

River Ridge School District  
Press Release  
February 8, 2017

The River Ridge Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the ES/MS/HS located at 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI. The following was conducted:

- I. Call to Order Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. Roll Call The following school board members were present: Jason Cathman, Cory Moravits, Kenny Nies, and Kerri Schier. Absent were: Dave Breuer and Cory Raisbeck. Also in attendance: Supt./Elem. Principal Dr. Jeff Athey, Business Manager Kevin Kocer, 5 – 12 Principal Clay Koenig, and Special Education Director Trudy DeSimons. Joining us from Wisconsin Public Finance Professional LLC were Carol and Brandon Wirth.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice Moravits stated the public notice of this meeting had been given on the February 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm.
- V. Appearances No one signed up to address the Board.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2017 The minutes were approved by the Board as presented.
  - B. Closed Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2017 The minutes were approved by the Board as presented.
- VII. Reports
  - A. Finance Report

Financial Statements, receipts and expenditures Kocer reviewed the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for the past month. The Board approved the finance report as presented.

Approve Engagement Agreement with Quarles & Brady LLP for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Carol Wirth of Wisconsin Public Finance Professional LLC presented the board members with two packets: Summary of Final Sale Results \$9,500,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds and Preliminary Official Statement Dated January 30, 2017. She walked everyone through its contents.

C. Wirth shared some very positive news. The interest rate for the construction project ended up at 3.104% vs. an earlier estimate of 3.75%. The lower interest rate means that the bond issue will result in a tax increase of \$1.06 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation vs. \$1.18

per \$1,000. The savings to the district in interest expense over the life of the bond issue is \$770,920. Wirth said RRSD received an “A” rating which is excellent. Wirth was thorough in her explanation of the packet of materials. The Board approved an engagement agreement with Quarles and Brady LLC for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel.

Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$9,500,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds

Wirth walked the Board through the packet. She ended by saying, “a positive credit report!” The Board adopted a resolution awarding the sale of \$9,500,000 general obligation corporate purpose bonds.

Resolution to Establish Account with the Local Government Investment Pool for Bond

Proceeds The Board approved a resolution to establish an account with the local government investment pool for bond proceeds.

Approve the Continuing Disclosure Dissemination Agent Agreement with Wisconsin Public

Finance The Board approved the Continuing Disclosure Dissemination Agent Agreement with Wisconsin Public Finance.

CESA 3 Consortium Contract for Carl Perkins Funding The Board approved the 2017/18 agreement with CESA.

B. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Construction Bid Process Nies reported that Cathman, Moravits, Raisbeck, Dr. Athey, and he attended a bid package opening earlier today at the Kraemer Brothers office complex in Plain, Wisconsin. The board got a birds’ eye view of how the bid process unfolds and who put bids in for concrete, steel, masonry, grading, and earth work. Bids on steel and block were lower than expected, sand fill was higher. Greg Callin of Kraemer Brothers meets with the Board on February 22 to present the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the project.

Control Panel Replacement at Bloomington School Nies said a heating control panel at the Upper Elementary in Bloomington needs replacing. Troy Marshall is gathering prices for new and used panels. A recommendation will be brought to the February 22 Board meeting.

C. Policy/Curriculum Committee Report Schier reported on the Committee’s February 1, 2017 meeting. The Board took the following actions based on the recommendation of the Policy and Curriculum Committee:

321 - Annual School Calendar and School Hours (replacement) Second Reading The Board approved the second reading of this replacement policy.

760 – Food Services Management (replacement) Second Reading The Board approved the second reading of this replacement policy.

852 – Distribution of Non-School Related Materials (replacement) Second Reading The Board approved the second reading of this replacement policy.

Policy Manual Sections 920-950 Facilities Planning and Construction (revised and replacement) to reflect current practice recommendations from school attorney The Board approved the first reading of the policy revisions and replacements.

421-Entrance Age (for 4K Kindergarten) (revised) First Reading The Board approved the first reading of the revised policy.

421 – Rule Guidelines for Early Admission (for 4K Kindergarten) [Revised] 1<sup>st</sup> Reading The Board approved the first reading of the revised policy.

662.3 – Fund Balance Policy [revised] 1st Reading The Board approved the first reading of the revised policy.

Resolution to Repeal Existing State Statutes Restricting the School Start Date Dr. Athey explained that superintendents in CESA #3 have been approaching their district boards recommending that they support a resolution to repeal existing state statutes restricting schools from starting earlier than September 1. The Board approved the resolution.

- D. Staff and Employee Relations Committee Report Cathman shared that the Staff-Employee Relations Committee last met on February 1. They discussed administrative contracts, 2017/18 compensation for teachers, specialty license staff and support staff; a retirement package for teachers/staff; and staff reduction. Cathman said discussion of staff reduction is on hold – particularly since we'll be starting the 2017-18 school year using two schools until mid-November and "we'll need all hands on deck."

Employee Handbook Edit – The Board approved an edit to the Employee Handbook, as recommended by Eileen Brownlee. The motion carried on a voice vote.

- E. Technology Report

Dr. Athey reported that the district's Technology Committee met on February 7. They discussed district headphone policy, a request from science teacher Nicole Bailey for replacement Chromebooks, Samsung Award Contest, 1:1 platform (on hold), mice for UE Computer Lab, and a Digital Safety and Privacy Workshop at CESA #3 on February 16.

## VIII. Old Business

- A. School Board Vacancy. Date for Interviews and Selections

Nies reported that three people applied for the school board vacancy: Chad Breuer, Melissa Cornwell, and Adam Guthrie. The Board scheduled a special board meeting for Wednesday,

March 1, at 6:00 p.m. to interview the candidates and make a selection. The Board will interview each candidate for 10-15 minutes before making its selection. The newly selected board member will be asked to attend meetings starting with the regular March 8 board meeting.

IX. New Business - None

X. Appearances - No one wished to address the board at this time.

XI. Information

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Special Elector's meeting on February 15 at 7:00 p.m. – H.S. gym
- ii. Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting on February 20 at 9:00 a.m.
- iii. Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting on February 22 at 5:00 p.m.
- iv. Special Board meeting on February 22 at 6:00 p.m. with open and closed session
- v. Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting on March 1 at 5:00 p.m.
- vi. Special School Board meeting on March 1 at 6:00 p.m.
- vii. Technology Committee meeting on March 7 at 7:15 a.m.
- viii. Regular Board meeting on March 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Meetings

XII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.