

River Ridge School District
Press Release
Thursday, April 28, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education conducted a special board meeting Thursday, April 28, 2016. The meeting was held in the Multi-purpose room of the school in Patch Grove, located at 11165 County Highway P.

The following items were addressed:

I. Acting board chairman, Kerri Schier, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Jason Cathman Cory Moravits Kenny Nies Kerri Schier

The following members were absent: Dave Breuer, Emilie Mumm, and Cory Raisbeck.

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Carol Harris, attorney Eileen Brownlee, and members of the public were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. **Proof of Notice** - An April 26, 2016 notice of the meeting was approved.

IV. **Appearances – Public Participation**

The following member of the public spoke during the public participation segment:

Missy Cornwell requested that board members exercise caution in posting information to social media.

V. **Board Reorganization (Officers and Assignment of Committees)**

The following board officers were elected for 2016/17 by roll call vote:

- President – Kenny Nies
- Vice President –Kerri Schier
- Clerk –Emilie Mumm
- Treasurer –Jason Cathman

Committee Assignments – Due to the absence of three board members, the Board agreed to delay committee re-organization until its May 11 meeting. In the interim, Jason Cathman will replace Lea Breuer on the Staff and Employee Relations Committee and Cory Moravits will replace Randy Martin on the Building/Grounds and Finance Committee.

VI. Retirement Benefits

- a. The Board rescinded a February 10, 2016 action to not offer a teacher retirement package which had been proposed by the Staff and Employee Relations Committee.
- b. The Board approved, with revised timelines, a teacher retirement package as proposed in February, 2016 by the Staff and Employee Relations Committee. The package, which is limited to three eligible teachers, will provide \$6,000 in annual payments over three years for each of the three teachers. The payments will be made to a tax sheltered annuity fund (TSA). The action applies only to eligible teachers who retire this year. Rationale for adoption included concerns about benefit losses incurred by long-time teachers following Wisconsin Act 10.

VII. Insurance Premium Holiday for May & June, 2016 – The Board approved a health insurance premium holiday for May and June, 2016. Administration recommended the holidays to keep the district’s self-insurance fund below the state allowed maximum level.

VIII. Board member suggestions and recommendations for future items (any board member may bring up items)

The following topics were recommended by members:

- Videotaping of board meetings for possible placement on the RRSD website
- Budget discussion
- Long Range Plan
- Detailed list of costs for operating the upper elementary school in Bloomington
- List of prioritized projects and cost estimates from McKinstry regarding improvements to RRSD facilities

IX. Information –

- a. Staff and Employee Relations Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 3:30 pm (Breuer, Cathman, and Nies)
- b. Policy/Curriculum Committee Meeting – next meeting will be set after the May 11 reorganization of committees
- c. Building, Grounds and Finance Committee Meeting – Wed., May 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm (Moravits, Nies, and Raisbeck)
- d. Regular Board Meeting – Wed., May 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm
- e. Building, Grounds and Finance Committee Meeting – Wed., May 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm

X. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.