

## River Ridge School District Board Meeting Summary

### Press Release

Thursday, August 18, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education held a special board meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016. The meeting was held in the ES/MS/HS Multi Purpose Room located at 11165 County Hwy P, Patch Grove, WI.

#### I. Call to Order

Board President Ken Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### II. Roll Call

The following board members were in attendance: Jason Cathman, Cory Moravits, Emilie Mumm, Ken Nies, and Kerri Schier. (Absent: Dave Breuer and Cory Raisbeck). Also present were: Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, Maintenance Director Troy Marshall, and members of the public.

#### III. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### IV. Statement of Public Notice

Cory Moravits stated that notice of tonight's meeting had been given at 8:00 a.m. on August 17, 2016. Jason Cathman made the motion to recognize that the meeting notice for this special school board meeting was properly posted in a timely manner. Kerri Schier seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote.

#### V. Appearances

No one was signed up to speak to the board at this time.

#### VI. Long-range Plan Discussion

- A. Review athletic complex plan and costs from Rettler Corporation - John Kneer from Rettler Corporation of Stevens Point, WI presented the Board with a revised athletic complex proposal for the Patch Grove site. The plan adds a football field and 8-lane track to the site, relocates the baseball field, and provides some upgrades to the existing softball field. Total costs for the proposal, including contingencies, geotechnical services, design development, construction documents, storm water design, permitting, bidding, contract administrator costs, and construction management layout/testing, is \$1,434,516.73. The revised proposal does **not include** concession and restroom facility, press box, lighting on the softball field, synthetic track surfacing, and amended soils and under drain on the softball and baseball facilities.

- B. **Review facilities plan and costs from McKinstry corporation** - Trenton Smith and Sean Currie (McKinstry) and Patrick McGowan (McGowan Architects of Madison, WI) shared proposed plans and costs for new construction/remodeling and energy efficiency projects at the Patch Grove site. McGowan shared a PowerPoint presentation of the second gym, locker rooms, weight/fitness room, 4 classrooms, elevator, storage spaces, and remodeling of existing music room and weight room. Estimated costs for the plan are \$8,876,970.
- C. **Board discussion of athletic facility referendum** - Kerri Schier and Cory Moravits said they would like to see lights added for the softball field. If contingencies allow it, the Board would like to have a rubberized track, instead of an asphalt track. Decreasing bleacher seating was suggested as a cost reduction measure.

The Board approved a \$1.5M referendum figure for an athletic complex to include what Rettler proposed on Aug. 18 as well as lights for the softball field. Motion by Schier, second by Moravits. The motion passed on a 4 to 1 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies and Schier voting “Yes” and Mumm voting “No”.

- D. **Board discussion of new construction/remodeling referendum** – The Board approved a \$9.5M referendum figure for construction to meet academic needs. The figure includes: \$8,876,970 for new construction and remodeling (including energy efficiency window and masonry work) plus \$633,574 of debt that remains from the correction of facility code violations over the past year. Motion by Moravits, second by Cathman. The motion passed on a 4 to 1 roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies and Schier voting “Yes” and Mumm voting “No”.
- E. **Board discussion of agreement with McKinstry Essention, LLC for Pre-referendum Services** – The Board tabled this matter for a week. Motion by Cathman, second by Moravits. The motion carried on a voice vote. Items at issue include the dollar amount to be assigned to the agreement and completion date of the academic construction project.

VII. **Appearances** – Sharon Wood addressed the Board saying “We want to make sure we are providing the students of River Ridge with the best we can do. Our taxes are half of what they were 20 years ago. Let’s make the sacrifice for our kids in supporting the school board’s recommendation.”

VIII. **Information**

A. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. Special School Board meeting – Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 pm
- ii. Technology Committee – Tuesday, September 6 at 7:15 am
- iii. Policy and Curriculum Committee – Wednesday, September 7 at 5:15 pm
- iv. Staff and Employee Relations Committee – Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm
- v. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Tuesday, September 13 at 5:00 pm

vi. Regular School Board meeting – Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm

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

It was asked if the Board could talk about the possibility of working with other contractors on the referendum project(s). They want this included as an agenda item for the August 25, 2016 meeting.

**IV. Adjournment** – Kerri Schier moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Cathman seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm