dave Breuer
Lea Breuer
Kenny Nies

The following voted no: none. Robert Mathre was absent. The motion carried.

E. Discussion and Approval of Sound System for Football and Track Facility

The motion was made by Randy Martin and seconded by Kenny Nies to approve the portable sound system.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

F. Discussion and Approval of Next Steps for Building Renovation

Tom Andres began the discussion about what's next now that the referendum failed. The State's reports still have to be satisfied by September 1, 2015. He stands for what is best for the kids.

Representatives from McKinstry Company discussed the Act 32 Energy Efficiency Exemption. It would allow the district to borrow for up to 20 years to pay off an energy efficiency project. The project must be governed by a performance contractor such as McKinstry. The three priorities identified by McKinstry are the following:

1. Satisfaction of the State requirements
2. Indoor air quality and the overall learning environment for the students and staff
3. Eliminate the liability to the district because of the poor air quality

They would work with Carol Wirth to come up with the best avenue for the financing. There is a mandatory 30-day petition period to allow the public to force the project to go to a formal referendum.

Lea Breuer asked the board members to explain what their priorities are. Most members suggested that the health and safety issues are the priority. A lot of discussion continued but no resolution was made. Tom will direct Carol Wirth to begin to put together resolution wording to be prepared for a later meeting.

VIII. INFORMATION

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

1. Special Board Meetings (April 9-10, 2015, at 4:45 p.m.) Interviews for Superintendent
2. Special Board Meetings (April 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.) Final Interviews for Superintendent
3. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting (May 13, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.)
4. Next Full Board Meeting (May 13, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.)
5. Policy Committee Meeting (to be determined)

B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items

1. Kerri Schier would like to see a cost of converting the elementary gym to classrooms and moving everyone to one site.

C. The motion to adjourn was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Kerri Schier. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Emilie Mumm, Clerk