

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESS RELEASE
Wednesday, August 12, 2015

The Board of Education conducted a regular school board meeting Wednesday, August 12, 2015. The meeting was held in the River Ridge School Multipurpose Room in Patch Grove, located at 11165 County Hwy P. The following items were addressed:

1. Public appearances – there were no requests to speak.
2. The Board approved meeting minutes from special meetings on July 29 and Aug. 4 and a regular meeting on July 15.
3. The Board heard a Buildings and Grounds report from Troy Marshall.
4. Trenton Smith from McKinstry presented an update on construction work which is being completed at River Ridge Schools to address facility building code violations.
5. Carol Harris presented a financial report to the Board.
6. Lea Breuer, Chair of the Policy/Curriculum Committee, reported on the August 4 Policy/Curriculum Committee meeting. The Policy Committee will be reviewing the District's policy manual for needed updates and will be utilizing a policy manual review that the WASB completed for RRSD in 2013. The Committee's first priority is to update the District's Wellness Policy. The Committee also reviewed a requirement that the Board act on an academic standards notification. WI schools are now required to annually adopt and publish their academic standards.
7. The Board adopted 2015/16 academic standards for the River Ridge School District. The approved standards will be posted to the RRSD website with electronic links to the Wisconsin Academic Standards, Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts, and Next Generation Science Standards. (The same information will be published in the RRSD newsletter.) This process will serve as our annual notification to parents and guardians.
8. Dr. Athey presented an overview of information and activities planned for an August 25-27 staff inservice and work days.
9. The Board accepted the resignation of Special Education Director Laurie Genz Prien.
10. The Board approved the hire of Special Education Director Trudy DeSimons.
11. Cory Raisbeck was nominated for election to the WASB Board of Directors for Region 9.
12. The Board discussed plans for a Board development inservice. Topics to be addressed include: responsibilities of board members, superintendent/board relations, board/community relations and, building an effective team. The inservice will be scheduled for October or later.
13. The Board set the following meeting schedule for September:
 - Policy Curriculum Committee – September 2, 2015 at 5:00 PM
 - Building & Grounds\Finance Committee – September 9, 2015 at 5:00 PM
 - Next Regular Board Meeting – September 9, 2015 at 6:00 PM
14. Board member suggestions for future items – One item was suggested: Earlier receipt of board packet information.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM