



# TIMBERWOLF NEWS

November 2021

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**November 3**  
Policy/Curr. Mtg  
RRAP Mtg.

**November 9 & 11**  
Parent/Teacher  
Conference

**November 10**  
Board Mtg.

**November 11**  
Veterans Day  
Program

**November 12**  
No School

**November 24-26**  
No School

## Six Rivers Conference Champions



The River Ridge Football Team earned the title of the 2021 Six Rivers Conference Champions. The team earned this champion award with a record of six wins and one conference loss. Congratulations football team on a great season!

## River Ridge School District host



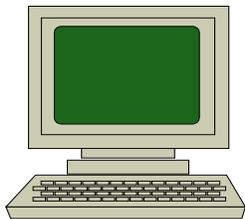
*2 shows!*

November 6 - 3:00 & 5:30 PM

**River Ridge High School Gym**

## 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](http://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us)

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## Fuel Up to Play 60 Receives Funds

by Ellaina Gage



The Fuel Up To Play 60 team has done many fun activities over the years, including smoothies and cheese tasting. Thanks to the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, the program received \$750 to use throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

## 4K Headed to the Pumpkin Patch

by Kim Giese



4K enjoyed a great day at Vesperman Farms. We spent the whole day exploring, feeding animals, picking pumpkins, zip lining, and watching the pumpkin catapult. The kids enjoyed trying to lose the teachers in the corn maze and loved the apple cider donuts! We want to thank RRAP for giving us this great opportunity.

## 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  
 Patch Grove, WI 53817  
 Telephone No. 608-994-2715

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <https://ocrcas.ed.gov/contact-ocr> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

### Third Grade Scarecrows

by Rebecca Bjurquist and Olivia Yager



Third grade had their scarecrow week September 27 to October 1. The students learned about the history of scarecrows and how they have changed over the years. They were fascinated to learn that in the early days, scarecrows were simply children that had to sit in the fields all day and scare the birds away. They didn't think that would be a fun job! We finished the week out by making "haystacks" for our snack and building scarecrows with our families. Thank you to all those that donated straw and their time to make our week fun!



**November 9, 3:30 to 7:00 PM**  
**November 11, 3:30 to 7:00 PM**

Parent-Teacher Conferences for 4K - 4th grade are scheduled and times were sent home with your child. The 5th through 12th grade teachers will take parents as they come. There is no set time for those conferences. Your child's teacher will be available during the times above. Please have all your questions prepared before arriving at conferences to help keep the conferences to a 15 minute time limit. Also, teachers of the specials (art, music, phy. ed., etc.) will be available if you would like to visit with them. Mr. Bill Hannah, Elementary Principal and Mr. Wade Winkers Middle/High School Dean of Students will be available during Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you have any questions please call the school at 994-2715.



## 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip

by Tricia Kuenster

On Monday, October 11, the River Ridge 8th Graders boarded the bus for Washington, DC. Along the way, stops were made in Chicago at the Field Museum and in Gettysburg, PA to learn about the Battle of Gettysburg, and Pickett's Charge. We also visited Mount Vernon to see George Washington's estate. Some of the memorials that we were able to visit included: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial.

On Wednesday night, we enjoyed a guided night tour of the World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. We also thought it was neat to see the White House and our Nation's Capital up so close!

Another neat experience was visiting Arlington Cemetery and watching the Changing of the Guards

Ceremony and four of our classmates participate in a Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The four participants that represented River Ridge Middle School were Ren Bowen, Luke Breuer, Ellaina Gage, and Aiden Walsh.



A few other interesting stops that we made before we left Washington, DC were the National Archives Museum, where the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution,



and the Bill of Rights are kept; The Smithsonian Natural History Museum; and the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles International Airport.

We had a great trip and would like to thank all the local businesses and community members who supported us to help make this trip possible. Thank you!

River Ridge Class of 2026



**Art Club Make Team Banners**



The River Ridge Athletic Boosters would like to thank the Art Club for making banners during homecoming. Unfortunately, due to the football game being played at Lancaster we were not able to use the football banner.

**Middle School Fundraiser Incentive**



The annual middle school fundraiser was completed on October 5 and was very successful! Thank you to all the students who participated in sales from the Believe Kids Company and helped earn money for their class treasuries! Pictured are a group of students who qualified for an "Ice Cream" Party as a participation award!

**Walmart Donates School Supplies**



River Ridge school received donations of school supplies from Walmart in Prairie du Chien. Pictured are Bill Hannah, Shelby Barry, Brandon Hanger, and Wade Winkers. Thank you Wal-Mart for the Donation.



**Teeth-For-Life**  
will be at  
River Ridge Schools  
December 1 and 2  
December 8 and 9  
for students in 4K-6th Grade

**REMINDER**



**NO SCHOOL**

November 1  
Teacher In-Service

November 12  
School is Closed

### Cross Country 2021 Awards



**2nd Team All Conference**  
Jessica Patterson



**1st Team All Conference**  
Luke Patterson



**All Sportsmanship**  
Alison West  
Seth Breuer

## High School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

### Juniors Attend Education Fair at UW-Platteville



River Ridge juniors attended the Wisconsin Education Fair at UW-Platteville on October 5, 2021. They participated in a campus tour, an information session, as well as had the opportunity to talk with representatives from two colleges, four year colleges, and branches of the military.

### National Honor Society and Student Council Recycling Project

The River Ridge National Honor Society and Student Council completed their first of many “cleaning of the can cage!” We want to thank everyone who donates their cans to our school. Our organizations use these funds for a variety of things throughout the year that we wouldn’t be able to do without your donations.

Earth Day is April 22, 2022 so plan ahead for our annual recycling battle between the 4K through 4th grade elementary classrooms.



**Homecoming Tie-Dye Day**

## Homecoming 2021

Celebration of homecoming activities took place at River Ridge High School the week of September 27-October 1, 2021. The theme for homecoming was “Decades” and the football game was supposed to be against Iowa-Grant but unfortunately plans changed and we shared our homecoming game with Lancaster High School at their facility. We were able to see performances by the band and dance team. There was also a presentation of the Spirit Plaque to the Class of 2021, recognition of the homecoming court, as well as the victorious win by the River Ridge Timberwolf Football team. Congrats, gentlemen!



with the homecoming court being presented. Homecoming court members were: Freshman representatives, Carli Koenig daughter of Clay and Stephanie Koenig, escorted by AJ Farris, son of John and Andrea Farris; Sophomore representatives, Brooklyn Mezera, daughter of Mike Mezera and Frankie Copsey, escorted by Owen Callahan, son of JJ and Carrie Callahan; Junior representatives Kiley Brooks, daughter of Ronnie and Kelli Brooks, escorted by Brody Kielley, son of Todd and Michelle Kielley; Senior representatives Olivia Zach, daughter of Jason and Jessica Zach, escorted by Logan Drone, son of Jason and Nicky Drone. The homecoming king was Will Cooley, son of Dan and Jen Cooley, and the 2021 homecoming queen was Sadie Crubel, daughter of Jared and Holly Crubel.



We had a fun night on the fitness trail on Wednesday evening with a color run for all to enjoy. Thank you to the High School Wellness Club for holding the color run as we saw many children in various colors who were totally enjoying that event. The color run was followed by skit night, which was a big hit as usual



Thursday evening was the parade and the River Ridge High School Student Council would like to thank all of those who placed entries in the parade. Thank you to the Patch Grove Fire Department and



Bill Morgan for helping with blocking off the road and controlling traffic so the parade could flow smoothly. We had a great evening and hope that everyone enjoyed it. Following the parade was powder puff football.

Thank you to all of the businesses for their support and encouragement during homecoming week. A huge thank you goes out to the River Ridge High School Student



Council Members as they put in a lot of work to make this week AWESOME, thank you to the River Ridge staff and especially custodial staff for putting up with our last minute needs and helping make this successful! Also, thank you to the River Ridge Student body and their parents for participating in this week of fun.

### Music News

#### Star Spangled Banner Ensemble

by Ellen Martin



The 2021 - 2022 Star Spangled Banner Ensemble will have their first performance at the Veterans Program, as well as singing at winter sporting events and Christmas caroling.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



#### PROGRAM

November 11  
10:00 AM  
High School Gym



#### Music Department Flower Sale

Our Holiday Season is fast approaching and we would like your help to make our upcoming concerts look more festive. The River Ridge Music Department will be taking orders for poinsettias which will be used to decorate for the concerts and then taken home after the concert.

**6" poinsettias are \$12.00**

**Available in Red, Pink, White and Marble**

To place an order please contact  
Ellen Martin, email: [martinel@rrsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:martinel@rrsd.k12.wi.us)  
or call school: 608-994-2711

**Orders are due by November 19**



#### District Office

**Will Be Closed on  
Friday, November 12**



#### River Ridge Christmas Concerts

**5th and 8th Grade**  
December 10 - 9:30 AM

**4K-4th Grade**  
December 10 - 1:00 PM

**9th - 12th Grade**  
December 14 - 7:00 PM

All programs will be in the River Ridge High School Gym



# LIBRARY CORNER

## Adopt A Cow

Our 2nd and 3rd graders have adopted a heifer calf! Her name is Blexy and she lives with Farmer Pam in Humbird, WI. To talk about dairy farms and calves, Seniors Bryr Clark, Cayton Clark, and Ian Adrian came during library time.



## Make a Difference Day

Are you kind?  
Are you curious?  
Can you be really, really silly?  
Then open this book right now!  
You're about to become a Purple Person!  
Our Health Aide, Claire Yanna, read the book "The World Needs More Purple People" to the first graders this week during library time.



## Reading Inspiration

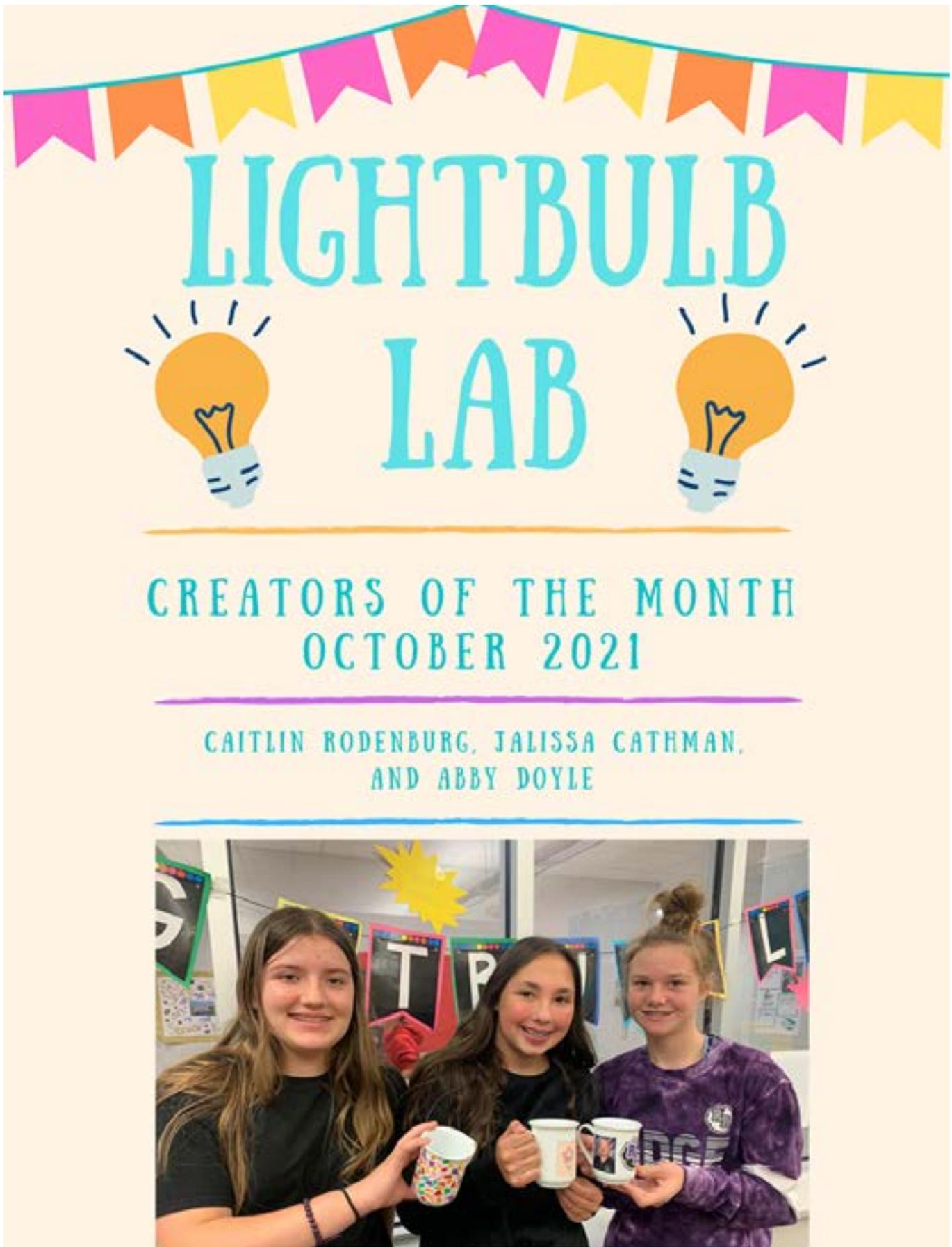
The Middle School SLAT members created a Google Forms survey and sent it out to the MS staff. They asked staff to name their favorite book, favorite author, and favorite place to read. The goal is to spark reading discussions!



## Scholastic Book Fair! November 5 - 12

Students can shop the Book Fair throughout the school day

*Book Fair will be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences*



RIVER RIDGE TITLE I

# *Gingerbread House Night*



Come build a gingerbread house  
and enjoy family fun activities!

DECEMBER 1, 2021 | 6:00 TO 7:30 PM  
AT THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL

Registration forms will be sent out in  
November

## Breakfast/Lunch Menu - November, 2021

### Breakfast/Lunch Menu - November, 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 NO SCHOOL	2 Cereal & Raised Frosted Donut Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	3 Chocolate Chip/Blueberry Breakfast Cake & Yogurt Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Toast Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	4 Sunrise Biscuit w/ Ham Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	5 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Deli Subs Tortilla Chips w/Cheese & Salsa Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit/Fruit Salad Milk
8 Pancakes & Bacon Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	9 Cereal & Fresh Muffin Walking Tacos Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	10 Buttermilk Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Sugar Bars Milk	11 Cheese Omelet & Toast Chicken & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Fresh Dinner Roll Milk	12 NO SCHOOL
15 Frosted Long John & Cereal Totchos Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Oreo Fluff Milk	16 Blueberry/Cinnamon Breakfast Cake & Yogurt Dog in a Blanket Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	17 Sunrise Biscuit w/Sausage Pizza Chips Tossed Salad Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	18 Berry Parfait & Cereal Bar Chicken & Dressing Casserole Green Bean Casserole Cottage Cheese Fresh/Canned Fruit Fresh Dinner Roll Pumpkin Bar Milk	19 Cheese Omelet & Toast Chili Cheese OR Cheese Fries Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
22 Breakfast Pizza French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrown Applesauce/Fruit Juice Milk	23 Cereal & Pop Tart Cheeseburger Casserole Green Beans Garlic Breadstick Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	24 No School HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!	25 No School	26 No School
29 Cereal & Donut Holes Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	30 Rise & Shine Croissant Pizza Casserole Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	1	2	3

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.*

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School Teacher In-Service	2 MS Honors Band RRAP Fundraiser Turn in day 3:30 PM Missoula Auditions 7:00 PM CC Awards	3 8:00 AM Picture Retakes 9:00 AM RR Dairy & Horse Contest 3:30 PM Missoula Rehearsal 5:00 PM Policy/Curr Meeting 6:00 PM RRAP Mtg	4 VB State 3:30 PM Missoula Rehearsal 6:00 PM FB Awards	5 VB State FB Playoffs 3:30 PM Missoula Rehearsal	6 VB State 3:00 PM - Missoula Performance 5:30 PM - Missoula Performance
7 6:30 PM VB Awards	8	9	10	11	12	13 9:00 AM HSGB @ Iowa-Grant
	<b>Library's Scholastic Book Fair</b>					
	HSGB - begins	3:30 PM P/T Conf. 4:30 PM MSBB vs Boscobel	5:30 PM Board Mtg	10:00 AM Veterans Day Program 3:30 PM P/T Conf. 4:30 PM MSBB @ Riverdale	No School FB Playoffs	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<b>Library's Scholastic Book Fair</b>					
	HSBB - begins Wrestling -begins	4:30 PM MSBB vs Potosi		FB State 4:30 PM MSBB vs Highland 6:00 PM HSGB @ DeSoto	6:00 PM HSBB @ Platteville	FBLA Fall Conf.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	4:30 PM MSBB @ Lancaster 6:00 PM HSGB @ Fennimore	3:30 PM RRAP Fundraiser Delivery 4:30 PM MSBB @ Fennimore 6:00 PM HSBB vs Fennimore	No School	No School	No School	
28	29	30				
	6:00 PM HSBB @ Lancaster	4:30 PM MSBB @ Boscobel 6:00 PM HSGB vs Darlington				

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:  
AUGUST 18, 2021 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; Aaron Stagman, Kirk Hamann, Josh Copey, Adam Guthrie, Cory Moravits, Jason Cathman, Kenny Nies.

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) July 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the minutes. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Reports

A) Finance – Tracy Stagman  
i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial statement pending an audit of 2021/22 for revenues of \$593,261.46 and expenditures of \$596,509.65. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

VIII. New Business

A) Start of School Year COVID-19 Decisions  
i. Masking  
ii. Social Distancing  
iii. Quarantine  
iv. Isolation  
v. COVID Testing  
vi. Busing  
vii. Athletics & Visitation  
(1) Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 River Ridge School District COVID-19 Transmission Matrix. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it

passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

viii. COVID Leave – Aaron Stagman made a motion to allow emergency leave days to be used for a COVID absence. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

ix. Virtual Learning – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the virtual education option in conjunction with the Kiel Area School District. Josh Copey seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

x. Visitor Policy – Jason Cathman made a motion allow visitation to the school with limitations made by administration. Kirk Hamann seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B) After Hour Program – Kirk Hamann made a motion to allow 3k and Saint Mary's students to attend the after hours program. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

C) Activity Code Updates – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the activity code updates. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

D) Hiring/Resignations

i. Reading Specialist/Title 1 – Karen Jeardeau – Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the hiring. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

ii. Part-Time Elementary Music Teacher – Diane Malcom – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the hiring. Josh Copey seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

iii. 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Angie Adrian – Kirk Hamann made a motion to approve the hiring. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

iv. Assistant Football Coach – Jake Cathman – Aaron Stagman made a motion to approve the hiring. Kirk Hamann seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

school year, due to licensing change – Erin Kluesner – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the hiring. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

IX. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

- A) Teaching Assignment/Individual Contract
- B) Cory Moravits made a motion to convene into closed session. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote. The meeting was in closed session at 6:59 PM

X. Reconvene in open session – Adam Guthrie made a motion to reconvene in open session. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting was in open session at 7:55 PM

XI. Action, if any is required to be taken in open session on closed session matters.

- A) Negate letter of assignment – Erin Kluesner-Adam Guthrie made a motion to negate the letter of assignment. Josh Copsy seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call.
- B) Approve a teaching contract for the 2021/22

XII. Appearances – There were no public appearances.

XIII. Information

XIV. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Policy & Curriculum Meeting – September 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM
- ii. Regular Board Meeting – September 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM

XV. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made a motion to adjourn. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 7- 0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM



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Tracy Stagman - Business Manager.....994-2715 Ext. 104  
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Technology Coordinator .....994-2715 Ext. 130

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### Office Hours

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