

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:
May 20, 2014

The Special Meeting of the River Ridge Board of Education was called to order by President Lea Breuer on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 6:04 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Lea Breuer
Dave Breuer
Bob Mathre

Kerri Schier
Bob Key
Kenny Nies

Randy Martin was absent. Also present were District Administrator Lee Pritzl, Business Manager Carol Harris, two representatives from Kraemer Brothers, Chris Myers from Myers Mechanical Solutions and members of the public.

Kenny Nies presented proof of posting showing notice of the meeting posted on May 16, 2014, at 3:36 p.m. at the River Ridge High School and Middle School and the post offices in Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mt. Hope and Patch Grove. The motion was made by Bob Mathre and seconded by Bob Key to approve the posting. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

V. DISCUSSION ON THE SURVEY WITH CCG COMMITTEE AND KRAEMER BROTHERS

Lee Pritzl briefly outlined the history of the CCG Committee showing 28 points of interest including meetings, mailings and building assessments from the fall of 2012 to the present time.

All in attendance were involved in an extensive discussion about the possible upcoming survey. The points that were discussed included the following items:

- The survey is not a referendum. It is only an information gathering tool.
- How many questions should the survey contain?
- Should the lowest possible cost be included as one of the options?
- What part does our projected enrollment play in all of this?
- What is our biggest concern about the school district today?
- Is the low cost repair and maintain option being "responsible"?
- What power does the State Department of Health have in this situation?

A vote was taken by the attending members of the school district (excluding the board) whether a five-year, bandage-type fix of both sites or a 50-year permanent fix of one site is the way to go. The results were the five-year repair received 9 votes and the 50-year fix received 6 votes. No dollar amounts were associated with this vote.

Mr. Rodney Lewis brought up concerns about the air quality at the Patch Grove site. He stated that some children miss 30-40 days per year due to respiratory issues and that some of the staff, including himself, have been dealing with serious respiratory issues for years.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Health has performed an inspection of the Patch Grove site. The previous air quality report indicated areas of concern. The State has given a deadline of June 18, 2014, to have new air quality studies completed and reported. The studies have been completed and the results should be in soon.

Chris Myers and the Kraemer Brothers representatives discussed the building codes and that some things can be done that will not trigger the code whereas other things will trigger the code upgrades. Both agreed that a low-cost option that does not bring things up to code is not really an option. It was also mentioned by Chris and agreed upon by Kraemer Brothers that the State can come in and shut you down tomorrow if these health issues are not addressed. They also agreed that there is no cheap fix for these problems.

It was agreed upon that the health concerns in the two schools are the top priority and that there is no low-cost answer to these problems.

Dave Breuer Left at 8:30 p.m.

The final conclusion is that the survey will contain two options. One option will include cost projections to continue with a two-site school district and a second option will include cost projections to move to a one-site school district. There will also be information included about the cost savings of moving to one site and the tax impact of the various options.

Staff and a couple board members will go to Platteville to work on the design of the survey. There will be an open board meeting to word the survey questions.

There will be an open board meeting to finalize the survey with the goal being June 16, 2014, to send it out.

The motion to adjourn was made by Bob Key and seconded by Kenny Nies. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Kenneth D. Nies, Clerk