

River Ridge School District
Press Release
October 25, 2017

The River Ridge Board of Education held an Annual School Board meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, in the multipurpose room of the elementary/middle/high school 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 7:00 p.m.
- II. Statement of Notice
Cory Moravits stated that proof of posting of the meeting was given on October 19, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.
- III. Declaring Meeting Official
Board President Kenny Nies declared this an official, legal meeting based upon the Clerk's report that notice of this meeting had been given.
- IV. Electing Permanent Chairperson of the Meeting
Karla Irish made the motion that Jason Cathman be the chairperson for the remainder of the meeting. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- V. Designating a Clerk for the Meeting
Since Cory Moravits, the Clerk, was present for this meeting, Jason Cathman declared him to be the clerk for this meeting and take the minutes.
- VI. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
Cory Moravits read the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting aloud. Following the reading, Dennis Mulrooney made the motion to approve them as was shared. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- VII. Treasurer's Report
Jason Cathman read the Treasurer's Statement. The 2016-17 beginning General Fund Balance was: \$1,483,685.03. The 2016-17 General Fund Revenues were: \$7,093,470.39. The 2016-17 General Fund Expenditures were: \$6,852,439.36. The 2016-17 Ending Fund Balance was: \$1,724,716.06. The Fund Balance increased by \$241,031.03. The Fund Balance increased by \$114,307.82 in 2015-16. These amounts reflect the audited financials certified by Johnson Block and Company, Inc. Cory Moravits made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Kenny Nies seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- VIII. Authorization of Audit for Succeeding Year
Cory Moravits read the "Resolution Authorizing Audit of Books and Related Financial Affairs of the District" aloud. Karla Irish made the motion to adopt this resolution as presented. Kenny Nies seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.
- IX. Old Business/New Business
There was none.

- X. Transportation Resolution
Cory Moravits read the “Resolution Providing Transportation of Students” aloud. Kenny Nies made a motion to adopt this resolution as presented. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- XI. Resolution Authorizing Accident Insurance Coverage
Adam Guthrie made a motion to forego the reading of this resolution. Kenny Nies seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Kenny Nies made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Kerrie Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- XII. Compensation for School Board Members – Resolution
Dr. Athey met with an Ad-Hoc committee in August to discuss the compensation matters. The recommendation from this committee is to continue the compensation practice of the previous year. Cory Moravits made the motion to adopt this recommendation as presented. Dennis Mulrooney seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- XIII. Hot Lunch Program – Resolution
Kerri Schier made a motion to forego the reading of this resolution. Karla Irish seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Adam Guthrie made a motion to adopt the hot lunch program resolution as read. Kenny Nies seconded this motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- XIV. Resolution as to Textbooks
Adam Guthrie made a motion to forego the reading of this resolution. Cory Moravits seconded this motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Karla Irish made a motion to adopt the resolution as read. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- XV. Budget Hearing
Business Manager, Kevin Kocer, presented the 2017 Budget Message. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he carefully explained the information found in the Annual Meeting packet. Kevin pointed out that we are up 31 students this year compared to this time last year. We are currently at 549 students in Early Childhood through 12th grade. The last time we saw similar enrollment was during the 2007-08 school year. This increase has positively impacted the district’s General Fund revenues. Following Kevin’s presentation of the final budget, the Chairperson opened it up for questions and comments. Jason Cathman commented that the tax levy is going up partially because of our enrollment increase; the rest of it because of the referendum. Kenny Nies asked Kevin to clarify the referendum tax levy impact, which he noted resulted in just under a 6% increase.
- XVI. Tax Levy – Resolution
Cory Moravits made the motion to approve the resolution providing the tax levy for the year 2018. Kerri Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- XVII. Special Business
Jason Cathman and Kenny Nies said at the November 8, 2017 Regular School Board meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Board will be discussing and making decision about what to do with the Bloomington school building and property. Kenny clarified that the Board has the authority to sell the building and property; approval isn’t necessary at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Athey mentioned that the Upper Elementary students will receive locker assignments/combinations and be given a tour of the new wing of the Patch Grove school prior to the 10:00 am Veteran's Day Program on November 10th.

Kraemer Brothers will be finishing up the construction project and turning the building over to the River Ridge School District by November 10th. The custodial staff will be cleaning the new wing of the building between November 10th and November 16th. On November 16th and 17th, the faculty, staff, and administration team will be helping move things from the Upper Elementary to Patch Grove. On Monday, November 27th all students and staff will be attending school in the Patch Grove facility. An 8:00 a.m. assembly and ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for that day as well. The Board and Administration will be determining a date and time for an open house between November 27th and Christmas time for the public and communities to come in and see the new construction and remodeling. Dr. Athey called attention to the "Points of Pride" handout provided and all of the positive things that happened in the District during the 2016-17 school year.

XVIII. Adjournment

Kenny Nies made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Jason Cathman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51p.m.