

River Ridge School District  
Press Release  
July 12, 2017

The River Ridge Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room (15) located at 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Jason Cathman (via phone), Adam Guthrie, Cory Moravits, Kenny Nies and Kerri Schier. Absent: Karla and Cory Raisbeck. Also in attendance were Superintendent/Elementary Principal Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer. Special Education Director Amy Mezera, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Shawn Chatfield, Title I/Reading Specialist Deb Trautsch (all with River Ridge Schools) Darlene Mueller, Kathy Reising, Nelda Krogman, Leo and Sarah Breuer, and Al and Barb Stagman (from the public).
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice – Cory Moravits presented proof of posting on July 10, 2017, at 8:00 am. Ken Nies declared it an official meeting.
- V. Appearances – Nelda Krogman made an appearance. She expressed concern about boards being dropped over the edge of property behind the track in Bloomington. She also mentioned the board didn't appear to be burnable. Ken Nies assured her that the District will be looking into this matter.
- VI. Approval of Minutes – On page 2 of the June 14, 2017 minutes, under X. Reports, B. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report, i. Weight room, it was pointed out that the motion passed on a roll call, not a voice vote. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the June 14, 2017 minutes with this change; Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- VII. Reports
  - a. Finance.
    - i. The Board approved the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures as presented by Kevin Kocer. Motion by Cory Moravits/second by Kerri Schier. Motion carried on 5-0 roll call vote.
    - ii. Discuss and Approve First Draft of the 2017-2018 Budget - Kevin Kocer explained the first draft of the 2017-2018 budget that was shared with the board. There were unanswered questions since there is no new State budget yet. He mentioned that the final draft will be ready for the district's annual meeting in October and the Board will be asked to adopt the budget following the annual district meeting. Adam Guthrie

moved to approve the preliminary 2017-18 budget as presented. Kerri Schier seconded. The motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

- b. Buildings and Grounds Committee. – Ken Nies reported on today’s meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.
  - i. Discuss further about the Bloomington Site – Ken Nies discussed what would need to be kept at the Bloomington Site per the Athletic Director and coaches list for football and track. There was also discussion on prospective buyers of the Bloomington site, and the selling of the property after the children are in Patch Grove. The property would be sold by auction/bid, and made into a contract between the sellers and buyers with the help of their attorneys. The prospective buyer could take possession as early as January 1, 2018. This topic will be on the agenda for the August 9, 2017 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.
  - ii. A new clock and bell system was discussed at the Committee meeting with recommendation to wait until the construction work is in its finishing stages of the project before looking into the new clocks and bell system.
  - iii. Ken Nies shared the content of Jim Wunnicke’s Maintenance Director written report.
- c. Policy/Curriculum Committee. Kerri Schier reported on the July 5<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting. She reported on the annual notification the school must give before the start of the school year on academic standards the River Ridge School District follows. She also briefly discussed the policies coming up for a second reading at tonight’s meeting and the first reading for a new policy and its rule.
  - i. Approve 2017-2018 Academic Standards. Motion by Kerri Schier/seconded by Cory Moravits. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Board approved the following policy updates following a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

- ii. 458 School Wellness [revised per USDA requirement] Motion by Adam Guthrie/seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- iii. 185 Standing Committees of the School Board [revised] Motion by Cory Moravits/seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- iv. 186 Ad Hoc Committees of the School Board [new] Motion by Kerri Schier/seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- v. 411.3 Procedures for Providing Transportation for Children in Out of Home Care [new] Motion by Kerri Schier/seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Board approved the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following policy updates:

- vi. 760 Rules for Food Services Management and Rule[new] Motion by Adam Guthrie/seconded by Kerri Schier. Motion carried on a voice vote.

d. Superintendent's Report

- i. Adherence to District Wellness Policy. Dr. Athey reported the District's assessment on addressing wellness goals relating to nutritional content of food and beverages available to our students, and the type and amount of physical activity available to student throughout the school day. The Wellness Committee will continue to be active in the 2017-18 school year.
- ii. Letters to Federal Legislatures. Dr. Athey referenced letters written to our federal legislatures regarding the help public schools need from these people. The letters addressed continued funding of Medicaid, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grants, Title 1, and use federal dollars to support schools following regulations.
- iii. 2016-17 Year in Review. Dr. Athey and the district staff put together the "Year in Review" packet based on the elements of the district long range plan, which showed the all of the achievements and activities of the past school year.

VIII. Old Business.

- a. New Clock and Bell System. The Board took no action regarding this issue.

IX. New Business.

- a. Approve Extra Duty Contract for 2017-18. Motion by Cory Moravits/seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
- b. Para-Educator Support Staff Compensation Discussion. Dr. Athey brought up that Sue Kuenster, one of the support staff, asked about receiving a compensation increase for her technology training she does for students in 5k-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Administration feels that she should be compensated because of this teaching responsibility. The Board took no action. The Board directed Dr. Athey and Kevin Kocer to bring the August 9<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting, a recommendation of the potential pay increase. The Board will take action on this issue then.
- c. Hiring/Resignation/Maternity Leave.
  - i. Elementary Special Education Teacher Resignation. Resignation of Whitney Allbee - Motion by Kerri Schier/seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - ii. Hiring of Elementary Special Education Teacher. Hiring of Cindy Williams. Motion by Adam Guthrie/seconded by Cory Moravits. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - iii. Maternity Leave Request. Maternity Leave for Christina Udelhoven. Motion by Kerri Schier/seconded by Cory Moravits. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - iv. Resignation of Varsity Baseball Coach. Resignation of Troy Marshall. Motion by Adam Guthrie/seconded by Kerri Schier. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  - v. Hiring of Varsity Baseball Coach. Hiring of Troy Dilley. Motion by Cory Moravits/seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- X. Information
  - A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
    - i. Policy/Curriculum Committee – Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. (tentatively)
    - ii. Buildings and Grounds Committee – August 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
    - iii. Regular Board Meeting – August 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
  - B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items -  
There were none.
- XI. Adjournment – Motion by Cory Moravits to adjourn. Second by Kerri Schier. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.