

River Ridge School District
Press Release
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

The River Ridge Board of Educations conducted a regular school board meeting Wednesday, April 13, 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. Board President, Dave Breuer, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: All members of the board were present with the exception of Randy Martin.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. The meeting was approved as properly noticed on April 8, 2016.
- V. Under "Appearances," on one from the public signed up to speak to the Board in the public comments section.
- VI. Minutes of the March 17, 2016, meeting were approved as printed.
- VII. The following committee reports were given:
 - A. Student activities update – In the absence of Student Council/Board liaison, Austin Morrow, Dr. Athey called the Boards' attention to these upcoming events:
 - Prom (4/23) 8:00 p.m. – midnight with the Grand March starting at 8:00 p.m.
 - Post Prom (4/24) midnight – 3:00 a.m.
 - National Honor Society Induction (4/27) in the high school gym. (supper at 7:00 p.m. catered by Ma's Bakery; program to follow).
 - B. FFA Update
Brett Iverson and four River Ridge FFA members (Beth Zimmer, Bea Mumm, Darion Brooks, and Lexie Harper) presented an oral report of activity the FFA has been involved with this year.
 - C. Staff and Employee Relations Committee Report
Dave Breuer talked about the meeting that was held March 21, 2016. The Committee discussed compensation for teachers, specialty licensed staff, and support staff. Attorney Eileen Brownlee was present for that meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled once we hear back from TRICOR on what the 2016-17 insurance costs will be.
 - D. Buildings & Grounds / Finance Committee Report
Construction Update:
 - i. Troy Marshall gave a construction update. He mentioned what had come out of today's earlier meeting with folks from McKinstry and Westphal Electric. He spoke about what still needs to be balanced in two rooms in the elementary

as well as high school rooms. Fourteen attic fans at the ES/MS/HS will be replaced and reconnected. Occupying sensors will be installed in the UE gym. State inspectors will be here April 26 to do a final electrical inspection. The next construction meeting will be 2:00 p.m. on April 27th. The project should be wrapped up in early May.

ii. Air & Water Testing Update

- EMC, an insurance company, is managing air quality testing in the RRSD school buildings. Testing is done for carbon dioxide, temperature and mold. Results will be available to the District in May.

- Water samples were collected and taken to LV Labs in Lancaster. The results of testing are not yet available.

iii. Steam Kettle Replacement

The electric steam kettle in the ES/MS/HS kitchen no longer works and parts are no longer made. Upon recommendation of the Building/Grounds/Finance Committee, the Board authorized purchase of a new steam kettle.

iv. The Financial Statements, Receipts, and Expenditures report was approved by the Board

i. Policy/Curriculum Committee Report

The Board approved a number of policies for a 2nd reading: #333 – Parents Rights in Relation to District Programs/Activities & Student Privacy, #443.4 - Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use, and #522.1 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Two other policies - #445 – Student Interviews with Outside Agency Personnel and #345.6 – High School Graduation Requirements (Revised) were approved for a first reading.

VIII. New Business

A. Board Member Recognition

Dr. Athey recognized and thanked Lea Breuer for her 9 years of service on the River Ridge School Board (2007-2016) and presented her with a plaque and a certificate from WASB. Randy Martin will be presented with his plaque and certificate by Dr. Athey in the near future. Randy served on the school board from 2013-2016. Their pictures will be sent to the newspaper.

B. Request to use the school name for trap-shooting team.

Larry Gates was present to talk about a Trap Shooting Team he would like to coach at the area Sportsman's Club in Bloomington. He shared information about what opportunities there would be for students interested in participating and answered several questions posed of him by Board members. The Board approved Mr. Gates' request to use the school name for a student trap shooting team sponsored by the Sportsman's Club. The school will have no involvement in the club, other than allowing use of the school's name for the team.

C. Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of 7 and 8 grade boys' basketball coach, Mick Kalinowski.

IX. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The following meetings are scheduled for May:

i. Policy/Curriculum Committee – T.B.D.

ii. Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee – May 11, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee – May 18, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

Re: 2016-17 budget

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

Emilie Mumm would like Troy Marshall to bring back information on how much it would cost to install a camera over the Ag door at the back of the school. He should have this information for the next Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee meeting (5/11).

C. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.