



TIMBERWOLF NEWS

November 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES

- November 2
2nd Qtr. Begins
- November 3
Election Day
- November 11
Veterans Day
Regular Board Mtg
- November 25 -27
No School
- November 26
Thanksgiving Day
- November 30
School Resumes

2020 OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITY REFERENDUM

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

The District is asking residents to consider a \$2.3 million referendum for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing and equipping an outdoor educational facility, including athletic fields and site improvements; and refinancing state trust fund loans issued to provide interim financing for the purpose described above.

WHY DID WE DO IT?

- \$125,000 - \$150,000 price increase per year if we waited
 - * Construction inflation
 - Increase approx.\$80,000 per year
 - * Cost savings & efficiency
 - Approx. \$60,000 per year to run Bloomington site

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- All students and events at one site
- Safer playing surfaces
- Host larger athletic events
- Used for physical education, agriculture, tech. ed., student clubs & organizations
- Community use of track



If the referendum passes, the project will be aided 30% by the State over 19 years, saving the District and the taxpayers a conservative estimate \$650,000-\$750,000.

Tax Impact

- At the conservative estimated interest of 2.5%, it would be \$35 per \$100,000

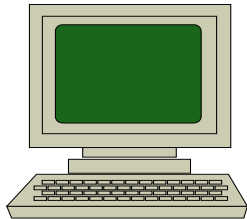
Mill Rate

- 2019 Mill Rate: \$11.22
- 2020 Anticipated mill rate if referendum fails: \$9.86
- 2020 Anticipate mill rate if referendum passes: \$10.21



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.



Visit our website at www.rrsd.k12.wi.us

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Conference Runners 2020

by Shane Sperle



Congratulations River Ridge All Conference runners for 2020. From left to right: Brad Hoffman - 1st team; Sam White - 2nd team; Jessica Patterson - 2nd team and Brett Kerscher -1st team.

Sectional Cross Country Finalist



Brad Hoffman broke the school record with a time of 17 minutes and 36 seconds and qualified for the WIAA Sectional Cross Country Finals in Darlington held on Friday, October 23. He was the 11th individual non state team runner to finish. The top five finishers move on to state. Great season and career, Brad.

FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY STATEMENT

The River Ridge School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

District Administrator
P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P
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For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Red Ribbon Week - Dress Up Day



National AODA Red Ribbon Week was celebrated at River Ridge Schools the week of October 26 through October 29. Each day of the week had a theme Monday - "Badgers are too Cool!", Tuesday - "Peace Out to Drugs! and Swirly Sperle Day", Wednesday - "No Time Is a Good Time For Drugs!" and Thursday - "Say Boo to Drugs" Pictured above are students and Mr. Sperle sporting Tie Dye apparel. The students rocked the Mr. Sperle look.

Middle School Receive A Prize Pack

by Shane Sperle



River Ridge was awarded a prize pack from NFL Flag. The kit was awarded to the Middle School and included 50 flag belts, 10 new footballs, mesh NFL bag and more. Pictured are eighth grade students that have been a part of the River Ridge Fuel Up To Play 60 Team.

Music News



The River Ridge Music Department is running its annual Butter Braid pastry fundraiser. All money raised from this fundraiser goes towards music activities throughout the school year. All orders are due Monday, November 2. Please see any band or choir student in grades 6-12 to place your order. Thank you for supporting the River Ridge Music Department!



Juniors Win Fall Fest Relays

by Caron Townsend



Freshman through seniors competed for the Golden Pumpkin on Thursday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 13. Points were given for completing five relays, class participation, team t-shirts and team spirit. The relays consisted of Underhand Squash Toss, Candy Corn Relay, Pumpkin Relay, Witches Broom Relay and Partner Acorn Toss. The students and staff enjoyed a picnic lunch. Thank you to all for making the Fall Fest a great event.



Congratulations to the Class of 2022 for winning the Golden Pumpkin!

Scarecrow on the Ridge

by Olivia Skemp



The third-grade tradition of building scarecrows was done a little differently this year, but fun was still had by all! The third graders built their scarecrows at home with their family members versus the tradition of building them here at school. Students could send in pictures of their work or bring in their scarecrow to display in front of the third-grade classrooms. The results of this project were amazing; the third-graders got so creative and were so proud to show off their work. In addition to building scarecrows at home, third graders dressed up as scarecrows for school. We pretended to stand perfectly still as if we were scarecrows, this became a challenge when it was hard to hold in laughs! While COVID is certainly making things challenging, it's not keeping us from being creative and making the most out of our time together at school!

Mrs. Copsey's 4K Class



Free STUDENTS MEALS

All River Ridge students can eat **FREE!** The USDA has extended the free breakfast and lunch to all students through **June 30, 2021.**



River Ridge Christmas Program/Concerts

For the safety of the students and families the Elementary Program Middle School Concert High School Concert will be virtual.

The program/concerts will be recorded and sent home to our families. More information will be finalized in the coming weeks.



THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



The Box Tops mobile app is a simpler way to earn cash for our school. Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. Then twice a year, our school will receive a check to use as cash.

REMINDER

*Early Release every
Wednesday
For the First Semester*

Elementary dismissal - 12:20 PM
Middle School dismissal - 12:30 PM
High School - Virtual until 12:00 PM

Schedule for the 7th-12 Grade
on Wednesdays

November 4
Even Hours

November 11
Odd Hours

November 18
Even Hours

December 2
Odd Hours

December 9
Even Hours

December 16
Odd Hours

January 6
Even Hours

January 13
Odd Hours

School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

WKM Counseling Services Offered at River Ridge

WKM Counseling will once again be offering mental health services to the River Ridge Community during the 2020-21 school year. A licensed therapist will come to River Ridge one day a week to meet with clients. If you feel your son or daughter would benefit from these services, please contact Caron Townsend or Kam Fohey.

Financial Aid Process

The recommended window to work on and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form is October 1 through December 1. For the 2020-21 FAFSA, students will report income information from two years prior, which in this case is 2019 income information; two tax years before the beginning of the school year.

This earlier filing date is a new concept that will hopefully make applying for financial aid easier for students and their families. The best part about the earlier filing date is that students may be more likely to receive financial aid offers well in advance of their college decision deadlines.

This year's River Ridge Financial Aid Meeting has been videotaped and is available upon request. If you would like the link to this application completion video, please email Ms. Townsend. The financial aid advisor from Southwest Technical College will help you through the maze of the application process.

ACP Senior Conferences

Seniors have completed their senior conferences with Ms. Townsend this month. Topics discussed in a conference include academic and career plans (ACP), college entrance requirements, choosing a college, internet resources, campus visits, college application procedures, financial aid/scholarships, and a senior timetable. They will be given a variety of publications full of information to help them move along in the ACP process.

"One-Liners" Distributed Monthly

Every month, the seniors & parents are e-mailed a bulletin called the "One-Liner." This publication comes from the School Counseling office and includes information on financial aid and scholarships, campus preview days, ACT dates, career days, job market information, and much more. This is a helpful publication for parents to read as well. It is also posted on our school website under school counseling.

Education Fair

Given our new world, unfortunately, Wisconsin Education Fairs are unable to offer in-person fairs this fall and spring. WEF has now moved to a virtual platform! Approximately 100 colleges, universities, military branches, and specialty schools will participate in the college fair.

WEF will be offering a monthly virtual college fair from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM followed by a 5:00 PM interactive financial aid presentation. This will be a great opportunity for our juniors & seniors to gather information and ask questions about post-secondary options. Go to **wefs.org** to register.

Fall and Spring schedule:

- * Sunday, November 8, 2020
- * Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- * Wednesday, March 10, 2021
- * Sunday, April 1, 2021

PSAT

The PSAT was administered to 15 juniors on October 14, 2020. This is a 4-year college-bound assessment that compares a student’s math and verbal ability to other college-bound juniors in the nation. This assessment also prepares students for other college entrance exams, provides them with an estimated SAT & ACT score as well as qualifies them for a National Merit Scholarship.

2020-21 School Counseling Calendar of Events

Oct. 14, 2020	PSAT Testing (Juniors)
Jan. 20, 2021	8th Grade Registration HS Gym - 7:00 PM
Jan. 26- Feb. 9, 2021	2021-22 High School Course Registration –Activity Period
March 10, 2021	Cap and Gown Pictures HS Gym -10:00 AM
March 9, 2021	ACT (Juniors) – 8:00 AM.- 12:30 PM
March 22-April 30, 2021	Forward Exam Window
April 5-May 5, 2021	ACT Aspire 9 & 10 Testing Window
April 21, 20201	NHS Banquet – 7:00 PM
May 5, 2021	AP English Lit Exam – 8:00-11:30 AM
May 6, 2021	AP US History Exam – 8:00-12:00 AM
May 13, 2021	8th Grade Orientation – 8:00-10:30 AM
May 14, 2021	AP Biology Exam – 8:00-11:30 AM
May 26, 2021	Senior Awards Banquet – 7:00 PM
May 28, 2021	Graduation – 7:00 PM

SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

Jostens is still accepting graduation orders. Make sure your son or daughter has placed an order for their cap and gown.



RRMS POPSS "Team Themed" Food Drive

Starts: Nov. 2 - Ends Nov. 20

Students are invited to bring in non-perishable food items to donate to the POPSS Food Drive. Each item counts as a vote towards their favorite team between the **Cubs** and the **Brewers!**

Let's see which team's fan base is more generous! :)
Thanks in advance for all your donations and support.
-RRMS Student Council (POPSS)

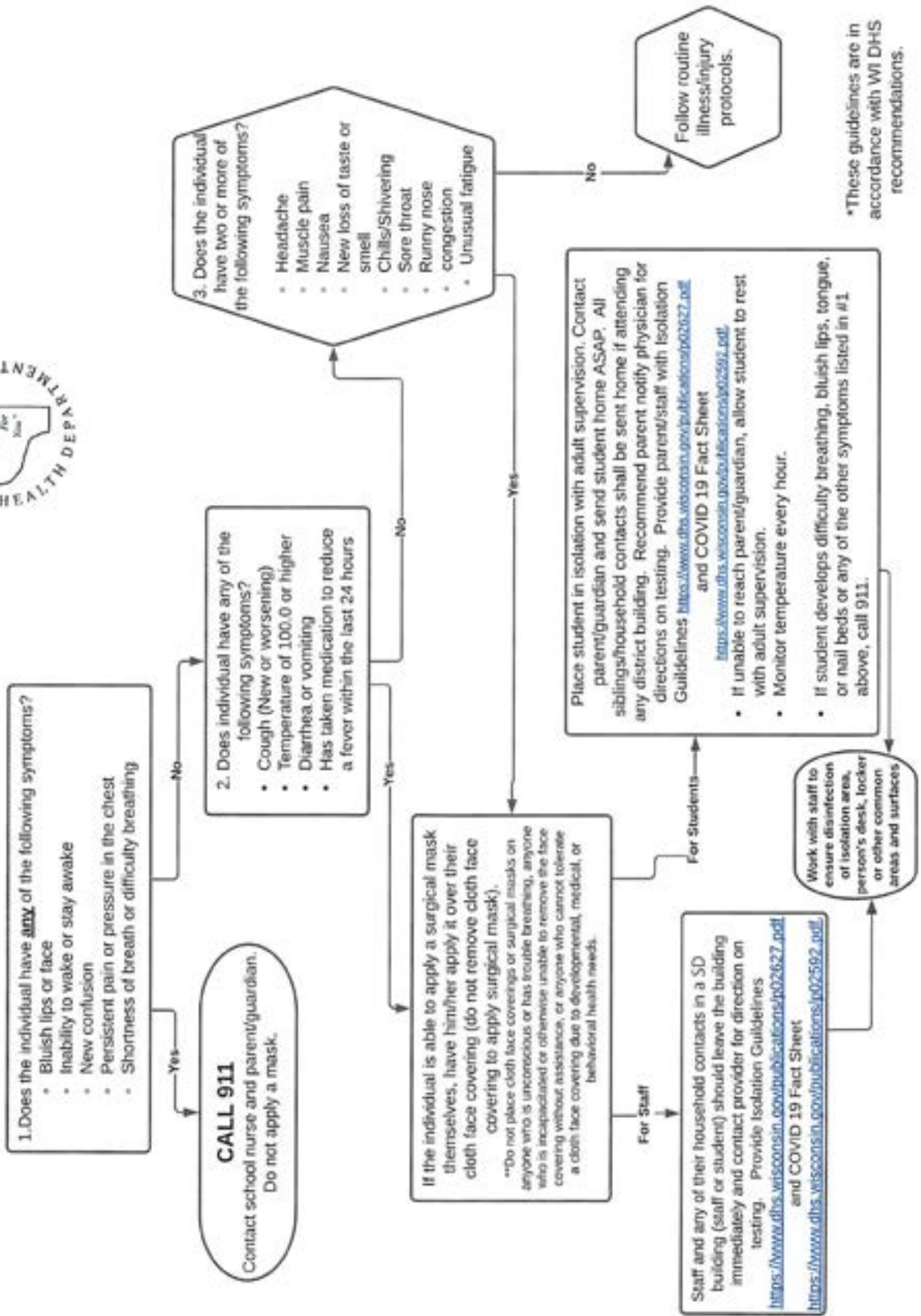


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Management of Illness for Staff and Students during COVID 19.



*These guidelines are in accordance with WI DHS recommendations.

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Purple Day 2nd Qtr Begins RRAP Fundraiser Turn in Day 5:30 PM JVFB vs Highland 6:30 PM CC Program	3 Purple Day	4 Early Release Even Hours 7-12	5 White Day	6 White Day WIAA State VB 7:00 PM FB @ DeSoto	7 WIAA State VB
8	9 Purple Day 5:30 PM JVFB vs DeSoto	10 Purple Day 4:30 PM MSBB vs Boscobel	11 Veterans Day Early Release Odd Hours 7-12 5:30 PM Board Mtg	12 White Day 4:30 PM MSBB @ Riverdale	13 White Day FB Playoffs	14
15	16 Purple Day HSBB Practice HSGB Practice	17 Purple Day 5:00 PM MSBB @ Wauzeka/Steuben	18 Early Release Even Hours 7-12	19 White Day FB Playoffs 4:30 PM MSBB vs Highland	20 White Day	21 10:00 AM HSGB at Iowa-Grant
22 6:00 PM VVB Awards Night	23 Purple Day Wrestling Practice	24 White Day 4:30 PM MSBB @ Fennimore 6:00 PM HSGB @ Wauzeka/Steuben 6:00 PM HSBB @ Fennimore	25 No School	26 No School Thanksgiving Day 	27 No School	28 6:00 PM HSGB vs Fennimore
29	30 Purple Day 6:00 PM HSBB Scrimmage at Home					

Breakfast/Lunch Menu - November, 2020

Breakfast/Lunch Menu - November, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Un crustable Hot Ham & Cheese Hashbrown Steamed Carrots Banana/Mandarin Oranges Milk	3 Cereal & Pop Tart Pizza Baked Chips Fresh Vegetables & Dip Fresh Grapes/Applesauce Milk	4 Chocolate Chip Muffin & Yogurt Cup Hamburger/Cheeseburger Baked Potato Wedges Peas Peaches/Pineapple Milk	5 Mini Pancakes Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Tossed Salad Baked Apples/Pears Milk	6 Blueberry Muffin Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Sauce Green Beans Strawberries/Applesauce Milk
9 French Toast Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Sweet Rolls Baby Carrots & Celery w/Dip Banana/Applesauce Milk	10 Cereal & Donut Holes Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges/Pears Garlic Toast Milk	11 Un crustable Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Green Beans Fresh Grapes/Peaches Milk	12 Cinnamon Muffin Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fruit Salad/Pineapple Milk	13 Waffles Deli Subs Tortialla Chips w/Cheese & Salsa Baked Beans Strawberries/Applesauce Milk
16 Granola Bar & String Cheese Chicken Alfredo Steamed Carrots Banana/Pears Garlic Breadstick Milk	17 Mini Pancakes Walking Taco Buttered Corn Fruit Cocktail/Peaches Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	18 Berry Parfait & Cereal Bar Mini Corn Dogs Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Red Grapes/Applesauce Milk	19 Cereal & Donut Holes Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Potato Wedges Green Beans Fresh Pineapple/Mandarin Oranges Milk	20 French Toast Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn Applesauce Dinner Roll Pumpkin Bar Milk
23 Chocolate Chip Muffin Cheese Quesadillas Mexican Rice Buttered Corn Banana/Pears Milk	24 Un crustable Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Mandarin Oranges/Pineapple Milk	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School
30 Blueberry Muffin Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Smiley Fries Baked Beans Banana/Pears Milk	1	2	3	4

Breakfast is served with choice of fruit and milk daily.

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, uncrustable, vegetable, fruit, and 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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT



2020-2021 School Calendar (Board Approved September 23, 2020)

Important Dates

September 1	First Day of School
September 7	No School-Holiday
September 30	Early Release - 12:30 PM
October 7	Early Release - 12:30 PM
October 14	Early Release - 12:30 PM
October 21	Early Release - 12:30 PM
October 28	Early Release - 12:30 PM
October 30	No School
November 4	Early Release - 12:30 PM
November 11	Early Release - 12:30 PM
November 18	Early Release - 12:30 PM
November 25-27	No School
December 2	Early Release - 12:30 PM
December 9	Early Release - 12:30 PM
December 16	Early Release - 12:30 PM
December 23-31	No School
January 1	No School
January 4	School Resumes
January 6	Early Release - 12:30 PM
January 13	Early Release - 12:30 PM
January 18	No School-Record's Day
February 12	No School
February 15	No School/In-Service
March 12	No School
March 24	No School/In-Service
April 1-5	No School
May 28	Last Day -Early Release

1st Quarter September 1 - October 29
2nd Quarter November 2 - January 15
3rd Quarter January 19 - March 23
4th Quarter March 25 - May 28

School Hours - 8:00 AM to 3:25 PM

September 2020

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November 2020

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February 2021

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KEY

- 14 Purple Day
- 12 White Day
- 30 Early Release
- 26 2nd Semester (TBD)
- 12 No School
- 31 Holiday

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

I. Call to order – Board President, Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

II. Roll Call – Present; Aaron Stagman, Adam Guthrie, Kenny Nies, Josh Copsey, Cory Moravits, Kirk Hamann, Jason Cathman

III. The 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) August 3, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- B) August 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- C) August 25, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- D) Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 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 August 2020. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial statement pending the audit of 2019/20 for revenues of \$1,237,063.29 and expenditures of \$472,020.57. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

VIII. New Business

- A) Early Graduation – Aaron Stagman made a motion to approve the early graduation requests. Cory Moravits Seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

IX. Appearances – There were no public appearances.

X. Information

- A) Upcoming Meeting Schedule
 - i. Regular Board Meeting – October 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM

XI. Adjourn – Cory Moravits made a motion to adjourn. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

I. Call to order – Board President, Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. Roll Call – Present; Jason Cathman, Adam Guthrie, Aaron Stagman, Kenny Nies, Josh Copsey, Kirk Hamann, Cory Moravits

III. The 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. Early Release on Wednesday – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the early release on Wednesdays. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 4-3 roll call vote.

VII. Next Meeting – Regular board meeting October 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM

VIII. Adjourn – Cory Moravits made a motion to adjourn. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a 7- 0 voice vote.



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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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