



TIMBERWOLF NEWS

February 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 6
Building/Grounds

February 8
Special Board
Meeting
Board Meeting

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 15
Special Electors
Meeting
7:00 PM

February 28 &
March 1
ACT (Juniors)

Board Approves New Initiatives based on Long Range Planning

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey

On January 23, the Board gave a green light to the following initiatives at RRSD. All four are slated to begin this fall. The initiatives are a result of community, staff, administration, and board input to the District's long rang plan.

1. All day, every day 4k kindergarten
2. Advanced Placement Science class
3. After Hours Homework Assistance Program
4. Cross Country

The first three initiatives are aimed at improving student ACADEMIC performance.

4K Every Day – RRSD's current 4K students attend all day for 2 to 3 days/week. Administration will hire an additional 4K teacher this summer to provide two sections of 4K kindergarten which means students will attend every day, all day. District residents have pressed for the change to create a more consistent routine for children and to make weekday schedules easier to manage for working parents. Educators believe that such full-day programs facilitate children's academic and social adjustment while contributing to their acquisition of the skills and knowledge associated with academic success.

Advanced Placement (AP) Science Class – AP classes offer students an opportunity to gain even more from their high school years through coursework that can translate to college placement and course credit. RRSD currently offers AP English and AP History. The district will now offer an AP Biology course.

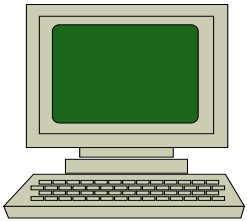
After Hours Homework Assistance Program – a teacher supervised homework assistance program will begin in late September. Assistance will be available for K-12 students for one hour after school on Monday-Thursday. Transportation to home will need to be arranged by parents. The program will be offered on a trial basis for the 17/18 school year. Continuance will depend on participation rates and federal funding through Title 1.

The fourth initiative, **Cross Country** for girls and boys, was proposed following a survey of RRSD middle and high school students on their co and extra-curricular interests. Cross Country ranked high on the interest survey and is within the district's reach with regard to cost and student numbers.

We're looking forward to preparing now for these new 2017/18 offerings!

Mission Statement

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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Construction Project Update

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey

The Board's Building and Grounds Committee has been meeting weekly with our architect and contractor to finalize the plan for new construction. Here are some of the key "milestones" that have taken place in the past month in the effort to bring all RRSd students to one campus.

- Contract with Kraemer Brothers Construction approved by Board
- Soil testing completed to determine site preparation needed to create a sound foundation.
- Access road created to allow contractors to work on the site without disrupting staff/student access to buildings
- Site analysis resulting in a Board decision to seek approval to purchase adjacent property for fire suppression purposes and playground space considerations
- Board direction given to FEH Architects and Kraemer Brothers to finalize building design and bid package(s)

We are making good headway on planning. One purpose of thorough planning is to identify and deal with unforeseen issues. We are working through two such issues:

1. Soil conditions - Soil testing determined that the area for the middle school classrooms will need substantial amounts of fill to create a sound foundation for the project. We will proceed with the fill.
2. Space for fire suppression response and elementary playground – In working with our architect and the local Fire Marshall, we've learned that it will be to the school's advantage to purchase a strip of property adjacent to the east side of the school campus. A special electors meeting has been set for February 15 to ask for approval of the purchase. The meeting will be noticed in accordance with state statutes.

These two issues combined mean that construction of the new addition will be delayed and, therefore, not completed until after school starts this fall. While this is not welcome news, we are beginning to plan now so we can make as smooth a transition as possible from two campuses to one during first semester.



FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY STATEMENT

The River Ridge School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF ELECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the River Ridge School District that a special district meeting of said district for the transaction of such business as may lawfully come before it will be held in the High School Gymnasium belonging to said School District located at 11165 County Hwy P, in the Town of Patch Grove, Grant County, Wisconsin, on the 15th day of February, 2017 commencing at 7:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering and acting on the following matter:

Authorizing the purchase of property described as:

A parcel of land approximately 45 feet in width and 833 feet in length (+/-37,485 square feet) adjoining the easterly boundary of the school property located in the Town of Patch Grove, Grant County, Wisconsin.**

**subject to survey and title report confirmation

This meeting is called by the School Board of said School District on its own motion.

Dated: January 30, 2017.

Cory Moravits

School District Clerk of the River Ridge School District
Pub.: 2/2, 2/9/17. WNAXLP

Thank You

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

Alyson Stanek - donated hats and mittens for students without. This is on behalf of her place of work Gunderson Health in Prairie DuChien.

Anonymous donor - \$2,232.56 to pay the negative lunch account balances of 47 families who were in arrears.



River Ridge School District Board of Education Vacancy

The River Ridge School Board is soliciting applications from qualified electors of the district for appointment to the River Ridge School Board. This appointment completes the remainder of a term, concluding with the April 2018 election. Interested individuals are to complete and submit a **Board Candidate Application** by Wednesday, February 8 at 4:00 pm. Application is available on the River Ridge School District website <http://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us/>, at school offices in Bloomington and Patch Grove, or via an email request to: martellde@rrsd.k12.wi.us.

Problem of the Week Winner

by Katrina Ellis



Every week, students in Ms. Ellis's algebra classes have the chance to solve a math problem of the week. During this quarter, Blake Laufenberg correctly answered four out of nine questions. Congrats, Blake!

Many students attempted the problems and got the following number correct out of nine: three correct - Camron Mish and Faith Schier; two correct - Archibald Cooley, Kendra Jentz, Tova Lindberg, Joshua Remis, Chloe Stagman, Rylee Zinkle, Jesika Gokey, Jonathan Breuer, Tyler Millin, Aidan Morrow, Matt Morrow, Katelyn Quick and Gavin Steiber; one correct - Jordan Kline, Jacob Cathman, Cole Crubel, Gracie Hamann, Damien Hoepfer, Connor Mumm, Brynley Pritchett, Riley Quick, Kolten Warrington, Skylar White, Zachary Zimmer, Brayan Barrita, Kyra Drew, McKenzie Graf, Riley Klein, Bayli Mason, Ernest Nichols, Jordan Mink, Joseph Hamann, Tyler Lansing, Ryan Redman and Abbigail Schlueter. All these students took on an extra challenge and I would like to congratulate all of them!



FFA News

by Bret Iverson



The West Grant Lions Club with cooperation of the River Ridge Leo's Club and River Ridge FFA prepared 70 boxes for Operation Santa that were delivered to families in the community. Over \$2000 is raised from community and individual donations to support Operation Santa.



Ken Bisarek and James Breuer are loading up boxes with food and gifts donated by students and the community.

FFA Alumni Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 5, 2017

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



Do you want to build a Snowman??

by Kim Giese



4K has been learning about winter. We have been enjoying reading stories about snowmen and all the animals that hibernate during the winter. Our class got the opportunity to create life size snowmen! All the students brought in items from home to help decorate their snowmen and each child has created a name and given their snowman a home somewhere in the River Ridge Elementary School.

Upcoming Fundraisers for Music Boosters

by Erin Kluesner

In March, there are two spirited musical concerts scheduled:

- MS and HS Bands
7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 14
- 7 & 8 and HS Choirs
7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 21

Before these POPS concerts, Music Boosters will be serving a meal in the high school cafeteria to raise funds for the music department.

This fundraiser meal is offered to everyone!

The meal on March 14 will be Papa Murphy's Pizza. On March 21, we will offer Culver's Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup with Cinnamon Rolls.

Serving will begin at 5:00 PM both nights.

Mark your calendar, pass the word along, bring your friends and family, and let Music Boosters do the cooking before you enjoy music by River Ridge students!



River Ridge School District
4K Registration & Screening for 3-5 Year Olds
Thursday, April 6, 2017

4K Registration

Beginning Sept., 2017 River Ridge 4K will meet all day, every day

Children eligible for 4K registration are those who are age 4 on or before September 1, 2017. If you do not receive a registration mailing from River Ridge by March 13, contact Steph Steffensmeier at 608-994-2715 before March 30 to schedule a registration appointment.

Developmental Screening for 3-5 Year Olds

Parents who have a 3-5 year old child with developmental or speech concerns may schedule their child for an April 6 developmental screening provided their child resides in the River Ridge School District and meets the following age criteria:

- 3 years old on or before March 1, 2017
- 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017
- 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017 but did not attend 4-year-old kindergarten this year at River Ridge

Contact Steph Steffensmeier at 608-994-2715 before March 30 to schedule a screening appointment.

THE ROOTS
OF TRUE
ACHIEVEMENT
LIE IN THE WILL
TO BECOME
THE BEST
THAT YOU
CAN BECOME.

HAROLD TAYLOR



Happy
Valentine's
Day

Guidance News

by Caron Townsend

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Local scholarship packets will be distributed to seniors on March 1, 2017. If you are interested in sponsoring a River Ridge scholarship, please contact Miss Townsend by February 15. Over the years, many local organizations, businesses and individuals have helped a graduating senior with their educational expenses and it has always been greatly appreciated.

2017-18 REGISTRATION

9th-11th grade students have all participated in the informational sessions on course selection for the 2017-18 school year. Each student has a registration packet and is required to have a signature from their parent/guardian before they hand it in. If any parent has a question about their son or daughter's credits, classes needed for graduation, or academic and career planning, please contact Miss Townsend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ACT Test – February 28, 2017 (Juniors)

ACT WorkKeys Test – March 1, 2017 (Juniors)

ACT Test Make-Up – March 21, 2017

WorkKeys Make-Up – March 22, 2017

ACT Aspire 9 – April 24-28, 2017 (Freshman)

ACT Aspire 10 – April 1-9, 2017 (Sophomores)

Forward Exam – TBD – (Sophomores)

National Honor Society Banquet – April 26, 2017

Senior Awards Banquet – May 24, 2017

Graduation – May 26, 2017

Girls Youth Basketball Camp – June 12-15, 2017 (Grades 4-8)

High School Girls Basketball Camp – TBD (Grades 9-12)

BEN ERTZ CHOSEN AS THE DAR RECIPIENT



Ben Ertz, son of Randy and Brenda Ertz of Glen Haven, was selected as River Ridge’s DAR Good Citizenship recipient. This program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship, dependability, service, leadership and patriotism to an outstanding senior in high school. Each state winner receives \$250 and if they proceed to the national level, could win a scholarship up to \$3000.

Ben is involved in Friends Helping Friends, Future Business Leaders of America, Science Club, Wellness Club, Football, Basketball & Baseball. Ben is also captain of the football and basketball teams. His future plans are to attend UW-River Falls and pursue a degree in Ag Education.

Music Students Attend Opera

by Ellen Martin



Band and Choir music students attended an evening performance of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA at the Overture Center in Madison. A good time was had by all!

5th Grade Book

by Kathy Miller



The River Ridge fifth grade students wrote and illustrated personal narrative essays in Writing Workshop. The essays were compiled into a hard cover book with kits from Student Treasures Publishers in Topeka, Kansas. Students are shown holding their homeroom’s published book!

When Should I Keep My Child Home From School Because of Illness

Children can become sick quickly. You should be aware of signs and symptoms of an illness and not send your child to school if any of the following symptoms or illnesses listed below are noted. This is because school is not a place that a child can easily rest if they aren't feeling well or an illness can spread or passed on to others easily in the school environment. Please keep your child at home and seek the advice of your medical provider for:

Fever and sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, irritability, or confusion. Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100 degree F or higher taken under the arm, 101 degrees F taken orally.

- * Vomiting
- * Diarrhea
- * Body rash with a fever
- * Sore throat with a fever and swollen glands
- * Eye discharge - thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, or pink eye
- * Yellowish skin or eyes
- * Chickenpox - until the lesions are all scabbed over. (7 days after onset of rash)
- * Head lice - until after the treatment has been completed This includes removing the nits (eggs) with the special comb or your fingernails and having clean clothes to put on.
- * Cough - child who is coughing so hard that interrupts breathing or causes vomiting.

Definitely see your doctor if:

You notice a skin rash that appeared mysteriously on a skin lesion that looks like ringworm or scabies. These are communicable and a prescription from your healthcare provider is needed to treat them.

If your child complains frequently of a headache and has other symptoms, such as a fever, nausea, vomiting, complaints about their vision, had a recent head injury or complains of a headache that has continued for two weeks or longer.

If you have questions regarding your child's' health, please don't hesitate to contact your health care provider or the Grant County Health Department at 723-6416

FEBRUARY 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Cheese Omelet & Toast Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Baked Potato Wedges Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit	2 Fruit Smoothie & Pancake Wrap Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit	3 Cereal & Pop Tart Pizza Casserole Green Beans Garlic Breadsticks Fresh/Canned Fruit February Birthday Treat
6 Cereal & Yogurt	7 Breakfast Biscuit	8 Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Links Spagetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Toast Fresh/Canned Fruit	9 Breakfast Casseroles & Toast Chicken Patty on a Bun Waffle Fries Macaroni Salad Fruit/Fruit Salad	10 Breakfast Cake & Cereal
Chicken Noodle Casserole Steamed Carrots Fresh Bread Fresh/Canned Fruit	Super Nachos Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit			Deli Subs Tortilla Chips w/Salsa & Cheese Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit
13 Yogurt & Cereal Bar	14 Breakfast Biscuit	15 Cheese Omelet & Toast	16 Breakfast Pizza	17 Cereal & Muffin
Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Fresh Bread Fresh/Canned Fruit	Cheeseburger Casserole Green Beans Garlic Breadstick Fresh/Canned Fruit Valentine Day Treat	BBQ on a Bun Cheesy Hashbrowns Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit	Dog in a Blanket Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit	Pizza Choice Fresh Veggies & Dip Salad Bar Fresh/Canned Fruit
20 Cereal & English Muffin	21 Breakfast Cake & Yogurt	22 Cheese Omelet & Toast	23 Berry Parfait & Cereal Bar	24 Cereal & Toast
French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrown Fresh/Canned Fruit	Spagetti & Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Toast Fresh/Canned Fruit	Hot Ham & Cheese French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit	Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit	Stromboli Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit
27 Scrambled Eggs & Toast	28 Breakfast Biscuit			
Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit	Tacos w/the Works Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit			



Breakfast Notes
Breakfast is served with the choice of fruit and milk daily.

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

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February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:15 PM Policy/Curr. Com. 6:00 PM Employee Relation Com.	2 4:30 PM MSGB vs Lancaster 6:00 PM HSGB @ Benton 6:00 PM Fresh BB @ Lancaster	3 6:00 PM HSBB @ Juda	4 FBLA Regional Conf 10:00 AM Wrestling Tourney @ RR
5	6 9:00 AM Build/Grounds 6:00 PM RRAP Meeting 6:00 PM HSGB @Wauzeka	7 7:15 AM Tech Meeting 4:30 PM MSGB vs Potosi 6:00 PM HSGB vs PDC 6:00 PM Fresh BB @ Seneca	8 11:45 AM Special Board Meeting 5:30 PM Board Meeting	9 6:00 PM HSBB @ Belmont	10 6:00 PM HSGB vs Potosi Little Wolves Performance	11 5-8 Gr GB @ Wauzeka Regional Wrestling at Riverdale Little Wolves 2:00 PM Fresh BB@DeSoto 3:00 PM HSBB @ DeSoto
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Sectional Wrestling 6:00 PM HSBB @ Cassville 6:00 PM HSGB vs Belmont	15	16 6:00 PM HSGB vs Shullsburg 6:00 PM Fresh BB @N.Crawford	17 6:00 PM HSBB vs Potosi Little Wolves Performance FFA Farm Forum	18 Sectional Wrestling FFA Farm Forum
19	20 6:00 PM HSBB vs Boscobel	21 8:45 AM 3 Screen Assem. 9:45 AM 3 Screen Assem. WIAA GB Regionals	22	23 Progress Reports WIAA State Wrestling 6:00 PM HSBB @ Highland	24 WIAA State Wrestling WIAA GB Regionals	25 WIAA State Wrestling WIAA GB Regionals
26	27 8:00 AM ACT WIAA BB Regionals	28				

Who is responsible for transportation?

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

If transportation is required in the individualized 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.

Some home 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 a different school, other than the one 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 consult with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

Important open enrollment dates

February 6 – April 28, 2017 – Parents must submit an enrollment notice or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 9, 2017 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is 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 16, 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 the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2017-18 school year. If the parents do not give this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

For more information contact:

Public Schools Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841

Toll-free: 888-265-2732

Email: openenrollment@dpi.wis.gov

Web site: dpi.wis.gov/oe



2017-18

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2017-18 School Year

**Full-Time
Inter-District**

**Open
Enrollment**

**In Wisconsin Public
Schools**

(Information for Parents)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
1000 Lakeside Drive, P.O. Box 7840, Superintendant

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.



River Ridge School District



Revised 2016-2017 Calendar!

Revised on December 14, 2016

August 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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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						
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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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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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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						
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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						
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Elementary & Middle/High School
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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 8:40 AM

I. *Call to Order* – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. *Statement of Notice*- Cory Moravits presented proof of posting on December 9, 2016 at 1:00 pm. Cory Raisbeck moved to approve the posting and Jason Cathman seconded motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

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

VI. *Buildings and Grounds Committee Report*

A. **Authorize Administration to establish a project agreement with Kraemer Brothers** – Cory Moravits made a motion to authorize administration to establish a project agreement with Kraemer Brothers not to exceed \$500,000 to prep the building site and build an access road, with the agreement contingent upon review and approval of the district’s attorney Eileen Brownlee. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.

B. **Authorize Kraemer Brothers to create temporary access road** – Cory Raisbeck made a motion to authorize the installation of a temporary access road coming off of County Highway P and continuing around the east side of the school to the construction site. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

C. **Authorize Kraemer Brothers to prep school grounds for construction** – Jason Cathman moved to authorize Kraemer Brothers to prep the school grounds for construction. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

D. **Approve Environmental Project Consult-**

ing Service Agreement with CESA 10 – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve a project consulting service agreement with CESA 10 (asbestos abatement) in the amount of \$4,002.40. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion and it passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.

E. **Retain Robinson Brothers for asbestos abatement** – Cory Moravits made a motion to retain Robinson Brothers for the removal of asbestos. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.

VII. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM
- ii. Buildings and Grounds Committee – December 12, 2016 at 9:00 AM
- iii. Buildings and Grounds Committee – December 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM
- iv. Technology Committee – December 13, 2016 at 7:15 AM
- v. Policy/Curriculum Committee – January 4, 2017 at 5:15 PM
- vi. Building and Grounds Committee – January 9, 2017 at 9:00 AM

VIII. Adjourn – Jason Cathman moved to adjourn. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 AM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: DECEMBER 14, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

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

II. *Roll Call* – Present: Kenny Nies, Cory Raisbeck, Jason Cathman, Kerri Schier, 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 December 9, 2016 at 1:00 pm. Cory Raisbeck made a motion to approve the posting and it was seconded by Kerri Schier. The motion passed on a voice vote.

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

VI. *Approval of Board meeting Minutes*

A. **Regular Board Meeting** - Jason Cathman moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

B. **Closed Session Minutes** - Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the closed session minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

C. **Special Meeting Minutes** - Jason Cathman moved to approve the Special meeting minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting. Kerri Schier 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 November 2016, pending the audit of 2016/17, for revenues of \$282,761.84 and expenditures of \$498,832.82. Jason Cathman

seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. **Buildings and Grounds Committee** – Committee chair Kenny Nies gave a report on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings.

i. Schematic Design Approval for 2017 Construction/Remodeling – Christina Monk from FEH Design and Greg Callin from Kraemer Brothers gave an explanation of the design process. Christina presented two different options. Option 1 - the addition of the two story structure on the west side of the school containing four classrooms, gymnasium, locker rooms, weight room, elevator, two remodeled classrooms, and moving band and chorus back upstairs. Option 2 - a one story option on the east side of the school containing 8 classrooms, gymnasium, locker rooms, separate remodeled band and chorus rooms, remodeled library to accommodate 5th & 6th grade, no elevator and the two rooms above the stage to be used as storage rooms only. Kenny Nies reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee is recommending Option 2 - one story on the east side of the building. Cory Raisbeck made a motion to accept the one story option as the conceptual design plan and that the board president be authorized to sign the agreement form with FEH Design. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

C. Policy/Curriculum Committee – Committee chair Kerri Schier reported on the December 7, 2016 meeting.

i. 188.1 AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the first reading of the new 188.1 Audio and Video Recording of School Board Meetings policy. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

ii. 672 PURCHASING PROCEDURES – Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the first reading of the replacement 672 Purchasing Procedures Policy. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

iii. POLICY MANUAL SECTIONS 920-950 – Cory Raisbeck made a motion to table the first reading of the replacement Policy Manual sections 920-950. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

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

v. 363.2 SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the second reading of the replacement 363.2 Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and other Technology Resources policy. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

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

vii. 341.7 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (redundant to parts of 363.2) – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the second reading of the retirement of 341.7 Telecommunications policy. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

D. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – Committee chair Jason Cathman reported on the December 7, 2016 meeting.

i. 2016/17 CALENDAR REVISIONS – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the calen-

dar revisions as read. Jason Cathman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-1 roll call vote. Cory Moravits, Jason Cathman, Kerri Schier, Kenny Nies voted Yes. Cory Raisbeck voted No.

E. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Athey provided the following information:

i. AN ENROLLMENT UPDATE, based on the 3rd Friday of September count.

ii. A REPORT ON THE TECHNOLOGY Committee's work.

iii. A REPORT ON THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE'S work.

VIII. *Old Business*

A. **Long Range Plan Recommendations** – Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Athey presented proposed long-range plan goals and objectives for 2016/17. Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the recommendations as a first draft. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

IX. *New Business*

A. **Early Graduation Request** – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve an early graduation request. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

B. **Notice of Maternity Leave** – Kerri Schier made a motion to approve a maternity leave request from Kim Breuer. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote with Cory Moravits abstaining.

C. **Employment Recommendation** – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the recommendation for Jim Wagner as interim JV basketball coach. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

X. *Appearances* – There were no public appearances.

XI. *Information*

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Buildings & Grounds Committee – December 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM
- ii. Special Board Meeting – December 19, 2016 at 8:00 AM
- iii. Buildings & Grounds Committee – January 9, 2017 at 9:00 AM
- iv. Technology Committee – February 7, 2017 at 7:15 AM
- v. Policy/Curriculum Committee – January 4, 2017 at 5:15 PM
- vi. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – January 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- vii. Regular Board Meeting – January 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM

XII. *Adjourn* – Cory Moravits made a motion to adjourn. Cory Raisbeck seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: DECEMBER 19, 2016 AT 8:00 AM

I. *Call to order* – Board president Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. *Statement of notice* – Cory Moravits presented proof of posting on December 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm. Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the posting. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

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

IV. *Buildings and Grounds Committee Report.*

A. **Authorize invoice payment** for FEH Design for pre-referendum services – Cory Raisbeck made a motion to authorize the payment of \$3,729.19 to FEH Design for pre-referendum services. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. **Authorize invoice payment** for FEH Design Schematic Design Drawing – Jason Cathman made a motion to authorize the payment of \$108,337.48 to FEH Design for the schematic design drawing. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

C. **Authorize FEH Design** to contract with Wyser Engineering for civil engineering design services – Jason Cathman made a motion to authorize FEH Design to contract with Wyser Engineering for civil engineering design services in the amount of \$9,750.00. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

D. **Approve Financial Advisory** - Agreement with Wisconsin Public Finance for Issuance of General Obligation Bonds – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the financial advisory agree-

ment in the amount of \$28,750.00 with Wisconsin Public Finance for issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

E. **Authorize River Ridge Elementary School Pupil Activity Account** – Cory Raisbeck made a motion authorizing Business Manager Kevin Kocer to establish a pupil activity account for the elementary. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

V. *Information*

A. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. Policy/Curriculum Committee – January 4, 2017 at 5:15 PM
- ii. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – January 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- iii. Buildings and Grounds Committee – January 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM
- iv. Buildings and Grounds Committee – January 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM
- v. Regular Board Meeting – January 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm

VII. *Adjourn* – Cory Moravits made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 AM. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: JANUARY 6, 2017 AT 3:00 PM

I. *Call to order* – Board president Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. *Statement of Notice* – Cory Moravits presented proof of posting on January 5, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the posting. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

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

VI. *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 – Jason Cathman made a motion to convene into closed session for an employee performance review. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. The Board convened in Closed Session at 3:10 pm.

VII. *Reconvene in open session* – Jason Cathman made a motion to reconvene in open session at 4:56 PM. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. The Board reconvened to open session at 4:56 PM

VIII. There was no action to be taken in open session on closed session matters.

IX. *Information*

A. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. Regular Board Meeting – January 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- ii. Buildings & Grounds – January 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM
- iii. Buildings & Grounds – January 16, 2017 at

9:00 AM

iv. Buildings & Grounds – January 23, 2017 at 9:00 AM

v. Buildings & Grounds – January 30, 2017 at 9:00 AM

vi. Buildings & Grounds – February 6, 2017 at 9:00 AM

vii. Buildings & Grounds – February 13, 2017 at 9:00 AM

viii. Policy/Curriculum Committee – February 1, 2017 at 5:15 PM

ix. Technology Committee – February 7, 2017 at 7:15 AM

x. Regular Board Meeting – February 8, 2017 at 5:30 PM

X. *Adjourn* – Kerri Schier made a motion to adjourn. Jason Cathman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM

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