



# TIMBERWOLF NEWS

December 2023

## Six River West All-Conference Honors

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**December 6**  
Gingerbread Night

**December 13**  
Board Meeting

**December 15**  
No 4K Day

**December 25-  
January 2**  
Winter Break



### Volleyball Team - 2023



River Ridge volleyball team earned All-Conference honors. Shayna Graf - 1st Team All - Conference; Reghan Zinkle - 2nd Team All-Conference; Josey Drone - Honorable Mention; and Brooklyn Mezera - Six River West Sportsmanship Team.

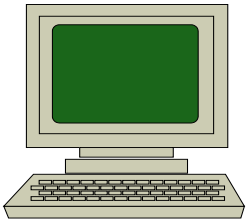
### Football Team - 2023



Ten Timberwolves were named to the All-Conference Football team. Front row (left to right): Brady Bunge - Honorable Mention Inside Linebacker; Ty Adrian - 2nd Team All-Conference Cornerback; Peyton Aulwes - Honorable-Mention Offensive Lineman; Brandon Davis - 1st Team All-Conference Quarterback and Outside Linebacker; and Eli Hamilton - 1st Team All-Conference Offensive Lineman. Back row (left to right) Owen Callahan - 1st Team All-Conference Down Lineman and 2nd Team All-Conference Offensive Lineman; Carter Copsey - 2nd Team All-Conference Cornerback; Matthew Nies - Defensive Lineman of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference Receiver and Defensive End; Elliott Thornton - 2nd Team All-Conference Defensive End; and Andrew Nies - 1st Team All-Conference Running Back and Defensive End.

## 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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## River Ridge Volleyball Awards Night

By Dianne Langmeier, Head Coach, Taylor Langmeier, Varsity Assistant Coach, Megan Copsey, Varsity Reserve Coach, and McKenzie Stagman, Volunteer Assistant Coach



The River Ridge Volleyball team recently held their Awards Night. Captain awards were given out to Brooklyn Mezera, Shayna Graf, and Reghan Zinkle. The Outstanding Server Award went to Shayna Graf for having the most Ace Serves(25) and also to Josey Drone for the highest serving percentage(98.4 %). Shayna Graf was named the Outstanding Hitter(161 kills/0.266 Hitting Average). The Brick Wall Award went to Reghan Zinkle with 60 total blocks. The Outstanding Setter Award was earned by Josey Drone with 185 assists. Ellaina Gage was named Super Digger(202). Most Improved went to Mallory Crubel. The Bring It Award was presented to Josey Drone. The Team Spirit Award was earned by Alix Goeke this year. Outstanding Sportsmanship was awarded to Brooklyn Mezera. Shayna Graf was presented with the Best All Around Award for her 161 Kills/174 Digs/25 Ace Serves. Brooklyn Mezera made the All Conference Sportsmanship Team. Josey Drone was named All Conference Honorable Mention; Reghan Zinkle was recognized for earning 2nd Team All Conference, and Shayna Graf received a plaque for being named to the First Team All Conference Honors. The Wolves finished in fourth place in the Six Rivers West Conference with a 6-6 record and 9-14 overall. Way to work hard, play hard, and have fun this season, Lady Timberwolves! Thank you to all who supported our team throughout the season.

**FBLA**  
**Adopt A Family**  
**PROJECT**

Donations due by December 11

FBLA members have set out to make Christmas a little easier and special for 4 local families this year. Please consider helping them reach their goal by donating to the Adopt A Family project.

Contact Mrs. Tina Dilley for more information



## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability (“Protected Classes”) in any of its student program and activities. The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District’s “Compliance Officers.”

Amy Jones - Student Service Coordinator  
608-994-2715 ext. 302  
P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P  
Patch Grove, WI 53817

Bill Hannah - Elementary Principal  
608-994-2715 ext. 102  
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Patch Grove, WI 53817

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIVER RIDGE ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION

Upon request, the River Ridge School District is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child’s parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability.

**A referral may be made by contacting**  
Amy Jones, Director of Special Education,  
River Ridge School District  
at 608-994-2715,  
or by writing at [jonesam@rrsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:jonesam@rrsd.k12.wi.us)  
or River Ridge School District  
PO BOX 78, 11165 County Road P,  
Patch Grove, WI 53817

## All-Conference Soccer



Junior, Peter Polodna, earned 2nd Team All-Conference defender for the Southwest Wisconsin Conference as part of the Prairie du Chien/River Ridge/Seneca Boys Soccer team.





## UW-Platteville Math Contest

by Katrin Bunders and Linda Moser



On Wednesday, November 1, fourteen River Ridge students traveled to UW-Platteville to participate in their 50th annual math contest. The students placed 4th in their division and two students, Madeline Scharmer and Luke Breuer, scored high enough to medal individually. Participants included: front row: Madilyn Parker, Audrey Pierce, Emmalie Fecht-Lane, Conner Hoepfer, Parker Key; back row: Mallory Crubel, Brooklyn Mezera, Carli Koenig, Erin Adrian, Grace Callahan, Madeline Scharmer, Luke Breuer, Brendan Jentz, and Matthew Nies. Way to go River Ridge!

## What's Going On In The Library?

by Erin Kluesner



During WIN time, these third graders have been coming to the library to work on simple machines. They watched a short tutorial and worked together to create these cranes, using pulleys, all on their own! High five to Finley, Greta, Koyer, and Deacon!

## Middle School Student Council News

*1st Quarter Incentive Activity*



The River Ridge Middle School Student Council sponsored the 1st Quarter Incentive Activity on November 21. The students enjoyed an afternoon of movies and a popcorn treat!

The student council members will host a fundraising event on Monday, December 11 to help sponsor the 2nd quarter incentive activity.

*Holiday Activity*



To get in the holiday spirit, the Middle School Student Council members put up the Christmas tree in the middle school hallway.



### High School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

### Veterans Day Program



On November 9, 2023 our school and community gathered to commemorate the sacrifice and unwavering commitment of our local veterans. Our River Ridge National Honor Society and other school volunteers organized a heartfelt tribute to show our gratitude.

Our 2023 spotlight veteran was Neil Kuenster. Neil is a 91-year-old Korean War Veteran from Lancaster, WI. He was a 20-year-old farmer from Glen Haven when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in March of 1953. He was stationed in Seoul Korea and was one of 125 Crypts (teletypists) who sent and received thousands of messages daily for the commander of the 8th Army. He served 15 months and 18 days in the Korean War. Neil is a member of both the Abraham, Hickok, Wetmore American Legion Post 148 of Bloomington, and the Richard Burns American Legion Post 109 of Lancaster.



Thank you to all that attended our program to celebrate our veterans.

### American Education Week

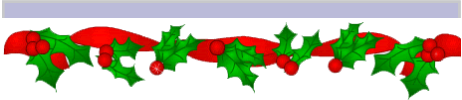


November 13-17, 2023 was American Education Week. This is a time to recognize all the different people who support and promote the importance of education. The National Honor Society thanked the teachers, support staff, cooks, counselors, office staff, maintenance staff, bus drivers, school board members and administration by serving a Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who makes River Ridge a great school district.

### ACT For Juniors

All Juniors will be required to take the ACT test on March 12, 2024. Because this is a mandated assessment from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, we ask that you avoid all appointments on this date.

  
**No School**  
**December 25 - January 2**  
  
**School Resumes**  
**January 3**  

## River Ridge Christmas Concerts

5th - 8th Grade  
Band and Choir  
December 8 - 9:30 AM

4K-4th Grade  
December 8 - 1:30 PM

9th - 12th Grade  
Band and Choir  
December 12 - 7:00 PM

All programs will be in the River Ridge High School Gym



While Holidays can be a time of joy and good cheer, they can also be a time when feelings of sadness and stress can arise. Should a loved one need extra support to deal with emotional/behavioral health concerns, there are community resources to help.

**Unified Counseling Services**  
(Lancaster) - 608 723-6357  
**Family Advocates, Inc.**  
- 24 hour helpline -  
1 800 924-2624

**Grant County Dept. of Social Services**  
608 723-2136  
**Grant Regional Health Center**  
(Lancaster) 723-2143  
**Crossing Rivers Health**  
(Prairie du Chien) 357-2000

**988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**  
(call or text)

Text "HOPELINE" to 741741

## Reading Buddy

by Katie Dressler



Mrs. Dressler's 7th-grade reading students have teamed up with Mrs. Kuenster's 3rd graders, Mrs. Yager's 2nd graders, and Ms. Achenbach's 2nd graders to start monthly reading buddy days!

This is a wonderful opportunity for all students involved. Our time together is always filled with new stories, laughter, hugs, and the ever-present question, "When do we get to do this again?" Keep up the great work, Timberwolf readers!




**RIVER RIDGE WRESTLING TEAM/CLUB**  
**CALENDAR**  
**RAFFLE**  
**\$20 PER TICKET**

Every day in the months of February and March a name is drawn.  
If your name is drawn on the following days:  
**Monday-Friday** - win \$20 \* **Saturday** - win a \$50 certificate to Bloomington Meats  
**Sunday** - win \$100

Could win twice - winning names are put back in for future drawings.

**PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE WRESTLING TEAM OR MR. BRAD LANGE**





## FFA News

by Sierra Hanley



On October 31 through November 3, 2023, Ms. Hanley and six FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. They were able to tour the Ag Department at the University of Illinois Champaign on Tuesday, and attend a Lainey Wilson concert on Wednesday. The WI FFA State Champion Meats Judging Team competed at the National FFA Meats Judging Contest at Purdue on Thursday, November 2. The team consisted of Jessica Patterson, Luke Patterson, Leah Patterson and Libby Vogt, with Dale Patterson as a chaperone. Each finished with a Silver Rating individually, and they received a Silver Rating as a team. Avery Drew and Brady Burmeister were along to participate in workshops, attend sessions, browse the expo, and get the overall National Convention Experience. (They even had time to sneak in some naps!) Overall it was a fun and successful trip, and lots of memories were made for all!



## Ag Reading Time



On November 9 the Senior Ag Leadership class paired up with elementary students for a Buddy Reading. Fifteen seniors paired up with Mrs. Reichmann's Kindergarten, Ms. Bjurquist's 3rd graders, Mrs. Copsey's 1st graders, Ms. Kreul's 4 year-old kindergarten, and Mrs. Kuenster's 3rd graders, to read various agriculture children books and color with the elementary students. It was a blast and fun was had by all.

## FBLA News

by Carli Koenig



In November, FBLA started the Adopt a Family project where our committee teamed up with Grant County Holiday Project to support families in need. FBLA members will be signing up to donate items on our families Christmas wish lists and anyone is welcome to sign up for gifts. On November 13, FBLA celebrated American Enterprise Day with hot chocolate and cookies for all members. FBLA has partnered with the March of Dimes and held a half court shoot out at the November 28 girls basketball game to raise awareness and funds for World Prematurity Awareness month. Lastly, we are looking for judges and volunteers to help with the Regional Leadership Conference that will be held at River Ridge on February, 3, 2024. Please reach out to Mrs. Tina Dilley at [dilleyti@rrsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:dilleyti@rrsd.k12.wi.us) or Brooklyn Mezera if interested.

## The Princess and The Pea



What do Glacierdom and Riverdom have in common? The Leprechauns know! This new look at a classic story **The Princess and the Pea** was performed on Saturday, November 4 along with the Missoula Children's Theatre directors. Students in grades 5K through 12th, were encouraged to audition. Forty students auditioned and all were given parts in the play.


The cast features Aniyala Entwisle as the Princess and Ava Dilley as the Pea. The four Leprechauns were played by Paytin Primmer, Emory Achenbach, Kailyn Crubel, Kendyl Kozelka. Also featured were the Royal Family Members of Riverdom, King and Queen Size who were played by Russel Herbers and Paisley Eastlick. The Royal Family of Glacierdom, Storm King, Snow Queen and the Prince were played by Gabriel Kluesner, Shaninya Entwisle, and Jackson Cooley.


Jack Frost, the troublesome cousin of the Prince was played by Asher Achenbach. The wannabe princesses include Kaylee Crubel, Raelyn Schlegel, Pearl

Skaife, and Meliyah Garrido-Luna. The citizens of Riverdom were played by Evelyn Adrian, Cameron Chadeayne, Carson Farris, Adeline Ellis, Tatum Cliff, Creighton Copey, Adalynn Stoltz, Blakely Mezera, Coco Lindstrum. The citizens of Glacierdom were played by Easton Adrian, Trinity Myhre, Quinnleigh Guthrie, Grace Cooley, Zia Daentl, Isabella Warner, Paisley Neeley, and Willow Schlegel. To complete the ensemble, Emberleigh Addison, Ava Cooley, Lillian Small, Haizley Kussmaul, Mateo Garrido, Reid Raisbeck, Lucille Skaife, Lakyn Kirschbaum, Danica Cliff, and Hadleigh Achenbach appeared as the dancing Dust Bunnies. Miles Cooley and Charli Klein served as Assistant Directors throughout the week.

The River Ridge School District sponsors this dramatic experience each year. We thank the River Ridge School Board for continuing to support this opportunity. We also want to thank Linda and Dave Shihata, for housing the two MCT directors for the week, Laura Tolle for being the accompanist, and our River Ridge custodial staff for the extra work they put







**Substitute Teacher Training**

Dec 6 Wednesday 9AM- 2PM

Help your local school district!

REGISTER @ CESA3.ORG \$100

Participants with an Associate Degree or higher will qualify for a WI short term substitute license after the training

Questions? Contact Brad Van Epps: bvanepps@cesa3.org or call CESA 3 608-822-3276



**River Ridge High School - First Quarter**  
**High Honors (3.50 - 4.00)**

**GRADE 9**

Erin Adrian  
 Tatum Breuer  
 Maycee Brinkman  
 Alaina Clark  
 Mallory Crubel  
 Parker Key  
 Ashlee Klein  
 Harper Kramer  
 Jovie Kruger  
 Sydney Meyers  
 Leah Patterson  
 Collin Raisbeck  
 Keele Redman  
 Blake Reynolds  
 Kristina Sletten

**GRADE 10**

Ren Bowen  
 Luke Breuer  
 Tyler Breuer  
 Brandon Davis  
 Eva Doll  
 Josey Drone  
 Laila Drone  
 Ashlyn Edge  
 Ellaina Gage  
 Danica Hampton  
 Colton Kirschbaum  
 Alec Morrow  
 Mason Pecinovsky  
 Caitlin Rodenberg  
 Madeline Scharmer  
 Libby Vogt  
 Cameron Wehrle

**GRADE 11**

Alexis Beier  
 Alayna Brinkman  
 Carter Copsey  
 Maya Drone  
 Alix Goeke  
 Jimena Hernandez-Perez  
 Brendan Jentz  
 Brynlee Kazda  
 Carli Koenig  
 Hailey Kramer  
 Lydia Mason  
 Colton Moris  
 Andrew Nies  
 Luke Patterson  
 Peter Polodna  
 Braylyn Quick  
 Melissa Sletten  
 Emily Tesar  
 Owen Wagner  
 Mandi Wehrle  
 Reghan Zinkle

**GRADE 12**

Brady Burmeister  
 Owen Callahan  
 Jayden Cathman  
 Saige Childs  
 Micah Christopherson  
 Mykenzie Cornell  
 Avery Drew  
 Arianna Edge  
 Shayna Graf  
 Precious Grinnell  
 Gretta Hamann  
 Diana Herbers  
 Daisy Hernandez-Cayetano  
 Hailey Konichek  
 Brooklyn Mezera  
 Matthew Nies  
 Madilyn Parker  
 Audrey Pierce  
 Ty Tolle  
 Landon Trautsch  
 Jazmar Tyler



**Honors (3.00-3.49)**

**GRADE 9**

Jalissa Cathman  
 Abigail Doyle  
 Jasmine Garcia  
 Wyatt George  
 Jonah Johnson  
 Lane Marshall  
 Matthew McCormick  
 Benjamin Nelson  
 Kameren Reynolds  
 Jayden Ryman  
 Peyton Toberman  
 Chloe West  
 Connor Woodruff

**GRADE 10**

Brock Bunge  
 Grace Callahan  
 Reese Drew  
 Ava Edge  
 Emmalie Fecht-Lane  
 Joe Hoffman  
 Cody Mezera  
 Aiden Walsh  
 Madelyn Wehrle

**GRADE 11**

Ty Adrian  
 Drake Barrineau  
 Bryy Clark  
 Samuel Cooley  
 Hadyn Ferretti  
 Elizabeth McCormick  
 Pierce Pritchett  
 Alexa Roe  
 Elliott Thornton

**GRADE 12**

Collin Bausch  
 Rebecca Dilley  
 Rylan Linder  
 Mason Luna  
 Hunter Moris  
 Izabella Pecinovsky  
 Ethan Stoney



## River Ridge Middle School - 1st Quarter Honor Roll

### *High Honor Roll (3.50-4.00)*

**5th Grade:** Evelyn Adrian, Colton Collins, Konner Collins, Peyton Kibler, Kendyl Kozelka, Mason Kussmaul, Raelyn Schlegel, Pearl Skaife, and Korbin Taylor.

**6th Grade:** Emory Achenbach, Sawyer Breuer, Abigal Cooper, Nicholas Crubel, Ava Dilley, Trevor Ellis, Aniyla Entwisle, Amelia Gokey, Lydia Gokey, Gabriel Kluesner, Mae Lindstrum, Levi Mason, Avery Needham, Brooks Osterhaus, Tayvn Phillips, Kennedy Raisbeck, Brinlee Reynolds, Maggie Thornton, and Taylor Toberman.

**7th Grade:** Hazel Breuer, Lindsay Burmeister, Jackson Cooley, Ezra Kramer, Carter Wilkinson, and Colby Winkers.

**8th Grade:** Asher Achenbach, Khloe Borcharding-Forbes, Meghyn Breuer, Stella Breuer, Nathan Crubel, Maxim Dilley, Adayah Groom, Alan Hernandez-Perez, Leif Kluesner, Aayden Kreul, Bryce Mason, Jazalyn Mezera, Reese Moravits, Draven Moris Ryder Myhre, Zoey Neeley, Ava Nies, Eden Thornton, and Landon Udelhofen.

### *Honor Roll (3.00-3.49)*

**5th Grade:** Hartley Beane, Caden Crubel, Chandler Edlebeck, Sophianna Feather, Letty Jackson, Blake Johnson, Teven Kilby, Keegan Kruger, Jonah Mink, Colton Salerno, and Bentley Walsh.

**6th Grade:** Cooper Breuer, Charlie Copsey, Zayne Crubel, Shaniyla Entwisle, Courtney Hammill, Ryan Kirschbaum, Charli Klein, Ivanelle Moore, Aiden Neeley, Farrah Randecker, Corbin Redman, Braelyn Schneider, and Westen Wall.

**7th Grade:** Addison Brooks, Rouhin Crayne, Layla Gage, Aadya Groom, Carsyn Jones, Aleena Kirschbaum, Charli Pritchett, and Cooper Trier.

**8th Grade:** Logan Callahan, Landon Copsey, Lane Copsey, Adelaide Hamilton, Anna Kruger, Olivia Kruger, Brogan Mezera, Mason Mezera, and Harper Walsh.

FFA and High School Student Council

# Cutout Cookie Kits

December 8

One cookie kit will be sent with the oldest child in the family.  
Please post pictures of the completed cookies to the  
FFA Facebook page or email [quickmi@rrsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:quickmi@rrsd.k12.wi.us)  
We would love to see the cookie creations.



**Breakfast/Lunch Menu - December, 2023**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27	28	29	30	1 Pancakes & Bacon Mini Corn Dogs Smiles Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk
4 Buttermilk Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Deli Subs w/the works Tortilla Chips w/Cheese & Salsa Baked Beans Fruit Milk	5 Cheese Omelet & Toast Sweet & Sour Meatballs Fried Rice Oriental Vegetables Fruit Milk	6 Breakfast Pizza Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Peas Fruit Milk	7 Blueberry/Chocolate Chip Breakfast Cake Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	8 Cereal & Toast Pizza Fresh Veggies & Dip Chocolate Chip Cookie Fruit Milk
11 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links Chicken Nuggets Waffle Fries Peas Fruit Milk	12 Farmer's Casserole & Toast Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice Corn Fruit Milk	13 Cereal & Donut Holes Hot Dog on a Bun Chips Baked Beans Fruit Milk	14 Pancake Wrap Orange Chicken Rice Egg Roll Steamed Broccoli Fruit Milk	15 Bright Eyed & Bushy Tailed Bagel w/Bacon Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Fresh Veggies & Dip Strawberry Shortcake Fruit Milk
18 Scrambled Eggs & Toast Cheddar Chili Mac Green Beans Cornbread w/butter, syrup, honey Fruit Milk	19 Cereal & Poptart Popcorn Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Corn Dinner Roll Christmas Dessert Fruit Milk	20 Sunrise Biscuit w/Bacon Hamburger/Cheeseburger Tater Tots Peas Fruit Milk	21 Frosted Long John Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fruit Milk	22 Breakfast Burrito BBQ on a Bun Cheesy Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit Milk
25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School

Breakfast is served with choice of 1/2 cup of fruit and 1% 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, uncrustable, vegetable, fruit, and 1% chocolate milk, FF white milk, or 1% white milk). Protein and cheeses are available for 5th - 12th as a second option.

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.*

<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>						
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Wrestling at Royall
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4:30 PM MSBB vs Highland 6:00 PM HSBB vs Potosi	<b>6</b> Fuel Up Smoothie Day 6:00 PM Gingerbread Night	<b>7</b> Fuel Up Smoothie Day 6:00 PM HSBB @ Highland	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM MS Concert 1:30 PM Elem. Prog. 4:30 PM MSBB @ Bluffview MS 6:00 PM HSGB vs Belmont	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Wrestling at LaCrosse Logan
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:30 PM MSBB vs Potosi 6:00 PM HSGB @ Barneveld 6:00 PM HSBB vs Wauzeka-Steuben	<b>12</b> 8:00 PM Progress Reports Due 7:00 PM HS Concert	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Reg. Board Mtg.	<b>14</b> 4:30 PM MSBB vs Fennimore 6:00 PM HSGB @ Benton 6:00 PM Wrestling vs Belmont/Platteville	<b>15</b> No 4K Day 6:00 PM HSBB @ Shullsburg	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Wrestling @ Richland Center
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:30 PM MSBB vs Riverdale 7:00 PM HSGB vs Southwestern	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 4:30 PM MSBB @ Boscobel 5:30 PM Wrestling @ Postville 6:00 PM HSBB @ Richland Center	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM HSGB @ Shullsburg	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	No School					
			11:00 AM HSGB @ Juda 11:00 AM HSBB vs Barneveld, Blair/Taylor, Iowa-Grant		Wrestling @ Whitewater	Wrestling @ Whitewater
<b>31</b>						



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: October 11, 2023, AT 6:00 PM.

I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. Roll Call- Present; Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, Aaron Stagman, Kirk Hamann, Josh Copsy, Adam Guthrie, Megan Kussmaul

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

V. Appearances – No public appearances.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. September 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and September 13, 2023, Closed Session Board Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote.

VII. Reports

A. Finance – Tracy Stagman

- i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Tracy Stagman presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for September 2023. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures pending an audit of the 2023/2024 year of revenues of \$1,119,326.04 and expenditures of \$1,012,649.80. Josh Copsy seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Buildings and Grounds Report

- i. Maintenance Directors Report, Jim talked about the roof project and where we stand on that project. After much discussion, Aaron Stagman made a motion to allow Clay to apply engineering money to the roof project. Motion was seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

C. Superintendent's Report, the board approved the addition of "Sources of Strength" as a board supported group within the school district. Sources of Strength, a universal suicide prevention program, is designed to build protective influences and reduce the likelihood that vulnerable youth will become suicidal. The program trains students as peer leaders and connects them with adult advisors at school and in the community.

- i. Third Friday Pupil count: Clay reported a count of 519.

ii. Summer School Report: It was reported the Summer School Enrollment was up from 2022.

VIII. Old Business

A. Teacher Longevity: After looking at the information the board requested it was decided to wait until after the referendum to go any further with this. The board is happy to listen to any more information that a teacher/ staff committee would like for the board to see in the future.

B. Operating Referendum Discussion: Carol will dive into getting numbers after the annual meeting.

IX. New Business

A. School Picture Vendor, the board discussed on how the vendor was hired.

B. Hiring/Resignations

- i. Jason Cathman made a motion to hire Dan Moris as 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball coach, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- ii. Adam Guthrie made the motion to hire Nate Copsy as Assistant High School boys' basketball coach, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- iii. Aaron Stagman made the motion to hire Kam Fohey and Erin Kluesner to split the responsibilities and split the extra duty pay as Missoula Coordinator, seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.

X. Appearances - There were no public appearances.

XI. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. District's Annual Meeting, October 25, 2023, 6:00 PM
- ii. Special Board Meeting, October 25, 2023, at 6:30 or immediately following the annual meeting.
- iii. Regular Meeting, November 8, 2023, 6:00 PM

B. School Board member suggestions and Recommendations for future meetings.

XII. Adjourn – Josh Copsy made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

1. **Call to order** – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the school district in the Multipurpose Room.
2. **Report as to Notice Given** – School Board Clerk Adam Guthrie presented the following proof of posting: “As required by WI state statutes, notice of this meeting was published for two weeks preceding the meeting. A Class 1 Notice of the Annual District Meeting and Budget Hearing was published in the Grant County Herald Independent on October 12, 2023. A second Class 1 Notice of the Annual meeting was published in the Grant County Herald Independent on October 19, 2023. The same notices were also posted at the River Ridge School District. Each notice was sent to the following post offices for posting: Bagley, Bloomington, Mt. Hope, and Patch Grove. The notices were also posted to the school district’s website.
3. The motion to approve the posting was made by Aaron Stagman and seconded by Kirk Hamann. The motion carried on a voice vote.
4. **Declaring Meeting Official** – The meeting was declared official by Board President Kenny Nies.
5. **Elect Chair Person of Meeting** – Jason Cathman nominated Ken Nies to serve as Chairperson. The motion to elect Ken Nies as Annual Meeting Chairperson was made by Kirk Hamann and seconded by Megan Kussmaul. The motion carried on a voice vote.
6. **Designating Clerk of Meeting** – Chairperson Ken Nies designated Adam Guthrie, River Ridge School Board Clerk, as Clerk of the Annual Meeting.
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – River Ridge School Board Treasurer, Kirk Hamann, read the treasurer’s report. A motion to approve the report was made by Josh Copsey and seconded by Adam Guthrie. The motion passed on a voice vote.
8. **New Business** – No new business topics were voiced by meeting attendees.
9. **Authorization of Audit by a Certified Public Accountant for the Succeeding Year** – A motion to forgo reading of the resolution was made by Adam Guthrie and seconded by Jason Cathman. A motion to authorize audit for the succeeding year was made by Josh Copsey and seconded by Jason Cathman. The motion passed on a voice vote.
10. **Transportation Resolution** – A motion to forgo the reading of the resolution was made by Adam Guthrie and seconded by Megan Kussmaul. The motion passed on a voice vote. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Aaron Stagman and seconded by Kirk Hamann. The motion carried on a voice vote.
11. **Resolution Authorizing Accident Insurance Coverage** – A motion to forgo the reading of the resolution was made by Josh Copsey and seconded by Jason Cathman. The motion carried on a voice vote. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Adam Guthrie. The motion carried on a voice vote.
12. **Board Salaries** – A motion to adopt the resolution, to keep current Schedule A, was made by Aaron Stagman and seconded by Josh Copsey. The motion carried on a voice vote.
13. **School Lunch Program** – A motion to forgo the reading of the resolution was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Megan Kussmaul. The motion passed on a voice vote. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Aaron Stagman. The motion carried on a voice vote.
14. **Resolution as to Textbooks** – A motion to forgo the reading of the resolution was made by Adam Guthrie and seconded by Aaron Stagman. The motion passed on a voice vote. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Megan Kussmaul and seconded by Jason Cathman. The motion carried on a voice vote.
15. **Budget Hearing** – A motion to declare the start of the budget hearing was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Aaron Stagman. The motion carried on a voice vote. Business Official, Tracy Stagman presented the budget information. (NOTE: the 2023/24 budget will be established by the RRSB school board at a special meeting immediately following the annual meeting.)
16. **Tax Levy Resolution** – A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Adam Guthrie and seconded by Josh Copsey. The motion carried on a voice vote.
17. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Megan Kussmaul and seconded by Aaron S tagman. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: OCTOBER 25, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING.

I. Call to Order - Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 7:04 PM

II. Roll Call- Present; Ken Nies, Megan Kussmaul, Adam Guthrie, Aaron Stagman, Kirk Hamann, Josh Copsey, Jason Cathman

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

IV. New Business

A. Review of 2023-24 Budget

B. Set 2023-24 Tax Levy, motion was made by Jason Cathman to set the tax levy at \$2,644,191.00 and a levy rate 7.53 and seconded by Josh Copsey. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

C. Adopt 2023-24 Budget, motion was made by Adam Guthrie to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as presented and seconded by Aaron Stagman. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

V. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM



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