

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT
COUNTY, WISCONSIN: February 19, 2025, AT 5:30 PM.

- I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 5:32 pm
- II. Roll Call- Present; Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, Josh Copsey, Adam Guthrie, Jeff Thornton, Kirk Hamann, Megan Kussmaul
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice- Board President, Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.
- V. Appearances – None
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. January 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- VII. Reports
 - A. Finance
 - i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Clay Koenig presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for January 2025. Jeff Thornton made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. In the month of January revenues were \$1,143,458.52 and expenditures of \$1,036,500.03. Megan Kussmaul seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.
 - ii. Tricor Insurance presented by Brent Straka – Brent talked about the renewal date is July 1st and that there will be no big changes.
 - B. Buildings and Grounds Report
 - i. Maintenance Director’s Report – Jim talked about some heating issues and how he resolved it to have it working correctly again.
 - C. Superintendent’s Report
 - i. Monthly Report – Clay talked bout events that happened in January throughout the school.
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Wind Farm Discussion – There was much discussion on this topic. It was decided that the board would table this and keep an eye on different deadlines that may be coming up in the future.
- IX. New Business

- A. Volunteer Coaches – Spring – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the list of volunteers, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- B. Second Friday in January Pupil Count – Clay presented the numbers to the board.
- C. Hiring/Resignations
 - i. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the hiring of Kristen Mezera and Todd Breuer as Co-Assistant High School Softball Coaches. They will split the pay. The motion was seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- D. Food Service Grant/Options – Jen Wagner shared information on how she uses food from the farm program at the two schools she works at which are Potosi and Cassville and how the River Ridge School District might be able to do the same.
- X. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f)- for the purpose of considering social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, for the specific purposes of discussing student disciplinary data.
 - A. Early Graduation Request
 - i. Megan Kussmaul made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote. Entered closed session at 7:04pm.
 - ii. Kirk Hamann made a motion to enter open session, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion carried on a voice vote. Entered open session at 7:50pm.
- XI. Action taken on Closed Session
 - A. Early Graduation Request – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the request for early graduation and seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- XII. Appearances – There were no public appearances.
- XIII. Information
 - A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
 - i. Staff and Employee Relations Committee - March 12, 2025 at 4:30pm
 - ii. Regular Board Meeting - March 12, 2025 at 5:30pm
 - B. School Board member suggestions and recommendations for future meetings
 - i. None
- XIV. Adjourn – Jeff Thornton made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh Copey. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.