

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:
May 6, 2015

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

Randy Martin	Dave Breuer
Cory Raisbeck	Lea Breuer
Kerri Schier	Kenny Nies
Emilie Mumm	

Also present were Business Manager Carol Harris and Superintendent Tom Andres, staff and members of the district

Kenny Nies presented proof of posting showing notice of the meeting posted on April 29, 2015, at 2:27 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 was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Dave Breuer to approve the posting. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

4. Appearances

- Mr. Tom Andres honored Bob Mathre for his service as a school board member. Dr. Bob Key was not present at this time and will be honored at a later time.
- Mr. Andres explained that the board will be deciding how to take the next step in planning. It is not a resolution at this time.
- A member of the audience asked if the new school board members are on the school board for children's health/safety or building location. The person also questioned what has been completed and what needs to be done regarding the 62 state-mandated issues.
- A member of the audience asked why public participation was limited to the beginning of meeting.
- There was a comment from the audience concerning the board's lack of a plan.

5. Board Reorganization

Lea Breuer asked for nominations for the position of president. The motion was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Lea Breuer to nominate Kenny Nies for president. The motion was made by Randy Martin and seconded by Cory Raisbeck to nominate David Breuer as president of the board. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes to nominate Kenny Nies as president:

Lea Breuer	Kerri Schier
Kenny Nies	

The following voted no:

Cory Raisbeck	Emilie Mumm
Dave Breuer	Randy Martin

The motion failed.

On a roll call vote, the following voted yes to nominate David Breuer as president:

Cory Raisbeck	Emilie Mumm
Dave Breuer	Randy Martin

The following voted no:

Lea Breuer	Kerri Schier
Kenny Nies	

The motion carried. David Breuer was elected president of the board.

David Breuer asked for nominations for the vice president position. Lea Breuer made the motion and it was seconded by Kerri Schier to nominate Kenny Nies as vice president. Cory Raisbeck made the motion and it was seconded by Emilie Mumm to nominate Randy Martin as vice president.

On a roll call vote, the following voted yes to nominate Kenny Nies as vice president:

Lea Breuer	Kerri Schier
Kenny Nies	

The following voted no:

Cory Raisbeck	Emilie Mumm
Dave Breuer	Randy Martin

The motion failed.

On a roll call vote, the following voted yes to nominate Randy Martin as vice president:

Cory Raisbeck	Emilie Mumm
Dave Breuer	Randy Martin

The following voted no:

Lea Breuer	Kerri Schier
Kenny Nies	

The motion carried. Randy Martin was elected vice president of the board

David Breuer asked for nominations for the clerk position. The motion was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Randy Martin to nominate Emilie Mumm for clerk. The motion was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Kenny Nies to nominate Cory Raisbeck as clerk. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes for Emilie Mumm as clerk:

Cory Raisbeck	Emilie Mumm
Dave Breuer	Randy Martin
Kerri Schier	

The following voted no:

Lea Breuer	Kenny Nies
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The motion carried.

On a roll call vote, the following voted yes for Cory Raisbeck as clerk:

Lea Breuer	Kenny Nies
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The following voted no:

Cory Raisbeck	Emilie Mumm
Dave Breuer	Randy Martin
Kerri Schier	

The motion failed.

Emilie Mumm was nominated clerk of the board.

David Breuer asked for nominations for the treasurer position. Lea Breuer made the motion and it was seconded by Cory Raisbeck to nominate Kerri Schier as the treasurer. There were no other nominations. Randy Martin makes motion and it was seconded by Lea Breuer for a unanimous vote to approve Kerri Schier as treasurer. On voice vote, the motion carried.

The following board members volunteered to be committee members:

- Buildings and Grounds/ Finance Committee - Cory Raisbeck, Randy Martin and Kenny Nies
- Staff and Employee Relations - Dave Breuer, Lea Breuer and Kenny Nies
- Curriculum and Policy - Kerri Schier, Lea Breuer and Emilie Mumm
- CESA 3 representative - Emilie Mumm
- WASB representative - Cory Raisbeck
- Safety Committee - Randy Martin

- Technology Committee - Cory Raisbeck

6. Approval of Contract for Superintendent/Principal - Dr. Jeff Athey

Mr. Tom Andres introduced Dr. Jeff Athey. The motion was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Kenny Nies to approve the contract for Dr. Jeff Athey. On roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin	Dave Breuer
Cory Raisbeck	Lea Breuer
Kerri Schier	Kenny Nies
Emilie Mumm	

The following voted no: none. The motion carried.

7. Approve List for 2015-2016 Teacher Contracts

The motion made by Lea Breuer to approve the list for 2015-2016 teacher contracts. It was seconded by Kerri Schier. On roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Dave Breuer	Cory Raisbeck
Lea Breuer	Kerri Schier
Kenny Nies	Emilie Mumm

The following voted no: none. Randy Martin abstained. The motion carried.

8. Approve List for 2015-2016 Letters of Assignment for Support Staff

Randy Martin made the motion to approve the list for 2015-16 letters of assignments for the support staff. The motion was seconded by Lea Breuer. On roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin	Dave Breuer
Cory Raisbeck	Lea Breuer
Kerri Schier	Kenny Nies
Emilie Mumm	

The following voted no: none. The motion carried.

9. Approve Softball Co-op Agreement

Tom Andres explained that River Ridge and Cassville co-op in girls' softball. River Ridge will be the host school as they have more students on the team. Both schools will share costs for the program. Kerri asked a question regarding the uniforms. New uniforms will be created for the co-op team. Cassville's superintendent will donate money toward the purchase of the uniforms. The motion to approve the softball co-op agreement was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Kenny Nies. On voice vote, the motion carried.

10. Accept Resignation/Retirements

The motion was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Kerri Schier to approve, with regret, the resignations of Kory Stalsberg, Ag teacher/FFA advisor; Adam Guthrie, head wrestling coach; Tara Drone, dance coach and the retirement of Jan Block, librarian. On voice vote, the motion carried.

11. Discussion and Approval of 2014-2015 Budget Balances and Possible Uses

Discussion was held on the remaining money in the 2014-2015 budget that needs to be spent before June 30, 2015. The total amount is \$273,000. No decision was made at this time.

12. Discussion and Approval of Next Steps for Building Renovations

13. Approval of Option to be Developed for Approval of the Resolution at the May 13, 2015, Board Meeting

Mr. Tom Andres explained why he feels the \$2,000,000 resolution is in the best interest of the school. He stated that while he knows it will not satisfy board members or even the public, it will satisfy the faculty and the students. The referendum was addressing the two separate issues of education and facility. He explained that 12 of the state issues have been completed and the school is currently working on four more. Funding can be obtained from the energy exemption plan. We need authority to borrow according to procedures. McKinstry will define to our school district what will fall under the category of energy exemption. The school must identify what needs to be completed and McKinstry will explain to the school how much money will be saved. The school board has to request "funding authority" to

borrow the money if borrowing 11-20 years. The public can petition against the borrowing. Mr. Andres recommends the state trust fund option, which is a low-cost option, with the state providing the documentation and no repayment restrictions. Mr. Andres reminded everyone that the state has already given the school extensions and that something needs to be started soon. He encouraged the school to take care of the two buildings we have. He informed the board that staffing and scheduling has been started for the next year. Lea Breuer expressed concerns regarding the ceiling in the weight room in the Upper Elementary. Kerri Schier expressed concerns that the state may find more issues when inspecting progress of the state issues. Mr. Andres stated that it could indeed happen. Kerri clarified “so we are fixing but not guaranteeing that we won’t be fixing again?” Mr. Andres answered “that would be true.” Trenton from McKinstry stated that if new issues were found, he believed that the state would place those issues on a new time line and not expect them to be completed with the current issues. Kenny Nies asked Mr. Andres if he has heard concerns regarding air quality and stated that the \$2,000,000 would not address this issue. Mr. Andres said that the \$2,000,000 potentially could.

Mr. Andres also reported that 32-34 students typically come into our school district and that 26 new open enrollment out applications have been taken from the office for the 2015-2016 school year. Dave Breuer asked Mr. Andres if this is “potential” and Mr. Andres responded “yes, potential.” Cory Raisbeck asked if we can make a request for more money after we begin work. Trenton said we could authorize more money to be used.

Kenny Nies asked to be stated for the record that the tax impact for the failed referendums is still the lowest tax impact.

Mr. Andres addressed the audience regarding the labels of “us” and “them.” He asked that when we have discussions, we need to discuss “what is the best” and “how do we get there?”

Lea Breuer wants Mr. Andres to ask Carol Wirth when we can ask for more money if needed.

14. Approval of Energy Services Partner - McKinstry

A motion made by Randy Martin and seconded by Cory Raisbeck to approve Energy Services Partner - McKinstry. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin	Dave Breuer
Cory Raisbeck	Lea Breuer
Kerri Schier	Kenny Nies
Emilie Mumm	

The following voted no: none. The motion carried.

15. Approval of Financial Support Services - WI Public Finance

Cory Raisbeck asked if Carol Wirth worked for WI Public Finance. Carol Harris informed him that it is her company. The motion was made by Kenny Nies and seconded by Lea Breuer to approve Financial Support Services - WI Public Finance. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin	Dave Breuer
Cory Raisbeck	Lea Breuer
Kerri Schier	Kenny Nies
Emilie Mumm	

The following voted no: none. The motion carried

The motion to table Item #13 (Approval of Option to be Developed for Approval of the Resolution at the May 13, 2015, Board Meeting) was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Kerri Schier. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin	Dave Breuer
Cory Raisbeck	Lea Breuer
Kerri Schier	Kenny Nies
Emilie Mumm	

The following voted no: none. The motion carried.

16. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Kerri Schier and seconded Kenny Nies. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes:

Randy Martin
Cory Raisbeck
Kerri Schier
Emilie Mumm

Dave Breuer
Lea Breuer
Kenny Nies

The following voted no: none. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Emilie Mumm, Clerk