



# TIMBERWOLF NEWS

January 2017

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## IMPORTANT DATES

January 3  
School Resumes

January 4  
FFA Banquet

January 11  
8th Grade  
Registration  
Board Meeting

January 19 - 20  
HS Exams

## Dear River Ridge School District Resident,

On Tuesday, November 8, district voters authorized up to \$9.5 million for additions/remodeling to create one Pre K-12 grade campus at the Patch Grove site. Since November 8, the River Ridge School Board and Administration have been working to lay the groundwork for the new construction and remodeling.

On December 14, the Board approved a modified concept drawing for the addition/remodel. The modified design was developed by the district's architects, FEH Design. It is based on geotechnical information, site survey information, and interviews and surveys with staff. Features of the design include:

- 8 new classrooms
- Everything on one level; no need for an elevator
- A dedicated middle school wing
- Separate classrooms for band and choir
- Library space remodeled to accommodate the 5th and 6th grade additions.
- Storage within the new classrooms and in the two rooms above the high school stage
- Kraemer Brothers will update mechanical systems throughout the building

A budget for the project is now being developed by Kraemer Brothers, the district's contractor. The budget includes construction, mechanical, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and wiring for technology. The budget will be presented to the Board at its January, 2017 meeting, along with any recommendations for modification of the plan design. Bids for the design will be opened on February 8, 2017.

Meanwhile, site prep work is already underway. A temporary access road will be built by Kraemer Brothers to access the new construction area. Construction is slated to begin late February/early March. The goal is to have pre K -12 at one campus when we return to school in September, 2017!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Athey, River Ridge Supt./Elementary Principal



**Modified Construction Design Approved by the Board on December 14, 2016**

*(This design is subject to change pending budget estimates and subcontractor bids)*

The River Ridge School District will strive to provide a safe, challenging environment for each individual student by promoting excellent staff development, encouraging meaningful parent involvement, and earning strong community support through honesty, integrity, and open communication.




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**Spelling Bee** by Tamara Hoffman



The River Ridge Local Spelling Bee was held on December 7 at the Upper Elementary with competitors from each of the homerooms in grades 5-8. The winners will advance to the Sectional Spelling Bee on January 19 at UW-Platteville.



Students competing at sectionals will be David Nies, Tori Doll, and Matthew Nies. Alternate is Landon Trautsch.

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District Administrator  
P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P  
Patch Grove, WI 53817  
Telephone No. 608-994-2715

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### Guidance News

by Caron Townsend

#### Dates to Remember:

##### *Eighth Grade Registration*

January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Multipurpose Room - High School  
(Students/Parents)

##### *ACT Test*

February 28, 2017 at 8:00 AM  
Multipurpose Room - High School  
(Mandatory for all Juniors)

##### *ACT WorkKeys Test*

March 1, 2017 at 8:00 AM  
Multipurpose Room - High School  
(Mandatory for all Juniors)

#### Registration for 2017-18 School Year

9th-11th grade students will be registering for their 2017-18 classes the week of January 16-20, 2017. If any parent has a question about their son or daughter's credits or classes needed for graduation or post-secondary education plans, please see Miss Townsend.

#### **Thank You**

River Ridge would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their donations to the school district.

**Bill Martin** - donating wood carved moose figures for 2nd graders to use in a holiday art project.

**Chris Monk, an architect** - donating Star Wars figurines. The soft-sided figurines were put into service as incentive awards for our students in grades 2- 4.

# Let It Snow!

### Holiday Singers

by Ellen Martin



Holiday cheer was sung throughout the halls at the Prairie du Chien Nursing Home by the River Ridge Singers and Star Spangled Banner group. Pictured (1st row; left to right) Ryan West and Mrs. Ellen Martin. (2nd row; l. to r.) Ashton Marshall, Bea Mumm, Madison Stagman, Brooklyn Parker and Carly Hampton. (3rd row l. to r.) Anna Tolle, Tova Lindberg, Brynley Pritchett, Taylor Linder, Cailey Breuer and Olivia Meyer.



## FFA News by Bret Iverson

### Grant Project Update

The One STEM at a Time Grant sponsored by Monsanto has received donations from the West Grant Lions Club, Iverson Family, Black Sand Granary, DuPont Pioneer, Land O' Lakes, Premiere Cooperative, The Strachota Family, Southwest Veterinary Clinic, Top Notch Construction and River Ridge FFA. We are still looking for support. If you are interested in helping the River Ridge FFA on this exciting project, please send donations to Mr. Bret Iverson, PO. Box 78, Patch Grove, WI 53817. Checks are made out to River Ridge School District and note: One STEM at a Time Grant Project. We have a special fund set up for this project. Thanks again to everyone that has supported this project and others that are helping us make this educational initiative a reality.

## Growmark Essay Contest



Lexi Harper wrote a 500 word essay on how cooperatives help farmers. Lexi was selected from her class to represent River Ridge in this contest. She will receive a \$125 check from Growmark and plaque at the Wisconsin FFA Convention in June. This is the second year in a row that River Ridge FFA has had a state runner-up in this contest. Congratulations to Lexi for her excellent writing skills.

### **Record FFA Fruit Sale at River Ridge**

Thank you to the River Ridge Community for supporting our FFA Fruit Sale. The River Ridge FFA members sold \$40,000 in fruit, meat, cheese and nuts. This revenue helps support field trips, contests, and leadership development of our members. Again thank you for helping us reach our goal. This is the second year in row for a record fruit sale.

### **FBLA Giving to those in Need**

by Tina Dilley



FBLA collected items for Family Promise of Grant County to be distributed to the homeless in Grant County. We had nearly 100 items donated.

FBLA members are busy preparing for the upcoming Regional Competition to be held February 4, 2017 at Cochrane-Fountain City High School. Members are expected to follow the National FBLA Dress Code for this event.



### **FFA Alumni Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 5, 2017**

River Ridge High School  
Cafeteria  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM



## Kids of Character

by Kam Fohey



In the month of November River Ridge Elementary School focused on having a positive attitude and changing our thinking from negative thoughts to more positive ones. Fourth grade students shared daily positive quotes over the PA system and they dressed as positive super heroes on November 18. We also had 7 students recognized by teachers for their outstanding behavior this month and were rewarded with Kids of Character certificates.



Rewarded students for Kids of Character; left to right: Robert Bradshaw, Lydia Mason, Brynlee Kazda (not pictured), Emily Tesar, Wyatt Bull, Keele Redman, and Kristina Sletten.



## RRAP News

From everyone on the River Ridge Active Parents committee, we would like to thank all of you who sold fundraiser items, bought fundraiser items and/or donated money. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and without all of you, RRAP would not be able to continue to give back to the kids.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2017!

## Middle School Student Council

by Seth Breuer

This year the River Ridge middle school student council ran fun activities. One activity was decorating doors for the holidays. The 8A class won the Halloween and Thanksgiving door decoration contests. If 8A wins one more contest, they will get a pizza party, supplied by middle school student council.

This Holiday season we will be sponsoring adopt a family. Adopt a family is a program through the Grant County Holiday Project to help families in need. Each class plays a key role of getting one member of the family presents. We hope we can reach our goal, and provide a great holiday for this family.

Currently middle school student council is running a coin war for the Polodna family. Stacy Polodna is the father of three children who attend River Ridge School District. He was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. Please show some support, and make sure to bring in your coins.

We wish you a Happy New Year.





The River Ridge community as well as many surrounding communities have been rallying together to support Joseph Hamann and his family after he was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma. Through different activities and those yet to come, individuals, teams, and organizations have found ways to bring people together for a great cause.

On Tuesday, December 20, the boys basketball team hosted Belmont. The night was titled #JoeyStrong night and a variety of activities were designated to raise funds for the family. During the game, coaches, fans, dancers, pep band, and players were seen wearing their yellow t-shirts with #JoeyStrong plastered in camo lettering across the front. The basketball team has been selling T-shirts for a couple weeks leading up to this night and all profits will go to the family.



The activities began with the Student Council having a booth in the hallway promoting Kiss Away Cancer, where individuals could donate and pucker up with their favorite shade of lipstick and kiss the banner on the wall. There was also a JV halftime 3-Point shootout. Anyone could donate \$1 to come on the court and have a 3-point attempt. If you made it, you received a great prize from the FCA, as event organizers.



Between games, Kirk Hamann, Joseph's father, was presented with the t-shirt sales profit of over \$10,000 by Timberwolves Head Coach Nate Copsey. More sales were still being made, so that number has likely increased quite a bit. The St. Mary's students gifted an iPad to Joseph, and a signed decorative pallet in River Ridge colors was given to the family. To finish off the time slot, two local auctioneers, Kyle Mueller and Colton Vondra auctioned off two items. The first item was a #JoeyStrong shirt that is the same as what the basketball team uses in warmups and the second was a basketball signed by all members of the River Ridge team. They respectively auctioned for \$350 to Michelle White and \$2600 to Jason Cathman.



At halftime, the awesome River Ridge dance team performed their Christmas routine and the 50/50 raffle was held. The River Ridge Athletic Boosters would be donating their half of the raffle for the evening. Each half was \$698, and the winner, Jason Cathman, donated his half back to the family as well, which totaled \$1,396 for the family from 50/50 sales.

It is nights like this, we see the character of our community. The ability to come together for the need of others is incredible. I am so proud to be a member of this community for reasons like this alone. As we move on from the Holiday season and prepare for 2017, please realize the quality of people that we are surrounded by every day. They support whatever needs to be supported, whether it be families in need, class/organization fundraisers, community activities, education, or athletics. Oh, yeah, Ridge won the game, but it is kind of an afterthought after you see what a community can do together. #RRSDPride #JoeyStrong #OurCommunityRocks



Wade Winkers  
River Ridge Athletics



# #JOEYSTRONG

## SUPPORT JOSEPH HAMANN AND FAMILY

Joseph (Joey) Hamann is a junior at River Ridge High School. As a 17 year old high school student, Joseph is active in many activities including basketball and baseball. He is also an avid hunter and fisherman. Joseph has one of the biggest hearts a kid could ever have.

On November 29th, Joseph and his family received

shocking news: Joseph was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, a very rare form of bone cancer. There are less than 1,000 cases of Ewing Sarcoma reported in the U.S. every year.

It is times like this when the school and community must come together to support Joseph and his family. There has already been an unbelievable

amount of support in the school, and we hope this will continue throughout the community.

On January 21st, a benefit will be held for Joseph and his family. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made to Avid Archer. All proceeds go the Hamann family.



# River Ridge School District



## Revised 2016-2017 Calendar!

Revised on December 14, 2016

August 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**August 31** Open House - 4K-6th Grade  
3:30 - 6:30 PM

**September 1** First Day of School

**September 5** No School - Labor Day

**October 12** No School - In-service Day

**October 28** No School

February 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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September 2016						
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**November 4** End of 1st Quarter

**November 8** P/T Conference - 3:30 - 7:30 PM

**November 10** P/T Conference - 3:30 - 7:30 PM

**November 11** No School

**November 23 - 25** No School

March 2017						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**December 23 - 30** No School

**January 2** No School

**January 3** School Resumes

**January 20** End of 2nd Quarter

April 2017						
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November 2016						
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27	28	29	30			

**March 13** P/T Conference - 3:30-7:30 PM

**March 16** P/T Conference - 3:30-7:30 PM

**March 17** No School

**March 29** End of 3rd Quarter

**April 14 & 17** No School

May 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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December 2016						
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**May 26** Last Day of School  
Full Day of School

**NOTE:** beginning Jan. 23, start time for grades 7-12 is **7:55 AM**.  
Dismissal remains 3:15 PM

June 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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January 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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**Elementary & Middle/High School**  
11165 County Road P, Patch Grove  
Phone: 608-994-2715

**Upper Elementary**  
545 Mill Street, Bloomington  
Phone: 608-994-2711  
[www.risd.k12.wi.us](http://www.risd.k12.wi.us)

- Open House
- First and Last Day of School
- No School
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

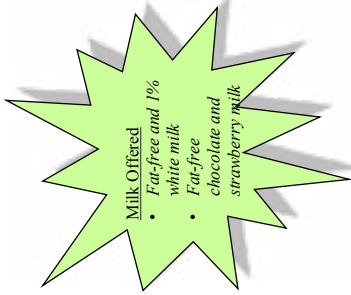


# January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2 No School	3 School Resumes 6:00PM HSGB vs Wauzeka 6:00 PM HSBB @ DeSoto	4 5:15PM Policy&Curr. Meet. 6:00 PM Staff&Employ. 7:00PM FFA Banquet	5 5:00PM MSGB @ PDC 6:00PM Wrestling - Home	6 6:00PM HSBB vs Cassville	7 5-8 Grade Girls' BB Tourney @ RR Little Wolves @ UE 9:30AM Wrestling@Lancaster
8	9 9:00AM Building & Grounds 6:00PM HSBB @ Wauzeka	10 4:30PM MSBBvsFennimore 6:00PM HSGB @ Potosi	11 7:00PM 8th Grade Registration 6:00PM Board Meeting	12 4:30PM MSGB @ Bluff View 6:00PM HSBB @ Potosi	13 FFA Conference 7:30PM HSGB @Shullsburg	14 FFA Conference 5-8 Grade Girls BB at PDC Little Wolves @ HS 8:00AM Wrestling@Weston
15 Dorian Choral Festival	16 Dorian Choral Festival 2017-18 HS Registration 9:00AM Building & Grounds	17 2017-18 HS Registration 6:00PM HSBB @ Highland	18 2017-18 HS Registration	19 2017-18 HS Registration Semester Exam 4:30PM MSGB @ Cassville 5:30PM MSBB @ Cassville 6:00PM Board Meeting 7:00PM HSGB @ Cassville	20 2017-18 HS Registration Semester Exam End of Quarter 2 6:00PM HSBB @ Shullsburg	21 5-8 Grade Boys' BB at PDC Little Wolves @ HS 8:00AM Wrestling@Riverdale 1:00PM HSGB @Pecatonica
22	23 9:00AM Building & Grounds 4:30PM MSBB vs Highland	24 4:30PM MSGB @ Potosi 7:30PM HSGB @ Highland	25	26 4:30PM MSBB @ Fennimore 7:00PM Wrestling @DeSoto	27 7:30PM HSGB @ Belmont	28 Men's Alumni Tourney -HS 9:00AM Wrestling at Lancaster
29	30 9:00AM Building & Grounds 6:00PM HSGB @ Lancaster	31 6:00PM HSBB vs Benton				

# JANUARY 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	No School	3 Trix/Danival Yogurt & Cereal Bar Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Dinner Roll Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	4 Breakfast Biscuit Cheesburger Casserole Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Garlic Breadstick Milk Choice	5 Cheese Omelet & Toast BBQ on a Bun Cheesy Hashbrowns Baked Beans Fruit Salad/Fruit Choice Milk Choice	6 Cereal & Toast Pizza Choice Fresh Vegetables & Dip Salad Bar Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice January Birthday Treat
9	Cereal & Toast French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrown Fruit Juice/Fruit Choice Milk Choice	10 Breakfast Cake & Yogurt Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Toast Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	11 Cheese Omelet & Toast Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	12 Breakfast Casserole & Toast Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	13 Breakfast Pizza Stromboli French Fries Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice
16	Scrambled Eggs & Toast Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Calico Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	17 Breakfast Biscuit Hard or Soft-Shell Tacos with the works Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	18 Cheese Omelet & Toast Hamburger/Cheesburger on a bun Waffle Fries Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	19 Fruit Smoothie & Pancake Wrap Chicken & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Peas Fresh Bread Slice Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	20 Pancakes & Sausage Mozzarella Dippers with Marinara Green Beans Macaroni Salad Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice
23	Trix/Danival Yogurt & Cereal Bar French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrown Fruit Juice/Fruit Choice Milk Choice	24 Cereal & Pop Tarts Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup Sweet Rolls Baby Carrots & Celery w/dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	25 Cheese Omelet & Toast Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	26 Breakfast Casserole & Toast Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	27 Pancakes & Ham Pizza Choice Fresh Vegetables & Dip Salad Bar Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice
30	Trix/Danival Yogurt & Cereal Bar Chicken Nuggets AuGratin Potatoes Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	31 Breakfast Biscuit Dog in a Blanket Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice			



**Breakfast Notes**  
Breakfast is served with the choice of fruit and milk

Two Entrees will be offered each day. Students may choose one. The second option for PK - 4th grade is a yogurt lunch (consists of 4 oz. yogurt, peanut butter sandwich, vegetable, fruit and milk) and the second option for 5th - 12th is a chef salad.

Each meal must have a combined 1/2 cup total of vegetables and/or fruit on the tray in order to qualify for a reimbursable meal.

WG - Whole Grain  
WW - Whole Wheat

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

**Who is responsible for transportation?**

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If bus service is required in the authorized education program (IEP) for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.

**Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?**

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to another school after the date requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

**Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?**

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic activities are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.



**2017-18 School Year**

**Full-Time  
Inter-District**

**Open  
Enrollment**

**In Wisconsin Public  
Schools**

(Information for Parents)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
My State, My Education

**Important open enrollment dates**

**February 6 – April 28, 2017 – PUBLIC SUE:** Submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

**June 9, 2017 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial of an application to approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.**

**June 15, 2017 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.**

**June 30, 2017 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify a nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2017-18 school year. If the parent fails to notify the nonresident district, the district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.**

**For more information contact:**

Public School Open Enrollment Program  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-0841  
Tollfree: 888-245-7932

Email: [openenrollment@dpi.wis.gov](mailto:openenrollment@dpi.wis.gov)  
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## You may apply for **open enrollment** from **February 6-April 28, 2017**

### What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

### Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited.

Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

### How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2017-18 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2017. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

### Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school in the nonresident school district every day that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.

- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located. If you have any questions about this, call the virtual charter school.

- You must know your resident school district in order to apply.

- A list of 2016-17 virtual charter schools may be found at [this webpage](#).

### Can an application be rejected?

Yes. Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education **space is not available** for the pupil; **special education or related services** are not available; or if the pupil has been **referred for a special education evaluation** but has not yet been evaluated.

Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been **expelled** during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was **habitually truant** from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

### Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

Yes, in limited circumstances. A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old

kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

### Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

### Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

### Is there a cost to parents for open enrollment?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: NOVEMBER 9, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

I. *Call to order* – Board president Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. *Roll Call* – Present: Kenny Nies, Cory Raisbeck, Kerri Schier, Jason Cathman & Cory Moravits. Absent: Dave Breuer and Emilie Mumm.

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. *Statement of Notice* – Cory Moravits presented proof of posting on November 4, 2016 at 3:00 PM. The motion to approve the posting was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Kerri Schier. The motion carried on voice vote.

V. *Appearances* – There were no public appearance.

VI. *Approval of Board Meeting Minutes*

A. Cory Moravits moved to approve the closed session meeting minutes from the October 12, 2016 meeting. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

B. Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from the October 26, 2016 meeting. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote

VII. *Reports*

A. **Finance** – Business Manager Kevin Kocer presented the financial statements, receipts and expenditures. Cory Moravits moved to accept the financial report for October 2016, pending the audit of 2016/17, for revenues of \$176,206.93 and expenditures of \$896,382.34. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. **Buildings and Grounds Committee** – Committee chair Ken Nies discussed the November 8, 2016 referendum results. The uncanvassed results were as follows: Question 1 passed with 938 yes votes to 852 no votes. Question 2 failed with 801 yes votes and 970 no votes.

C. **Staff and Employee Relations Committee**

Committee chair Jason Cathman explained that due to changes in the Fair Labor Standards, the staff and Employee Relations Committee recommends the board approve an annual salary of \$47,476 for the district's Maintenance Director, effective December 1, 2016. Cory Raisbeck made the motion to approve the Maintenance Director's annual Salary of \$47,476 effective December 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Jason Cathman and passed on a voice vote.

D. **Policy/Curriculum Committee** – Committee chair Kerri Schier gave a report on the November 2, 2016 meeting.

i. **BOARD VIDEOTAPING POLICY** – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the second reading of the district's new Board Videotaping policy. The motion was seconded by Kerri Schier and passed on a voice vote.

ii. **363.2 SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES POLICY** – Cory Raisbeck made a motion to approve the first reading of the 363.2 safe and Responsible Internet and other Technology Resources replacement Policy. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

iii. **363.21 STUDENT COMPUTER USE POLICY** – Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the first reading of the revised 363.21 Student Computer Use Policy. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

iv. **341.7 TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY** – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the first reading to retire the 341.7 Telecommunications policy. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

v. 533.1 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS POLICY – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the first reading of the new 533.1 Criminal Backgrounds Checks policy. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

VIII. *New Business*

A. **Employment Recommendation** – JV Girls Basketball Coach – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Travis Marshall as the JV girls basketball coach. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

B. **Notice of Maternity Leave Request** – Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the maternity leave request of Jennifer Mohn. The motion was seconded by Cory Raisbeck and passed on a voice vote.

IX. *Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.* Cory Moravits made a motion to convene into closed session at 6:30 PM for employee performance evaluation. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:52 PM

X. *No action* was required on closed session matters.

XI. *Appearances* - There were no public appearances.

XII. *Information*

A. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – December 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM
- ii. Technology Committee – December 13, 2016 at 7:15 AM
- iii. Policy/Curriculum Committee – December 7, 2016 at 5:15 PM
- iv. Buildings and Grounds Committee – December 14, 2016 at 5:00 PM
- v. Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM

XIII. *Adjourn* – Kerri Schier made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: NOVEMBER 21, 2016 AT 5:15 PM

I. *Call to order* – Board president Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

II. *Roll Call* – Present: Kenny Nies, Cory Raisbeck, Cory Moravits and Jason Cathman. Absent: Kerri Schier, Emilie Mumm and Dave Breuer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. *Statement of Notice* – Cory Moravits presented proof of posting on November 18, 2016 at 4:00 PM Jason Cathman moved to approve the posting. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

V. *Appearances* - There were no public appearances.

VI. *Buildings and Grounds Committee Report*

A. **Retain CGC, INC** to perform Geotechnical services for building project – Cory Raisbeck made a motion to retain CGC for geotechnical services. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 4 – 0 roll call vote.

B. **Retain Delta 3 Engineering** to perform site survey for building project – Jason Cathman made a motion to retain Delta 3 Engineering to perform a site survey. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3 – 0 roll call vote with Kenny Nies abstaining.

C. **Authorize Maintenance Director Troy Marshall to contact Robinson Brothers, Environmental Inc.** for evaluation of potential asbestos abatement – Cory Moravits made a motion to authorize Maintenance Director Troy Marshall to contact Robinson Brothers, Environmental Inc. for evaluation of potential asbestos abatement. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

VII. *Information*

A. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. Buildings & Grounds Committee – November 28, December 5, 12 & 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM
- ii. Policy/Curriculum Committee – December 7, 2016 at 5:15 PM
- iii. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – December 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM
- iv. Technology Committee – December 13, 2016 at 7:15 AM
- v. Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM

VIII. *Adjourn* – Cory Raisbeck made a motion to adjourn at 5:32 PM. The motion was seconded by Jason Cathman and passed on a voice vote.

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