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Happy New Year

Concert Choir Caroling

by Ellen Martin



Selected singers from the River Ridge Concert Choir spread their holiday Christmas cheer as they went caroling to local businesses, including nursing homes in Lancaster and Prairie du Chien.

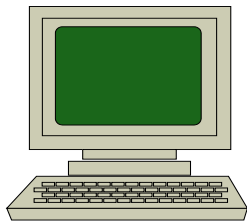
Cathman's Test Score Placed Him as Wisconsin's Champion



Congratulations to Jacob Cathman. His exceptionally high score on the Microsoft Office Specialist MOS Word 2013 exam placed him as Wisconsin's Champion and selected to compete in Certiport's 2019 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista in Orlando, Florida, June 17-19. Good luck in the competition, Jacob!

Mission Statement

The River Ridge School District will strive to provide a safe, challenging environment for each individual student by promoting excellent staff development, encouraging meaningful parent involvement, and earning strong community support through honesty, integrity, and open communication.



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Geography Bee

by Andrew Redman



The River Ridge Middle School Geography Bee was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Ten 5th through 8th grade students competed in the local competition: 5th graders - Ren Bowen, Alec Morrow; 6th graders - Alex Eastlick, Jimena Hernandez; 7th graders - Izabella Pecinovsky, Braydon Bull; and 8th graders - Madelyn Thornton, Anthony Davis, Mackenzie Esser, Brody Kiley. Mr. Andrew Redman, 6th and 7th Grade Social Studies teacher, organized the event, which was the first round of the 31st Annual National Geographic School Bee. First Place went to 8th grader, Madelyn Thornton, 2nd Place to 8th grader, Anthony Davis, and 3rd Place to 5th grader Ren Bowen. Thousands of schools around the U.S. and in five U.S. territories are participating in the 2019 Bee. The school champions, including Madelyn Thornton, will take an online test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their 2019 State Geography Bee. Congratulations to Madelyn Thornton and all of the participants!



Pictured above front row (left to right): Ren Bowen, Alec Morrow, Jimena Hernandez, and Alex Eastlick. Back row (l. to r.): Braydon Bull, Izabella Pecinovsky, Brody Kiley, Anthony Davis, Madelyn Thornton, and Mackenzie Esser.

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District Administrator
P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P
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FBLA News

by Tina Dilley

Regionals are around the corner. FBLA students will begin to prepare for the Regional Leadership Competition held this year in Cochrane Fountain City High School on Saturday, February 2. The online testing window will be January 7-18. All pre-judged items are due by January 18.

School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

Dates to Remember:

Eighth Grade High School Registration

January 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM
(Students/Parents)

2019-20 High School Course Registration

January 15-17, 2019

ACT Test

February 20, 2019
(Mandatory for all Juniors)

ACT WorkKeys Test

February 21, 2019
(Mandatory for all Juniors)

Smoothies for Students



On Thursday, December 20, Mr. Sperle and the Middle School Fuel Up to Play 60 officers and member provided healthy “Smoothies” for the middle school staff and students. The smoothies were a delicious treat.



Don't Forget!

No School - January 23

From the Superintendent's Desk

by Dr. Jeff Athey

Today, more than ever, earning a high school diploma is extremely important. Yet, in order to obtain a high-paying, fulfilling job as an adult, it probably will require additional schooling/degrees beyond high school. Hard work, perseverance, being organized, having an ability to work with others, being able to solve problems, having technical skills, being an effective communicator, etc. are all skills that students will need to be positive contributors to society upon leaving high school. There are no short-cuts to achieving success.

Sometimes, I get asked questions pertaining to school attendance. In order to graduate and earn a high school diploma, it is important to be in school. Some things just cannot be made up when you're gone. According to Wis. Stat. sec. 118.15 (1) (a): "Any person having under his/her control a child who is between the ages of 6 and 18 years and has not graduated from high school shall cause the child to attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the public or private school in which the child should be enrolled is in session until the end of the school terms, quarter, or semester of the school year in which the child becomes 18 years of age."

During the school year, students may need to miss school for such things as: sickness, doctor/dental appointments, family vacations, funerals, hospitalization, and getting one's driver's license. But, please be aware that Wis. Stat. sec. 118.15 (3) (c) says: "A child may not be excused for more than 10 days in a school year." In other words, a student can be excused by a parent/guardian for any of the above-mentioned reasons, but after part or all of 10 days, a physician's note will be required for further absences to be excused.

Some reasons are considered unexcused: overslept, missed the bus, didn't feel like coming, needed to get a haircut, etc. Once a student has accumulated 5 or more unexcused absences in a semester in accordance with Wis. Stat. 118.16 (1) (a) parents of a minor student shall be notified by certified or registered mail that the parent(s) and child have a legal obligation to confer with the school administration and related staff (teachers, guidance counselor, psychologist, etc.) within 5 days after the "habitual truancy" notice is sent. The conference may include a juvenile court worker, but it is not mandated. The conference will address the possible need for curriculum modification, ability assessment, social adjustment, counseling, attention of the court, and reasons for absences. If the parent refuses to meet with the school personnel within 10 days after the habitual truancy notice is mailed, the court system may take direct action.

So, what can happen if a child misses 11 or more days (or parts of days) of school for excused reasons or 5 or more days (or parts of days) for unexcused reasons? Parents/guardians can be found guilty of a misdemeanor under Wis. Stat. sec. 948.45. For the first offense, they could be fined up to \$500 or imprisoned 30 days (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.15 (5) (1) 1. a. For the second and subsequent offense, the fine cannot exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for 90 days. They could be required to perform community service in lieu of these penalties (Wis. Stat. 118.15 (5) (a) 2). They could also be ordered to participate in counseling at the person's own expense or to attend school with his/her child, or both (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.15 (5) (am).)

Students who don't attend school and who are referred to juvenile or municipal court could also face:

- Suspension of the student's driver's license for not less than 30 days nor more than one year (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.163 (2) (a) and 938.342 (1g) (a)).
- Participation in counseling or supervised work (community service) program (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.163 (2) (b) and 938.342 (1g) (b)).
- Home detention during specific hours (Wis. Stat. 118.163 (2) (c) and 938.342 (1g) (c)).
- (Department of Workforce Development) Revocation of the student's work permit (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.163 (2) (e) and 938.342 (1g) (c)).
- Participation in a teen court program (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.163 (2) (f) and 938.342 (1g) (g)(f)).
- Court-ordered school attendance (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.163 (2) (g) and 938.342 (1g) (g)).
- A forfeiture (fine) of not more than \$500 plus court costs (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.163 (2) (h) and 938.342 (1g) (h)).
- Any other reasonable conditions, including a curfew, restrictions as to places the student may be, or restrictions on associating with other children or adults (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.163 (2) (i) and 938.342 (1g) (i)).

We would prefer that students make a concerted effort to be at school when they are supposed to be so they can avoid the consequences associated with "habitual truancy." We want them to learn, to graduate, and to be ready to pursue their chosen options beyond high school so that they lead a successful adult life!

River Ridge Holds Local Spelling Bee

by Sue Kuenster



Twenty-four River Ridge 5th through 8th grade students competed in the local competition of the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday, December 6, 2018. Mrs. Heidi Serres served as pronouncer for the event. Judges were Mrs. Kathy Miller, Mrs. Deb Martin, Mrs. Wendy Scherer, and Mrs. Sandy Soles. The top three spellers who will advance to the sectional level of competition in January were: Johanna Garcia, 8th grader; Colton Moris, 6th grader; and Maya Drone, 6th grader. Tucker Johnson, 6th grader, placed fourth and will be an alternate. The Grant County Sectional Spelling Bee will be at the Brodbeck Concert Hall at UW-Platteville Campus on January 15 at 6:00 PM.

Thank You

Music Boosters sends a shout out to Jim and Marlys Schmitz, Joe and Kay Schmitz, Steve Bernhardt, Dawn Drew and Inner Harmony, Ma's Bakery, and all music parents and individuals who supported our recent fundraising lasagna meal night of the fall concert. Your continued support keeps music vibrant and engaging for all students at River Ridge.

High School Semester Exam Schedule

Monday – January 21

- 1st hour – 8:00-9:30
- 3rd hour – 9:40-11:10
- HS Lunch – 11:15-12:00
- 5th hour – 12:05-1:35
- 7th hour – 1:45-3:15

Tuesday - January 22

- 2nd hour – 8:00-9:30
- 4th hour – 9:40-11:10
- HS Lunch 11:15-12:00
- 6th hour – 12:05-1:35
- 8th hour – 1:45-3:15

1. Buses will run at regular time on Monday, January 21, and Tuesday, January 22.
2. Students are not required to be in school until their first scheduled exam. Once in school, students are to stay until exams are completed for the day. Students should report to study hall if not taking an exam. Seniors have open campus but must sign in and out from office if they leave the campus.
3. All students should sign in if they arrive after 8:00 AM. Students should sign out if they leave before 3:15 PM. Students that arrive late or leave before 3:15 should have signed permission slips turned into office by Wednesday, January 16.
4. A student may not leave the exam area until the 90-minute period is over. There will be no loitering in the hallways.
5. Students are expected to be in the classroom on time when the bell rings to begin the exam.
6. Any student missing any exam time must make arrangements with the teacher for make-up time. Grades are due to the office by 3:30 PM on January 25.

School Performance Report

If you would like a copy of the School District Performance report, please contact the school at 608-994-2715. You can also go to the following website to look at the information <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>

500th Win for Coach



Congratulations to Coach Townsend on your 500th win at the girls basketball game played Thursday, December 20.

Fundraising for Washington D.C. Trip



To the River Ridge Community:

The River Ridge future eighth graders are one step closer to our goal of going to Washington, D.C. next fall. In less than a year, we have taken on the challenge of raising over \$23,000 to start up the trip to our nation's capital. "When the idea was presented to the 7th graders and their parents, they had no problem accepting the challenge and getting started on fundraisers right away!" stated Ms. Langmeier and Mrs. Serres.

So far, we have sold hundreds of Culver's calendars, worked concession stands, and raised money through many festive holiday fundraisers. We also held a bake sale during the elementary and middle school Christmas concerts, which was a big hit! Even though we have been working hard to earn this class trip, we know we have a "long road ahead of us"!

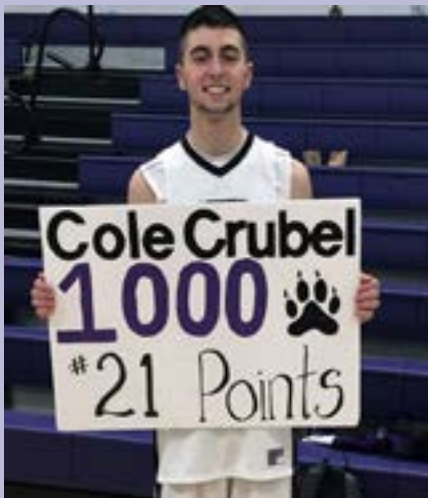
We want to thank the community for all the support, donations, and encouragement thus far! We are so excited to have the opportunity to travel together, and we look forward to seeing other 8th grade classes get to travel to D.C. in the future, as well. The goal is for every class after ours to be able to go! Some of the planned visits we are looking forward to are stopping in Gettysburg, seeing the Lincoln Memorial, and visiting the Holocaust Museum.

If you would like to make a donation to help start up the Washington, D.C. Field Trip, we would be very appreciative!

Donations can be sent to:
River Ridge Middle School
Attn: Washington, D.C. Trip
11165 Cty Hwy P
Patch Grove, WI 53817

Thanks again!
The River Ridge 7th Graders
Class of 2024

1000 Points for Crubel



Congratulations to Cole Crubel for achieving an incredible goal of 1000 points in his junior year! Way to go, Cole. #TimberwolfPride

Leadership Opportunity for River Ridge Students

by Tricia Langmeier



River Ridge Middle School Student Council officers had an opportunity to attend a teambuilding and leadership workshop with Brian Kenney. The workshop was held at CESA # 3 in Fennimore on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. The kids had a great time focusing on relationship building and encouraging student engagement skills. Mr. Kenney used various activities to help youth with problem solving skills, positive connections and overall student

engagement. The team building exercises taught them to not only trust others, but to trust themselves as well. One of the activities that they participated in was learning to disable a mouse trap. Students were blindfolded and had to depend on their partner to direct them to the mouse trap safely and disable it. The students had lots of fun making new friends from different schools and learning skills that never had before.

National Day Celebrated

by Mickey Quick



Did you know there is a day in which the world celebrates 12 hours of fresh breath? December 12 as National 12 Hour Fresh Breath Day. The River Ridge High School Student Council worked with Dr. Mark Fohey from Dental Associates of Prairie du Chien to provide free toothbrushes to all high school students in honor of this day. National 12 Hour Fresh Breath Day is to bring awareness to the importance of oral hygiene and the absence of bad breath for long periods of time. To promote healthy oral hygiene, it is important to brush twice a day and floss one time. A huge thank you to Dr. Mark Fohey and Dental Associates in helping the student council bring recognition to this national holiday!



Emergency School Closing Information

Although we make every effort to keep pupils in school for the full session once school has started, certain circumstances may require our school schedules being adjusted. During the school year when it becomes necessary to close the school early due to inclement weather or an emergency, it is imperative that you make previous arrangements with your children in the event that they are to go to a neighbor's or relative's house or if someone else will be picking them up at school. **Please plan ahead** and be sure you discuss the plan thoroughly with your child. If there is a change in the procedure during the school year, please make sure your child is aware of the change.



Substitute Teacher Training

*Bachelor and Associates Degree Holders
Can Work as Substitute Teachers!*



A Two-Year Associates or Four-Year Bachelors Degree in any area is necessary for you to participate in this training.

The seminar will introduce participants to the field of substitute teaching by covering the general expectations of a substitute teacher, pertinent information on health issues, successful discipline techniques, hints for working with students who have special needs and more.

*All participants will earn a
Certificate of Participation!*

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Seminar

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Check-In & Refreshments

CESA 3

Conference Room C/D

1300 Industrial Drive

Fennimore, WI 53809

Cost: \$90 (includes lunch & materials)

Pre-registration is required!

Please register early.

Registration deadline is Wednesday,
January 23, 2019!

*Please send payment prior to
training to secure registration.*

Checks should be made payable to
CESA 3.

Register online at:

https://login.myquickreg.com/register/event/event.cfm?from_cms=1&eventid=22210

or visit MyQuickReg at: <https://login.myquickreg.com/>

For further information, please contact:

Kate Hennessy at CESA 3

608-822-2149 or khennessy@cesa3.org



Breakfast/Lunch Menu - January, 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	No School	No School	French Toast Sticks & Sausage	Cereal & Toast
			Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Stromboli Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk
7	8	9	10	11
Pancake Wrap	Sunrise Biscuit	Cheese Omelet & Toast	Breakfast Pizza	Cereal & Muffin
Cheesburger Casserole Green Beans Garlic Breadstick Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Dinner Roll Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Pulled Pork Sandwich Cheesy Hashbrowns Steamed Carrots Fruit Salad/Fresh Fruit Milk	Dog in a Blanket Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Waffle Fries Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk
14	15	16	17	18
Cereal & Toast	Breakfast Cake & Yogurt	Cheese Omelet & Toast	Breakfast Casserole & Toast	Pancakes & Sausage
French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hasbrown Fruit Juice/Applesauce Milk	Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Toast Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Teriyaki Chicken/ Orange Chicken Rice/Fried Rice Chicken Egg Roll Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a bun Baked Potato Wedges Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk
21	22	23	24	25
Breakfast Pizza	Sunrise Biscuit	No School	Fruit Smoothie & Cereal Bar	Breakfast Cake & Cereal
Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Taco Buttered Corn Fruit Salad/Fresh Fruit Milk		Chicken & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Rolls Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Mozzarella Dipper w/ Marinara Sauce Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk
28	29	30	31	1
Berry Parfait & Cereal Bar	Sunrise Biscuit	Pancake Wrap	Pop Tart & Cereal	
French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hasbrown Fruit Juice/Applesauce Milk	Walking Tacos Buttered Corn Fresh/Fruit Salad Milk	Grilled Chicken Patty Waffle Fries Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	Stromboli Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk	

Breakfast is served with choice of 1/2 cup of fruit and FF chocolate milk, FF white milk, or 1% white milk.

Two entrees will be offered each day. Students may choose one. The second option for PK - 4th grade is a yogurt lunch (consists of 4 oz. yogurt, peanut butter sandwich, vegetable, fruit and FF chocolate milk, FF white milk, or 1% white milk) and the second option for 5th - 12th is a chef salad.

Each meal must have a combined 1/2 cup total of vegetables and/or fruit on the tray in order to qualify for a reimbursable lunch.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day No School	No School	School Resumes 6:00 PM HSGB vs MFL Mar Mac	6:00 PM HSBB at Potosi	MS GB Tourney at River Ridge 9:00 AM Wrestling at Lancaster 10:00 AM BB Reserve at Barneveld
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	6:00 PM RRAP Mtg.	4:30 PM MSGB vs MFL Mar Mac 6:00 PM HSBB at Benton 6:00 PM Wrestling at Central Elkader	4:45 PM Staff/Emp Mtg. 5:30 PM Board Mtg.	6:00 PM HSGB at Highland	FFA Halftime Conf.	
					5:30 PM BB Reserve vs Boscobel 6:00 PM HSBB vs Belmont	MS GB Tourney at PDC 8:00 AM Wrestling at Weston
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Dorian Choral Festival		2019-20 High School Course Registration			4:30 PM MSBB vs Fennimore	MSBB Tourney at PDC
	6:00 PM HSBB at Wauzeka	4:30 PM MSGB vs Bluff View 6:00 PM HSGB at Belmont 6:00 PM BB Reserve vs PDC	7:00 PM 8th Gd. Reg.	6:00 PM HSBB at Cassville 7:00 PM Wrestling vs Pec/Argyle	6:00 PM HSGB vs Barneveld	9:00 AM Wrestling at Sparta
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
FFA Banquet	High School Semester Exam		No School Records Day	4:30 PM MSGB vs Wauzeka 5:00 PM Wrestling at North Crawford 6:00 PM HSGB at Benton	6:00 PM HSBB TBA	9:00 AM Wrestling at Lancaster 1:00 PM BB Reserve at PDC
	6:00 PM HSGB vs DeSoto	4:30 PM MSGB at Potosi 6:00 PM HSBB vs Potosi				
27	28	29	30	31		
	4:30 PM MSGB vs Lancaster	6:00 PM HSGB at Lancaster 6:00 PM HSBB at DeSoto		5:30 PM BB Reserve vs Barneveld 6:00 PM HSBB vs Highland		

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.

Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is *not guaranteed* and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

Important open enrollment dates

February 4 – April 30, 2019 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 7, 2019 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 14, 2019 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 28, 2019 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2019-20 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program
 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
 P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
 Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2
 Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
 Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>



2019-20

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2019-20 School Year

**Full-Time
 Inter-District**

**Open
 Enrollment**

**In Wisconsin Public
 Schools**

(Information for Parents)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
 Tony Evers, PhD, State Superintendent

You may apply for open enrollment from February 4-April 30, 2019

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2019-20 school year is from February 4-April 30, 2019. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school in the nonresident school district every day that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.

- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located. If you have any questions about this, call the virtual charter school.

- You must know your resident school district in order to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

Can an application be rejected?

Yes. Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education **space is not available** for the pupil; **special education or related services** are not available; or if the pupil has been **referred for a special education evaluation** but has not yet been evaluated.

Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been **expelled** during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was **habitually truant** from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

Yes, in limited circumstances. A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not

offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: OCTOBER 24, 2018 AT 6:00 PM OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING

I. *Call to Order* – Board President Kenny Nies Called the meeting to order at 5:54PM

II. *Roll Call* – Present; Cory Moravits, Kerri Schier, Adam Guthrie, Aaron Stagman, Kenny Nies, Karla Irish, Jason Cathman.

III. *Statement of Notice* – Board President Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.

IV. *New Business*

A) **Review of 2018-19 Budget** – Business Manager Tracy Stagman Presented a review of the budget.

B) **Set 2018-19 Tax Levy** – Adam Guthrie made a motion to set the 2018-19 tax levy at \$2,794,164.00. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on 7-0 roll call vote.

C) **Adopt 2018-19 Budget** – Cory Moravits made a motion to adopt the 2018-19 budget. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

V. *Adjourn* – Jason Cathman made a motion to adjourn. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY WISCONSIN: NOVEMBER 14, 2018 AT 5:30 PM.

I. *Call to Order* – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

II. *Roll Call* – Present; Kenny Nies, Jason Cathman, Kerri Schier, Adam Guthrie, Karla Irish, Aaron Stagman, Cory Moravits.

III. *Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

IV. *Statement of Notice* – Board President Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.

V. *Appearances* – There were no public appearances.

VI. *Approval of Minutes*

A) **October 10, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes** – Karla Irish made a motion to approve the minutes. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

VII. *Reports*

A) **Finance** – Tracy Stagman
i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Business Manager Tracy Stagman presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for October 2018. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial statement pending the audit of 2017/18 for revenues of \$80,242.93 and expenditures of \$642,523.35. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B) **Buildings & Grounds Report** – Kenny Nies, Chair

- i. Exterior Site Update – Mark Digman from Delta 3 met with the board to go over pricing options for the exterior site.
- ii. Maintenance Directors Report – Maintenance Director Jim Wunnicke gave a report on current maintenance issues including parking lot lighting progress and weight room floor update.

C) **Policy/Curriculum Committee** - Kerri Schier, Chair

- i. 453.5 – 453.52 HEAD LICE – Discussion
- ii. 453.3 STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS – Discussion
- iii. 383.1 SERVICE ANIMALS ON DISTRICT PREMISES (new) - 1st reading
- iv. 911- 914 (removal) - 1st reading
- v. 911 FACILITY USE POLICY (revised) - 1st reading
- vi. 911 – RULE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES PROCEDURES (revised) - 1st reading
- vii. 911 – EXHIBIT FACILITY USE AUTHORIZATION (revised) - 1st reading
- viii. APPROVAL - Cory Moravits made a motion to approve policies 3 – 7. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

D) **Superintendents Report** – Dr. Jeff Athey

- i. Dr. Athey spoke about the requirements for Act 143, parent – teacher conferences, and 2019-20 calendar considerations.
- ii. Clay Koenig gave a summary on the district report card.

VIII. *Old Business*

IX. *New Business*

A) **Current Utilities of Bloomington Site**

- i. CLEANING LABOR - \$3200.00
- ii. CLEANING SUPPLIES - \$600.00
- iii. LABOR/MOWING - \$26,400.00
- iv. MOWER MAINTENANCE - \$1,200.00
- v. BUSSING kids/equipment for track/football - \$1,100.00
- vi. ALLIANT ENERGY for November – October - \$9405.00
- vii. WE ENERGIES for November – October - \$9168.79
- viii. VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGTON - \$1478.52
- ix. TOTAL - \$53,752.31
- x. UTILITIES ONLY - \$20,052.58

B) Premium Insurance Holiday Funds for December – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the Insurance premium Holiday. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-2 roll call vote. Yes: Cory Moravits, Jason Cathman, Aaron Stagman, Adam Guthrie, Kenny Nies. No: Kerri Schier, Karla Irish.

XI. *Adjourn* – Jason Cathman made a motion to adjourn. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

X. *Information*

A) **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- i. POLICY/CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING – December 5, 2018 at 5:15 PM
- ii. STAFF/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – December 12, 2018 at 5:00 PM
- iii. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – December 12, 2018 at 5:30 PM



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