

River Ridge School District
Press Release
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education held a regular school board meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. The meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the ES/MS/HS located at 11165 County Hwy P in Patch Grove, WI. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order
Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- II. Roll Call
The following board members were present: Jason Cathman, Cory Moravits, Kenny Nies, Cory Raisbeck, and Kerri Schier. Absent were: Dave Breuer and Emilee Mumm. Also in attendance were: Supt. Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, Special Education Director Trudy DeSimons, and Maintenance Director Troy Marshall. Greg Callin and Kyle Kraemer (Kraemer Brothers) and Christina Monk (FEH Design) were present; members of the public were also present.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- IV. Statement of Notice
Cory Moravits shared that notice of this meeting was given on December 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Cory Raisbeck made the motion to accept that this meeting had been properly noticed/posted. Kerri Shier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

- V. Appearances
There were none

- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016
A motion was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Cory Raisbeck to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.
 - B. Closed Session Minutes of November 9, 2016
A motion was made by Cory Moravits and seconded by Jason Cathman to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. They motion carried on a voice vote.
 - C. Special Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016
A motion was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Kerri Schier to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

VII. Reports

A. Finance Report

i. Financial Statements, receipts, and expenditures

Kevin Kocer presented the financial report addressing financial statements, receipts, and expenditures. The motion to accept the report as presented was made by Cory Moravits and seconded by Jason Cathman. On a roll call vote with Cathman, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck, and Schier voting "aye," the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

B. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Maintenance Director Troy Marshall updated the Board on univentilator problems in the UE Library, Art Room, and Music Room. Representatives of McKinstry and General Heating have examined the problem. The UE Library univentilator is not under warranty and the cost for fixing it is around \$700.00, the univentilators in the UE Art Room and Music Room are under warranty. McKinstry will correct the problems and assume the associated costs for the Art and Music Rooms.

i. Schematic Design Approval for 2017 Construction Remodeling

Christina Monk and Greg Callin provided an explanation to the Board about the design process and product arrived at since the passing of the referendum in November. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has held weekly meetings with Kraemer Brothers and FEH Design since November 8, 2016 to address pre-construction matters. C. Monk explained what we started with in the old plan, what was learned through surveying/talking with teachers and staff, and how this information led the way in the design of a new plan. She showed the Board various pictorial renditions of the old and new plans and shared the advantages to going with the new plan which shows the new construction happening in the SE corner of the ES/MS/HS. Features of the new plan:

- 8 new classrooms
- Everything is on one level. (There is no need for an elevator.)
- There is a dedicated middle school wing.
- Band and choir will have their own classrooms.
- The library space is reworked to accommodate the 5th and 6th grade additions.
- There will be adequate storage (lower level of new classrooms and in the two rooms above the stage in the high school).
- Kraemer Brothers will be doing mechanical systems in the entire building.

G. Callin said soil borings, done as part of a geotechnical report of the campus, also support the SE part of the building as a more suitable location for the new construction. A site survey has also been completed. G. Callin added that construction work is slated to begin in late February/early March. The audience

was allowed to ask questions and hear responses from Kraemer Brothers, FEH, and the Board.

Kenny Nies said the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends the revised plan for approval by the Board. Raisbeck moved that the new plan be accepted as the conceptual design plan and that the Board President be authorized to sign the agreement form with FEH Design. Moravits seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Cathman, Moravits, Nies, Raisbeck and Schier voted “yes” on the motion. There were no “nays.” The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

C. Policy/Curriculum Committee Report

Kerri Schier shared what was discussed at the Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting held on December 7, 2016.

- i. 188.1 Audio and Video Recording of School Board Meeting [new]-1st reading
The Board accepted this policy, as presented, for a first reading. Motion by Cathman; second by Moravits.
- ii. 672 Purchasing Procedures [replacement]-1st Reading - The Board accepted this policy, as presented, for a first reading. Motion by Schier; second by Cathman.
- iii. Policy Manual sections 920-950 [replacement] to reflect current practice-1st reading - Raisbeck moved to table the policy for a month in order to allow the Board more time to review the changes. Moravits seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. These policy manual sections will be brought back next month for consideration of a 1st reading.
- iv. 533.1 Criminal Background Check [new] – 2nd reading – The Board accepted this policy, as presented, for a second reading. Motion by Cathman; second by Schier.
- v. 363.2 Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and Other Technology Resource [replacement] – 2nd reading - The Board accepted this policy, as presented, for a second reading. Motion by Moravits; second by Cathman.
- vi. 363.21 Student Computer Use Policy [revised] – 2nd reading – The Board accepted this policy, as presented, for a second reading. Motion by Cathman; second by Schier.
- vii. 341.7 Telecommunications (redundant to parts of 363.2 [retirement] – 2nd reading- The Board accepted this policy, as presented, for a second reading. Motion by Moravits; second by Raisbeck.

D. Staff-Employee Relations Committee Report

Jason Cathman shared what had been discussed at the Staff and Employee Relations Committee held on December 7, 2016, (e.g., recommendation from the Calendar Committee to make changes to the 2016-17 calendar to accommodate construction, a recent ruling regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act, administrative contracts, and 2017-18 compensation for teachers, specialty licensed staff, and support staff).

- i. 2016-17 Calendar Revision - The Board approved Administration's recommendation to shorten the 2016/17 school calendar to accommodate construction. Motion by Moravits; second by Cathman. The last day of school for 2016/17 will be May 26, 2017.

E. Superintendent's Report

- i. Enrollment Update - Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Athey, called the Board's attention to enrollment report contained in their board packet of information. Information from the 3rd Friday Count Day held in September was explained. The district enrollment for grades 4-K – 12 at that time was 518 students (down three from the previous school year). River Ridge has 30 students open-enrolling in from other school districts this year versus 44 students open-enrolling out. Three students are attending alternative education programs.
- ii. Technology Committee Report - The Technology Committee met Dec. 13. Agenda topics included: Feedback from the December 5-7 SLATE Conference, site visits to schools who have a 1:1 platform, FACEBOOK/Social Media Permission Slips, and Chromebook monitoring software. The Technology Committee meets again on February 7, 2017.
- iii. Wellness Committee Report - The district's Wellness Committee met November 29, 2017, for the first time this year. Clay Koenig and Shane Sperle shared what they learned from having attended the State Wellness Convention in Wisconsin Dells on November 15, 2016. The Committee began discussing possible Wellness goals addressing nutrition and physical activity. The Committee plans to meet again in January in hopes of finalizing Wellness goals to address for the remainder of the school year.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Long-range Plan Recommendations – Administration presented recommended long-range plan goals and 2016/17 objectives related to the goals.

Schier moved to approve the recommendations as a "first draft". Moravits seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The Superintendent will present budget estimates for the 2016/17 objectives at the January Board meeting.

IV. New Business

- A. Early Graduation Request –The Board approved an early graduation request. Motion by Cathman; second by Schier.
- B. Notice of Maternity Leave Request – The Board approved a maternity leave request for Kim Breuer, 1st Grade teacher. Motion by Schier; second by Cathman. Moravits abstained from voting.

- C. Employment Recommendation – Interim JV Boys’ Basketball Coach – The Board approved Jim Wagner to fill the interim JV boys’ basketball coach position. Motion by Cathman; second by Moravits.

V. Appearances - There were none.

VI. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Special School Board meeting – December 19, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.
- ii. Building & Grounds Committee meeting – December 19, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.
- iii. Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting – January 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
- iv. Policy/Curriculum Committee meeting – January 4, 2017, at 5:15 p.m.
- v. Staff Employee Relations Committee meeting – January 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- vi. Regular School Board meeting – January 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.
- vii. Technology Committee meeting – February 7, 2017, at 7:15 a.m.

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

Cory Raisbeck requested the following three agenda items for the January 19, 2017, regular school board agenda:

- Cost of what the district will be paying those support staff members who will not be working May 30 – June 2, 2017, since the last day of school is now May 26, 2017.
- The difference in cost of what was paid out to the three teachers who retired early last spring to those who were hired to replace them in 2016-17.
- Update on the cost savings of moving from two sites to one site (i.e., reduction of F.T.E. of support staff).

VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm. Motion by Moravits; second by Raisbeck.