

River Ridge School District Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, June 16, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Education conducted a regular school board meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016. The meeting was held in the ES/MS/HS Multi-Purpose Room located at 11165 County Hwy P. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order**
Board president Ken Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call**
The following board members were present: Cory Moravits, Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, Emilie Mumm, Kerri Schier, and Cory Raisbeck. Absent was Dave Breuer. Also present were: Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Managers Carol Harris and Kevin Kocer, Clay Koenig, Trudy DeSimons, and Maintenance Director Troy Marshall.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited following the roll call.
- IV. Statement of Notice** – Motion approved to recognize meeting posting of June 10, 2016 at Noon.
- V. Appearances** - High School Principal Clay Koenig showed the Board a framed certificate that he and Dr. Athey received from State FFA officer Beth Zimmer at Wednesday's State FFA Convention at the Alliant Center in Madison. Beth was a 2015 graduate of River Ridge High School and has served Region 4 in excellent fashion.
- VI. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the following board meetings were approved as printed: May 11, 2016 Regular Board meeting, May 19, 2016 Special Board Meeting, and June 1, 2016 Special Board meeting.
- VII. Reports**
 - A. Financial Report** – the board approved the financial report of statements, receipts and expenditures for the month.
 - i. Risk Insurance Renewal** – The Board approved a risk insurance renewal which includes cyber coverage.
 - B. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report**
 - i. Report of June 7 & June 16 meetings** - Ken Nies reported that on Tuesday, June 7, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, along with Dr. Athey and Troy Marshall, visited the DeSoto School. They were joined by Sean Currie and Trenton Smith (McKinstry). The trip provided some insight about construction options that might be considered for the Patch Grove District. Under direction of the RRSD Board, the Committee asked McKinstry to

provide cost estimates for the four facility options identified by the RRSD Board on June 1.

Ken Nies reported on a conference phone call with Sean Currie and Pat McGowan (McKinstry) that was held on June 16. Ken Nies, Dr. Athey, Troy Marshall, Carol Harris, and Kevin Kocer provided McKinstry with clarification of the four facility option considerations so McKinstry can put some cost estimate figures together to share with the River Ridge Board of Education on July 6. On June 20, Sean Currie and Pat McGowan (McKinstry) will meet with Ken Nies, Dr. Athey, and Troy Marshall to look at facilities in Patch Grove and Bloomington to further address costs for each of the four facility options.

Troy Marshall presented the following information regarding buildings and grounds: (e.g., going with the Com Elec bid for a security camera system update/, removal of old rotted posts around the football field in Bloomington, work on the smoke walls in the Patch Grove attic, and air quality testing updates).

- ii. **Parking for pick up at the end of the school day** - Dr. Athey reported that out of concern for the safety of students that Administration will take steps to encourage drivers to observe safe parking and traffic flow in school parking lots in 2016-2017. Reminders will go to parents asking that they restrict parking to marked parking stalls.
 - iii. **Signage for baseball and softball fields: No alcoholic beverages permitted** - Due to board member concerns about violations of Policy 912 (i.e., smoking, possession/consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs/illegal chemicals by anyone on school property or in vehicles on school property), Administration will:
 - Include a reminder in the district newsletter at the start of each semester that Board policy prohibits smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, and illegal chemicals on school property – including athletic fields and parking lots.
 - Post signage at athletic fields that “smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs/chemicals are prohibited on school property or in vehicles on school property.”
- C. **Policy/Curriculum Committee Report** – At the Committee’s recommendation, the Board approved a new policy, 445 Student Interviews with Outside Agency Personnel and a revised policy, 345.6 High School Graduation Requirements.

VIII. Old Business

- A. **Accept Retirement Window Applicants** – The Board approved retirement window applications from the three employee who had applied: Jill Faurote (4K teacher), Jeff Graewin (Grade 6 teacher), and Sandy Mergen (K-12 Art teacher).
- B. **Long-Range Plan Discussion**
The Board deferred discussion of the district’s long range plan, pending receipt of facility cost estimates on July 6 from McKinstry.

IX. New Business

- A. **Bus Transportation Bids** – The Board directed Administration to carry out an RFP process for bus transportation for bussing services beginning in 2018-19.
- B. **Approve Resignations** - The Board approved the resignations of Joe Lasko, Instrumental Music Teacher and Samantha Jasinski, Spanish Teacher.
- C. **Staffing Needs Update for 2016-17** - Dr. Athey apprised the Board of the following staff reassignments: Wendy Scherer will transfer from English, grades 7-12, to Jeff Graewin’s 6th grade position. Kim Giese will transfer from Grade 2 to Jill Faurote’s 4K position. Keri Achenbach has will move from elementary Special Education to Grade 2.
- D. **New Hires** - The Board approved the following hiring recommendations: Ashlee Frey (English, grades 7-12), Troy Dilley (Art, grades K-12), and Jennifer Perry (Instrumental Music grades K-12).
- E. **Appearances**
 - i. Crystal Kovacs said that her son is interested in running Cross Country. She asked if Cross Country could be offered to River Ridge students. Ken Nies replied that the Policy/Curriculum Committee would be discussing “Co- & Extracurricular Activities” as part of the long-range plan recommendations at its July 6th meeting.
 - ii. Bob Kenney said he was glad that the board voted to allow a bus bid process to happen before it enters into its next bus contract beginning 2018-19. He also presented the Superintendent and Business Manager with business cards from Johnson Controls. He said Grant County is currently working on a jail/facility upgrade and is working with Johnson Controls. He said it may give the district other options to consider for facility planning.

F. Information

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Staff & Employee Relations Committee – Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the Superintendent’s office

- ii. Policy/Curriculum Committee – Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 5:15 pm in the Superintendent’s office
- iii. Special School Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room
- iv. Buildings & Grounds Committee – Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- v. Regular School Board Meeting – Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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

Cory Raisbeck asked to see copies of the district’s current search/seizure and suspensions/expulsions policies and hear what Administration has for recommendations in updating these policies. (Note: The policies will be put on the agenda to be discussed at the July 6th Policy/Curriculum Committee Meeting with a report to be shared at the regular July 21st school board meeting.)

H. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.