

River Ridge School District
Press Release
June 14, 2017

The River Ridge Board of Education held a regular school board meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 in the high school gymnasium located at 11165 County Hwy P, Patch Grove, WI. The following business was conducted:

- I. **Call to Order**
Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- II. **Roll Call**
Board members present: Jason Cathman, Adam Guthrie, Karla Irish, Cory Moravits, Kenny Nies, Cory Raisbeck, and Kerri Schier.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- IV. **Statement of Notice**
Cory Moravits stated that public notice of this meeting had been given at 3:00 pm on June 8, 2017 and again at 3:00 pm on June 12, 2017. With that said, Kenny Nies declared this an official, legal meeting.
- V. **Appearances**
No one had signed up to address the Board.
- VI. **Consider and/or act on adoption of a Resolution for Revenue Limit Exemptions for Energy Efficiencies**
Kevin Kocer did share that one proposal for an energy efficiency project was received by the district that fits with the discussion that the Board has had regarding this topic. Kevin stated that \$153,000 is available for an energy efficiency project. With this said, Cory Moravits made the motion to act on the adoption of a resolution for revenue limit exceptions for energy efficiencies. Jason Cathman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Guthrie, Irish, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voted “yes” in favor of the motion. There were no “nay” votes. The motion carried 7-0.
- VII. **Consider and/or approve an energy/operational savings performance proposal and/or contract**
Kevin Kocer said that Kevin Eipperle’s proposal (FEH Design) was the only proposal submitted by the deadline. It included: \$63,498 for asphalt (parking lot), \$36,830 for site grading, and \$25,850 to make up the difference on the replacement of elementary windows. Attorney Eileen Brownlee has approved the contract and says everything appears in good order. Jason Cathman made the motion to approve the energy/operational savings performance proposal/contract. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Guthrie, Irish, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voted “yes” in favor of the motion. There were no “nay” votes. The motion carried 7-0.
- VIII. **Approve Project Alternate List**
Mitch Gilbertson (Kramer Brothers) presented the Board with an a la carte alternative project list of projects that could be done should they wish to have things done between now and the completion of this building project.
Adam Guthrie made the motion to approve of the following deducts from the project: (total of \$48,000)
 1. Omit water infusion allowance from the contract (-\$20,000)
 2. Omit DNR storm water permits and fees allowance from contract (-\$5,000)

3. Remove wall tile at the new bathroom and locker room wet walls (-\$20,000)
4. Omit demolition related work for a new window in room E193 (Jen Mohn's room) (-\$1,000)
5. Omit partial demolition related work at existing Ag Shop wall (-\$2,000)

Jason Cathman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Cory Raisbeck made the motion to approve the following alternative projects to be completed (now):

6. Remove and replace the existing windows in the elementary and 2001 building with new operable aluminum windows (+\$35,000)
7. Demolish existing cafeteria wall and provide new linear islands (+\$15,000)
8. Remove and replace siding at existing elementary wing gable ends (+\$9,000)
9. Provide a storage room at existing elementary mezzanine (+\$8,000)
10. Replace the existing interior HS gym doors and hardware (+\$20,000) (yes, but wait to do later)
11. Provide and install clocks that match the new addition (+\$30,000)

Karla Irish seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Guthrie, Irish, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voted "yes" to accept the motion as was stated. There were no "nay" votes. The motion carried 7-0

IX. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. May 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Jason Cathman made the motion to accept the May 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes after the revenues and expenditures information gets added to the budget report information. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

- b. and c. May 15 and May 30, 2017 Special Board Meetings

Jason Cathman made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 15 and May 30, 2017 Special Board Meetings as presented. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

X. **Reports**

- a. Finance – Kevin Kocer

- i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures

Kevin Kocer presented the budget report discussing financial statements, receipts, expenditures, gifts, and grants. Kerri Schier made the motion to accept the finance report as presented. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Guthrie, Irish, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voted "yes" in favor of the motion. There were no "nay" votes. The motion carried 7-0.

- ii. 2017-2018 Budget Discussion

Kevin Kocer told the Board there is nothing new to report about the 2017-2018 budget. He is readying for their approval at the annual meeting in October. The state legislature is at an impasse about what to do regarding monies for schools for 2017-2018; and, there is nothing to report at this time regarding monies from federal grants. Kevin said he'd like to bring a first draft of the 2017-2018 budget to the July board meeting.

Kevin did ask the Board for some guidance on the impact of staffing in the 2017-2018 budget. He said he could bring forward two budget scenarios to the July 12th meeting: 1.) If we were to reduce/eliminate positions half way through the school year after everyone was in one site; 2.) If we were to reduce/eliminate

positions at year's end. The Board asked him to do both for the July board meeting. No action was taken on this agenda topic this evening.

iii. Risk Insurance Renewal

Kevin Kocer shared a little good news he recently heard from Tricor Insurance. He said that premiums for 2017-2018 as a whole have come down. This is based upon that there have been no large claims. Kevin said he is comfortable with the amounts listed in the premium summary of Tricor Insurance's information as well as with four options listed at the bottom of the page:

- Option 1: Increase loss of salary fringe benefits limit on the linebacker from \$50,000 / \$100,000 to \$75,000 / \$150,00 -- \$63 annual additional premium
- Option 2: Increase umbrella limits from \$3,000,000 / \$3,000,000 to \$3,000,000 / \$6,000,000 -- \$151 annual additional premium
- Option 3: Increase data compromise from \$50,000 to \$100,000 --\$159 annual additional premium
- Option 4: Increase cyber coverage from \$50,000 to \$100,000 -- \$70 annual additional premium

Karla Irish made the motion to approve the risk insurance premium for 2017-2018 as presented to us from TriCor Insurance as well as include all four of the above-mentioned options. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Guthrie, Irish, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voted "yes" in favor of the motion. There were no "nay" votes. The motion carried 7-0.

b. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Kenny Nies presented an overview of what was discussed at tonight's earlier Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held from 5:00-6:00 pm.

i. Bloomington Building

Kenny reported that the committee talked some more about what to do with the Bloomington school building once all students are attending the one school in Patch Grove. One off-shoot of this meeting was to put a list together of all the things we'll need to use/access for football games/track meets then have attorney Eileen Brownlee look it over and weigh in with her thoughts/ideas for moving forward. Kenny said the committee is interested in the thoughts and ideas from the Athletic Department what they believe is needed and should be taken into consideration. This topic will be on the July 12 agendas for Buildings and Grounds and School Board meetings.

ii. Maintenance Director's Report

Troy Marshall reported that phone and internet services were down for several hours on Tuesday (June 13). The construction workers operating the backhoe tore into a cable that was thought to be dead. Turned out it wasn't. Dependable Solutions will be responsible for the cost of making a permanent fix of the cable (i.e. \$1,500).

The custodians have worked in two teams so far this summer. One group has been assisting the construction workers who have been working in the Ag Shop and high school classrooms in switching out the HVAC system. The other group has been dusting, cleaning, and readying to wax floors in elementary classrooms.

Jim Wunnicke, our new Maintenance Director, starts work tomorrow (June 15) and will be working alongside Troy learning about the district and the

construction project. Troy will mentor him until the time comes for him to depart for Columbus, WI.

iii. Weight Room

Wade Winkers shared with the Board that \$20,000 has been raised from outside groups (including the Booster Club) to go towards the weight room project for new equipment. He said he was hoping the Board would make up the cost difference (i.e. \$18,000). Wade also said that new flooring, which is already a part of the construction project, will be put down starting July 5 with the new weight equipment coming the week after. Kevin Kocer shared that the district has flexibility where this \$18,000 comes from. For example, \$10,000 (of this \$18,000) has already been ear-marked in the construction owner's budget, while the other \$8,000 is currently in the general fund budget.

Karla Irish asked if the public can use the weight room during day-time hours. The answer provided was "yes" once they check into the main office, obtain a visitor's badge, and if there is not a class using the weight room at that particular time. Kevin Kocer did express some apprehension should citizens wish to use it outside of regular business hours (i.e. liabilities).

Cory Moravits made the motion that the RRSD be responsible for contributing \$18,000 for the balance of the weight room project. Kenny Nies seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Guthrie, Irish, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier all voted "yes" in support of the motion. There were no "nay" votes. The motion carried 7-0.

c. Policy / Curriculum Committee Report

Kerri Schier reported that the Policy / Curriculum Committee met on June 7. Three policies are coming up for second readings tonight while four policies are being brought forward for first reading.

- i. 763 School Meal Account Charges and Collections – 2nd reading
As was mentioned, this is a new policy per USDA requirement. Karla Irish made the motion to accept this policy for second reading. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- ii. 541.2 Maintenance Director Job Description – 2nd reading
Jason Cathman made the motion to accept this policy for second reading. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- iii. 223 Director of Special Education Job Description – 2nd reading
Karla Irish made the motion to accept this policy for second reading. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- iv. 458 School Wellness (revised per USDA requirement) – 1st reading
Cory Raisbeck made the motion to accept this policy for first reading. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- v. 185 Standing Committees of the School Board revised per RRSD current practice) – 1st reading
Cory Moravits made the motion to accept this policy for first reading. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- vi. 186 AdHoc Committees of the School Board – 1st reading
Jason Cathman made the motion to accept this policy for first reading. Karla Irish seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- vii. 411.3 Procedures for Providing Transportation for Children in Out-of-Home Care (new) – 1st reading

Adam Guthrie made the motion to accept this policy for first reading. Jason Cathman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

d. Superintendent's Report

i. Performing Arts Camp – Kerrigan Trautsch

Kerrigan Trautsch and her mother (Rita) were in attendance at tonight's meeting. Kerrigan shared that she auditioned to be in Missoula Children's Theater and was selected for the part of Rumpelstiltskin in an upcoming production. She will be spending two weeks this summer in Montana learning the script then participating in six performances of that production. In readying for this event, she has been working a couple of jobs to raise the money she needs. Letters have been sent to area businesses to solicit their financial help, a rummage sale has been planned for a fundraiser, and the family started a "Go Fund Me" page on social media. Kerrigan shared she is within \$200 - \$300 of raising the money she needs. Kerrigan shared she hopes to pursue a career in theater when she graduates from high school. Meanwhile, her mother thanked the board for allowing Missoula to come in and present productions in our district. The Board wished her well in her experience this summer.

XI. **Old Business**

a. Approve 2017-18 School Calendar

Dr. Athey said that the Board has already approved the school district calendar for 2017-2018, but it wasn't determined back then if there would be a "Records Day." The Calendar Committee is recommending that a "Records Day" be included in the 2017-18 (i.e. January 26, 2018) for the purpose of giving teachers six hours to work on Term 2/Semester 1 grades, reading for Term 3/Semester 2 classes, working on Education Effectiveness Tasks, collaborating/planning with grade level/departmental teams, etc. (Note: This is not a student day.) Cory Raisbeck made the motion to approve including the "Records Day" (January 26, 2018) in the 2017-18 school district calendar. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

XII. **Convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, of performance evaluation date of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility**

a. Staff Performance

Jason Cathman made the motion to adjourn into closed session. Karla Irish seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Guthrie, Irish, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voted "yes" to move into closed session. There were no "nay" votes. The motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 7:53 pm.

XIII. **Reconvene in open session**

Karla Irish made the motion to reconvene in open session. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The Board came back into open session at 8:39 pm.

XIV. **Action, if any, on closed session matters**

No action was taken.

XV. **New Business**

a. Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative Renewal Resolution

Kevin Kocer said to the Board that "we're not doing this." We already are in a purchasing coop with CESA 2 which we intend to stay in.
No action was taken.

b. Senior High Membership Renewal WIAA for 2017-18

Dr. Athey shared that school districts who wish to remain affiliated with WIAA for the upcoming school year must get in on their board agendas and reflect that action has been taken prior to August 1. With that said, Cory Raisbeck made the motion that River Ridge maintain its affiliation with WIAA for the 2017-18 school year. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Board President Kenny Nies signed and dated the form provided by WIAA. Dr. Athey will see to it that this signed form gets forwarded to WIAA.

c. Approve Employment Recommendations / Resignations

i. Science teacher

5th – 12th grade Principal Clay Koenig brought forward the recommendation of the Board hiring Kirsten Reichmann to teach science (replacing Nicole Bailey). Kirsten has been teaching in the Wauzeka – Steuben School District the past four years. Jason Cathman made the motion to accept the hiring of Kirsten Reichmann to teach science at River Ridge. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

ii. Administrative assistant

Cory Raisbeck made the motion to accept the resignation from Andrea Crubel, Administrative Assistant. Cory Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Adam Guthrie made the motion to accept administration's recommendation to hire MacKenzie Nemitz for the Administrative Assistant position. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. (Note: MacKenzie will start work with us on June 26. Deb Martell will provide mentorship / training to MacKenzie that week.)

XVI. **Appearances**

There were none.

XVII. **Information**

a. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting – July 5 at 5:15 pm
- ii. Building and Grounds Committee meeting – July 12 at 5:00 pm
- iii. Regular Board meeting – July 12 at 6:00 pm

b. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items

There were none.

XVIII. **Adjournment**

Kerri Schier made the motion calling for adjournment. Cory Raisbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.