

River Ridge School District  
Press Release  
Wednesday, October 5, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education held a special school board meeting Wednesday, October 5, 2016. The meeting was held in the ES/MS/HS Multi-Purpose Room located at 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI. The following business was addressed.

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Ken Nies called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- II. **Roll Call** - Board members present included: Jason Cathman, Cory Moravits, Emilie Mumm, Ken Nies, Cory Raisbeck, and Kerri Schier. Absent: Dave Breuer. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Special Education Director Trudy DeSimons, and members of the public.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Statement of Notice** - Cory Moravits stated that notice of the meeting was given September 30, 2016 at 3:00 pm. K. Schier moved to accept that the meeting notice was properly posted. Cathman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
- V. **Appearances** - No one from the public wished to speak to the Board at this time.
- VI. **Approval of Architectural Contact(s)** - The Superintendent shared that Eileen Brownlee, the school district's attorney, has provided the district with her concerns about the contract with the architect. Those points have been shared with Kevin Eipperle of FEH Design. In talking with Kevin Eipperle, he mentioned that those points/concerns can be addressed/resolved satisfactorily. Dr. Athey and Ken Nies spoke about conversations held with Gary Collin of Kraemer Brothers, who had given reasons why he is recommending that FEH Design work on the River Ridge School District project. Cory Moravits shared that he was impressed in working with FEH Design from his interaction with them at this past Monday's Building's and Grounds Committee meeting. (Note: A PowerPoint presentation/hand-out prepared by FEH Design was distributed to each board member present.) C. Moravits made a motion to table action on the contract with FEH Design until both parties (the district and FEH Design) are satisfied with the contract. C. Raisbeck seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote. The board directed the superintendent to contact the school district attorney and FEH Design to prepare contract language for board review.
- VII. **LED Lighting** -The Building and Grounds Committee was updated on Monday about the status of the LED lights that were installed last spring by Energy Performance Lighting (EPL). EPL contacted Troy Marshall on September 26, 2016 and said that because McKinstry was not selected to continue working with the district should the November 8 referendum pass, EPL would need to either 1) come back to the district to remove the LED lighting that was installed in three classrooms and replace it with old technology, or 2) EPL would allow the

district to purchase the LED lights at a price of \$2,450.58 (instead of the full amount of \$5,284.35).

However the RRSB Board minutes and Building and Grounds Committee minutes from the period of time when the LED lights were installed, state that McKinstry was provided the LED lights to the district at no cost.

It was also brought up at Monday's Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting that McKinstry had never completed blowing in insulation to the attics of the schools in Patch Grove and Bloomington.

C. Moravits moved that McKinstry be contacted to come back and finish the state code violation projects still not done and then the Board will address what to do about the LED lights. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0 with , Cathman, Moravits, Mumm, Nies, Raisbeck and Schier voting yes.

VIII. **Appearances** - No members of the public wished to speak to the Board at this time.

IX. Information

**A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. Special School Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm (Ken Nies reminded board members to complete their task in filling out the evaluation for the Superintendent which they will discuss in closed session on Oct. 12 without the Superintendent in attendance.
- ii. Open House at the EL/MS/HS – K. Nies noted that there will be an Open House/Tours of the ES/MS/HS between 5:00 – 7:00 pm with fact sheet information being available.
- iii. Regular Board meeting – Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm.
- iv. Annual District meeting –Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

**B. Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items**

- Bring the proposed FEH Design contract to the Board after the language has been worked out with the school district's attorney. Bring to the Oct. 12 Board meeting if practical.
- That individual board members complete the Superintendent's evaluation and bring with them to discuss at the October 12, 2016 Special School Board meeting in closed session. The collective evaluation will be shared with Dr. Athey in closed session at a later meeting.

V. **Adjournment** - C. Moravits moved to adjourn. J. Cathman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.