Attention Future Timberwolves -- River Ridge Screening  
by Jill Faurote

The River Ridge School District has a four-year-old kindergarten program. This program is designed for children living in the River Ridge School District ages four and five by September 1, 2011. The district will hold the four-year-old screening on Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18, at the River Ridge Elementary School for families with children ages four or five. Parents of children who will be four years of age by September 1, 2011, are encouraged to contact the school (Sue Gotto at 994-2715) to arrange a time for screening if you haven’t received a notice by Friday, March 11, 2011. In addition, any parents of a three-year old (or soon to be three) who suspects their child may be displaying a developmental delay (such as motor, concepts, language, self-help, or social) are also encouraged to contact the school and discuss the possibility of having their child screened.

Advanced Yearbook Sales  by Carol Kalinowski

Advanced yearbook sales will begin on March 1, 2011, and end on March 11, 2011. The cost of the yearbook is $35.00 for advanced orders. If you do not order in advance, it will cost you $45.00 in the fall to buy a book. The number of books I order is based on the number of advanced sales I have. So, the supply is limited and you may not get a book if you wait. A few new features this year are that the entire book will be in color, will be slightly larger in size and will include a DVD. Absolutely no books will be ordered for anyone if it isn’t paid for in advance. You are given a receipt when you pay for the book. This is your proof of purchase. If you do not have this receipt, you do not have proof you bought a book. See Mrs. Kalinowski to order.

NHS Blood Drive  by Joe Devlin

The River Ridge National Honor Society along with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive on March 17. The drive will be held from 7:30-10:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room at the high school. Anyone is welcome to donate and may call ahead for a specific time or show up during the drive to be worked in. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a time, please call the high school (994-2715). Give a little; save a life. Thank you!
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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Ways to Enjoy More Dairy
Submitted by Ione Meoska and Cindy Busch, WI Nutrition Education Program, Grant County UW-Extension

To get the most nutrition out of your calories, choose foods packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients—and lower in calories. Pick fruits, vegetables and fat-free or low-fat dairy more often. Be aware of portion sizes. Even low-calorie foods can add up when portions are larger than you need.

Ways to Enjoy More Dairy
• Mix up a breakfast smoothie made with low-fat milk, frozen strawberries and a banana.
• Make a veggie wrap with roasted vegetables and low-fat cheese rolled in a whole wheat tortilla.
• Top a banana with a scoop of low-fat frozen yogurt. Sprinkle with a tablespoon of chopped nuts.
• Prepare instant oatmeal with low-fat or fat-free milk in place of water. Top with dried cranberries and almonds.
• Top a baked potato with beans and salsa or broccoli and low-fat cheese.
• Stuff a whole grain pita with ricotta cheese and apple slices. Add a dash of cinnamon.

Source: American Dietetic Association

Contact the UW-Extension’s Nutrition Education Program at 723-2125 for more information on keeping your family healthy.

Elementary Packer Backers Show off Their Art Work

River Ridge first graders were “super” excited to support the Packers going to the Super Bowl. They are pictured with the Packer players they created.
Civil Rights Policy Statement of Compliance With Federal Law

The River Ridge School District Board of Education complies with all Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of the River Ridge School District Board of Education that no person on the basis of citizenship, race, color, creed, political affiliation, religion or religious affiliation, national origin or ancestry, age, sex or sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, arrest or conviction record, use or nonuse of lawful products off the employer’s premises during nonworking hours, membership in the National Guard, State Defense Force or any other United forces or any other reason prohibited by state or federal law shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in employment or in any educational program or activity for which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. Adopted by the River Ridge School District Board of Education January 10, 2001.

A copy of the complaint procedures is available in the high school office. Complaints are to be addressed to the District Administrator, River Ridge School District, 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI 53817.

Phy Ed Department Holds Badminton Tournament by Stephanie Nemec

Pictured are two of the badminton players who participated in a tournament sponsored by the phy ed department. This was a 13-team double-elimination tournament that took place during lunch hour the week before Christmas break. Students competed with a partner to show their skills and take part in a fun lifetime activity. Free personal size pizzas were awarded to the winning team of Kevin Christ and Chelsey Knapp, courtesy of Cenex.

FFA Students Attend Farm Bureau’s Farm Forum by Amanda Patterson

Local students were among the over 150 high school FFA members attending the Farm Bureau’s 39th annual FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids on February 18-19. Those attending from the River Ridge FFA Chapter were Amanda Patterson, Trevor Price, Shea Esser and Brian Patterson.

The event provides an opportunity for high school FFA members to learn more about careers in agriculture and explore their potential roles as future agricultural leaders.

FFA members from around the state attended workshops on addressing misconceptions about agriculture, what’s new in ag in the classroom, Media Training 101, being your own boss, collegiate Farm Bureau opportunities, preparing for technical college, using social media to be the voice of agriculture and young farmer and agriculturalist program opportunities.

The featured speaker for Friday’s opening session was Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Secretary Ben Brancel. Other featured speakers included Don Radtke, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Board Member, and Christian Linder, Wisconsin’s 63rd Alice in Dairyland and graduate of the 2008 Farm Bureau Institute.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors the FFA Farm Forum in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of FFA. This year’s meeting marked the 39th year that the Farm Bureau family of affiliates has sponsored this special event for FFA members.
On January 7, the second and third graders that met their Accelerated Reader goal were treated to a sledding party. Despite the cold, there was nothing but smiles as students raced down the hills on the playground with their sleds. After sledding, students were able to warm up with a glass of hot chocolate and a yummy cookie!

Pops Concerts by Ellen Martin
The Pops Concerts are scheduled as follows:
High School - Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m.
Middle School - Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.
Spirit Night by Stephanie Nemec

These students attended “spirit night” held during the boys’ basketball game on December 14 against Cassville. The theme was “Blackout” and students in grades 9-12 wore black to the game to show their spirit and support for the Wolves basketball teams. Each student who wore two or more articles of black clothing had their name entered into a drawing for a prize that was awarded at halftime during the varsity game. The winner was Pia Rene.

Thank You!

River Ridge would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their donations to the school district.

*Guthrie Trucking (Roger, Peggy and Adam Guthrie)* - $500.00 toward purchase of a new wrestling mat.

*River Ridge Athletic Boosters* $1000.00 toward purchase of new wrestling mat.

*TerraCycle Inc. (Capri Sun pouches)* $44.86 to be used for education needs.

*Anonymous Donor* - $500.00 toward scholarship fund that pays the five 2010 Above and Beyond Scholarship recipients.

*Stephen and Lou Ann Adrian* - $2000.00 toward purchase of a new wrestling mat.

Second Graders Read from “Ready Freddy” Series
by Shawn Chatfield and Brenda Timmerman

Second graders at River Ridge Elementary read the novel from the Ready Freddy series *Ready Set Snow* throughout the month of January. A culminating activity of the novel had students work on a marshmallow man. The students used marshmallows, Hershey Kisses, sprinkles and vanilla frosting to turn this fun novel into an edible reality.
Play 60 Heats Up by Shane Sperle

The Green Bay Packers Play 60 Challenge started off on February 7 with a kickoff event. Students all received their shirts from the Green Bay Packers and spent the afternoon playing games and creating their own Packer player. The design for the Packer players came from the elementary school. River Ridge Middle School has a goal of 900,000 minutes of activity during the 28-day challenge. If River Ridge is the top school of the eleven finalists, they will win a school trip to Lambeau Field paid for by the Packers. Every Tuesday starting February 15, you can track the progress of the middle school on the Packers Website at http://www.packers.com/community/community-programs/play-60-challenge.html. River Ridge is in first place after week two of the four-week Play 60 Challenge with the Green Bay Packers. You can follow results at the above address. The Challenge ends on March 6 and the winner will be announced March 11. Go Timberwolves!

These middle school students are getting ready to run at the Play 60 kickoff.

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FFA Members Participate in District Speaking Contest by Amanda Patterson

On Monday, January 24, members of the River Ridge Chapter participated in the FFA district speaking contest held at the Benton High School. River Ridge had six members compete. The members that attended were Venus Hilleman, Amanda Patterson, Brian Patterson, Trevor Price, and Andrew Breuer. Brian Patterson placed first in the discussion meet and Amanda Patterson placed second in extemporaneous speaking. Thank you to the Benton FFA chapter for hosting the FFA district speaking contest.

Dodgeball Tournament Champions by Share Sperle

The students pictured to the left were the dodgeball champions and were the recipients of the traveling trophy. This tournament was part of the Play 60 kickoff activities.
River Ridge Athletics by Wade Winkers

February has now left us and hopefully the snowfall and extreme cold as well. We are all optimistically awaiting the green grass that will begin to cover the diamonds and track infield. Maybe the most anticipated season, spring is a great time to get out and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors as we attend or participate in softball, baseball and track.

The first practices for the spring sports will begin in March. Track begins practice on March 8. On March 21, softball and baseball practice will begin.

The track teams will begin their competitive season on March 24 as they attend the UW-P indoor meet in Platteville. Dependent upon weather, baseball and softball play their first games the last week of March as they host Seneca and Barneveld respectively. The Six Rivers baseball schedule went to 15 games with doubleheaders on Tuesdays and single games on Fridays. Single games for baseball and softball will now start at 5:00 during conference play. Doubleheaders will remain at 4:30.

Parents and athletes also need to make sure they have paid the $40.00 cocurricular fee. Athletes can ignore this notice if they participated in a sport earlier in the year.

I would like to congratulate all of the winter sports participants and coaches on excellent seasons even though some were still in progress when this article went to press. The wrestling team enjoyed a nice season, despite low numbers and inexperience. The tournaments are just starting for the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams, so hopefully you can still watch them continue down the tournament road. The boys finished towards the middle of a very tough boys’ conference and the girls battle for another conference title this year.

I would like to end by thanking all the people that have been so patient with the weather and rescheduling throughout the winter season. The event workers, coaches, athletes, bus company, community members and staff – everyone has been very cooperative. In my position, it is a great relief to have understanding people to work for and with.

Keep up-to-date with River Ridge sports scheduling by going to our website, and be sure to come out and support our athletes this spring as they continue to make River Ridge a fixture in interscholastic athletics.

Knights of Columbus Spelling and Math Contest Winners by Judy Drone

The Knights of Columbus - Wisconsin State Council recently announced its local spelling and math contest winners. Two fifth grade students from River Ridge Middle School received awards. Jacob B. received first place in math. Brooklyn P. received second place in math and spelling. Jacob will move on to compete at the next level of competition in Sauk City, Wisconsin. Congratulations Jacob and Brooklyn!

You can’t use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.

--Maya Angelou
Leigh Jentz Nominated as Wisconsin All-State Scholar

Leigh Jentz, son of Thomas and Julie Jentz of Bloomington, was chosen as the 2011 Wisconsin All-State Scholar nominee. One senior is chosen from each Wisconsin high school and invited to apply for a four-year $1,500 scholarship. Leigh was selected based on his outstanding academic achievement and potential for success at the postsecondary level. Leigh is involved in wrestling, theatre, yearbook and many choral groups. His leadership positions include Biology Club president, class treasurer, Friends Helping Friends and was a Wyalusing Camp counselor for two years. River Ridge High School wishes Leigh the best of luck as he continues in this competition.

Girls’ Basketball Camps at River Ridge

Mark your summer calendar for the River Ridge girls’ basketball camps. The camps will emphasize the fundamentals of basketball on an individual, small group and team basis. Each day will include offensive and defensive fundamental stations, 3-on-3 competitions as well as 5-on-5 team competition.

Dates: June 20-24, 2011, Girls’ Fundamental Camp Grades 4-8
Cost $45.00 (includes t-shirt)

July 5-7, 2011, High School Girls’ Camp Grades 9-12
Cost $45.00 (includes t-shirt)

Registration forms will be available April 1. If you have any questions, please call Caron Townsend at 994-2715 or e-mail townsenca@rrsd.k12.wi.us.
Students at River Ridge Elementary got fired up and showed their team spirit for the Green Bay Packers on Friday, February 4 during an afternoon pep rally organized by the phy ed department. Students packed the elementary gymnasium for a pep rally in honor of the green and gold making their way to Super Bowl XLV.

To celebrate, students took part in a green and gold/Packer dress-up contest, played a magic word activity game, competed in hot potato football, performed their craziest end-zone dance and also watched a very interesting trivia game between a super Packers’ fan and a certain Steelers’ fan that walks the halls at River Ridge Elementary School.

Key to Future Success: Learn to Read Well by Fourth Grade

Just 34 percent of fourth graders are reading at an acceptable level in grade four. Only 8 percent are “advanced” readers.

On the surface, it may appear to parents that their children have four more years of grade school in order to become acceptable readers, but new studies show the importance of reading by grade four.

Findings by the Annie E. Casey Foundation of Baltimore are the first to show that kids are far more likely to drop out of high school if they can’t read pretty well by fourth grade. Unless America dramatically improves the number of kids who can do this, a growing proportion of them will live in poverty as adults.

The Foundation contends that the tendency to drop out of high school begins in the early grades when children don’t learn to read. Researchers say dropouts “don’t just happen.”

What can parents do?
• Show that education is important by getting a GED if you didn’t graduate from high school yourself.
• Do all you can to assure that kids attend school every day.
• Show an interest in your children’s reading. Have them read to you and help them with the words.
• Provide books that children like. Let them pick out books at the library or grocery store. Some kids like comic books.
• Don’t let kids lose reading skills over the summer. Keep them in practice. Find books they will like to read.

by Cut and Paste
Students Attend Six Rivers West Solo and Ensemble by Ellen Martin

The following high school students will be performing solos, duets and ensembles in the Six Rivers West Conference Solo/Ensemble Contest which will be held on Saturday, March 26 at Belmont High School: Meagan Herrick, April Wolford, Jessica Fischer, Claire Webster, Amber Walz, Heather Mathre, Makoy Retallick, Christine Fischer, Alex Gates, Rachel Henkel, MacKenzie Nemitz, Danielle Morgan, Christina Fox, Addison Mumm, Jacob Devlin, Leigh Jentz, Trevor Mergen, Doug Bradley, Jason Foster, Jake Lindberg and Andrew Redman.

The middle school students pictured above performed in the solos, duets and ensembles at the Six Rivers West Conference Solo/Ensemble Contest that was held on Saturday, February 19, at Shullsburg High School.
**100th Day Celebration** by Alicia Helle

Hip, Hip, Hooray! We made it 100 days! On February 3, elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school with activities and games. They made a 100-day snack, completed 100 physical activities, made a 100-piece puzzle and much more!

**Art Students Attend Local Artist’s Exhibit**
by Sandy Mergen

The River Ridge advanced painting class visited the home of local artist Cathy Martin, on Thursday, February 17. Mrs. Martin held an open house for the public to view her oil paintings which will be exhibited in Milwaukee’s Tory Folliard Gallery March 19 through April 14.

**Youth Art Month**
by Sandy Mergen

Youth Art Month celebrates 50 years this month. The 2011 theme is “Art Shapes the World.”

Please continue to support your child’s enthusiasm to create art, play music and explore the theatre.

**Professor Numbers Visits Elementary School**
by Alicia Helle

On February 7, Professor Numbers visited River Ridge for a fun-filled show or math, humor and magic! That night he performed a show for the Title 1 Math Fun Night! The show was a big success with close to 200 people in attendance!
Ronald McDonald Shares a Book With the Elementary School by Alicia Helle

On January 26, students in kindergarten through fourth grade shared a book time with Ronald McDonald. During his presentation, he talked to the students about making a time for books and to take care of the books they read!

Accelerated Reader Goals Met by Alicia Helle

Pictured are the second and third graders that were awarded certificates for meeting their AR goals!

Minute to Win It Activities Held at AR Party by Alicia Helle

On February 11, 64 second and third graders took part in their fourth AR (Accelerated Reader) party of the school year! The theme was Minute to Win It! Students were able to rotate through Minute to Win It activities set up in the gym and earn prizes for beating the challenge! Students who read at least five points the last month were able to attend! Challenges included: ping tac toe, junk in the trunk, bobble head, fish head, a bit dicey and many more! The student pictured above is playing the fish head challenge.

This participant is playing the “bit dicey” game in the Minute to Win It activity.
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1. 9:00 AM HS Honors Band Rehearsal Hosted by Waukesha
   - Boys' BB WIAA Regional
2. 7:00 PM Varsity Girls' BB @ Highland
3. Boys' BB WIAA Regional
4. 6:00 PM RRAP Meeting ESHS Cafeteria
   - Honors Band All Day Concert @ Waukesha 7:00 PM
5. Girls' BB WIAA Regional
   - Track Practice Starts
6. Boys' BB WIAA Sectional
7. Girls' BB WIAA Regional
8. 7:30 PM HS Pops Concert @ HS
9. 7:30 PM MS Pops Concert @ MS
10. 7:30 AM NHS Blood Drive @ HS
    - Girls' BB Sectional
    - St. Patrick's Day
11. Boys' BB Sectional
    - Janesville FFA CDE
12. 4K Screening
13. Baseball Practice Begins
    - Softball Practice Begins
14. 12:30 PM EARLY RELEASE
15. Regular Board Meeting
16. Track @ UWP TEA
    - UW Platteville FFA CDE
17. District Forensics
    - HS Solo/Ensemble All Day Hosted by Belmont
18. Girls' BB State
19. Girls' BB State
20. End of Third Quarter
21. Start of Fourth Quarter
22. 4:15 PM Nonconference Track Meet at Bloomington
23. 5:00 PM Baseball @ Seneca
The Regular Meeting of the River Ridge Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Mergen on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members present: Karla Irish, Betty Cooley, Kerri Schier, Lea Breuer, Scott Myhre, Chad Breuer and Bill Mergen.

Also present were District Administrator Dr. Kevin Shetler, Shawn Chatfield, Amy Mezera and local media personnel.

Lea Breuer presented proof of posting showing notice of the meeting posted on February 7, 2011, at 10:55 a.m. at the River Ridge High School and Middle School and the post offices in Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mt. Hope and Patch Grove. The motion was made by Betty Cooley and seconded by Scott Myhre to approve the posting. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Chad Breuer to approve the agenda. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Scott Myhre and seconded by Karla Irish to approve the January 12, 2011, Regular Meeting minutes and the January 12, 2011, Closed Meeting minutes. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The following General Fund expenditures were reviewed: Lisa Breuer, 38.50; Sarah Buening, 274.07; C.E.S.A. #3, 169.54; Jeff Clausen, 40.00; Mark Flanagan, 81.60; Terry Igou, 49.10; Steve Kaiser, 55.00; Amy Mezera, 311.89; Mineral Point High School, 75.00; Doug McArthur, 90.00; Amy Mezera, 311.89; Mineral Point High School, 75.00; Randy Montgomery, 90.00; Carl Orr, 49.10; Shane Reuter, 60.00; Terry Schrobligen, 55.00; Kory Stalsberg, 50.57; Debra L. Trautsch, 125.00; Tom Uppena, 60.00; Richard Wachter, 40.00; Darin Wilken, 81.60; AT&T, 24.14; Alliant Energy/WPL, 83.62; American Time & Signal Co., 377.63; B.L. Murray Inc., 571.70; Ray Blum, 670.00; C.D.W. Government Inc., 230.17; C.E.S.A. #3, 20672.10; Clinicare Corporation, 4490.00; Crescent Electric Supply Co., 63.53; D.W.D.-U.I., 30.19; Delta 3 Engineering Inc., 138.00; Dependable Solutions Inc., 3471.74; Dubuque Land Door Co., 30.00; Earthgrains/Sara Lee Bakery Group, 267.80; Economy Feed Mill LLC, 353.50; EPS/School Specialty Intervention, 97.57; Fishnick Dairy, 141.68; Follett Library Services, 652.30; G.F.C. Leasing, 176.43; Larry Gates, 110.00; Gordon Flesch Company Inc, 832.32; Hersmens Home Center, 1869.48; Hersmens Inc., 593.40; Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 1002.00; Terry Igou, 60.00; Informal Education Products LTD, 117.30; Jostens, 259.90; Kraemer Air Filter Corp., 688.45; Lakeshore Learning Materials, 81.48; Langmeier Lumber Inc., 21.67; LBS Automotive Services LLC, 7.00; Nevcro Inc., 131.65; New Horizons Supply Co-Op, 340.02; Okeys Market, 8.94; Carl Orr, 60.00; Palos Sports, 135.59; Patch Grove Postmaster, 62.21; Piggly Wiggly Midwest LLC, 40.60; Prairie Farms Dairy, 2471.45; RBS Activewear, 249.00; RIS Paper Company, Inc., 8272.00; Roys Concrete LLC, 2510.75; SSE Music, 31.50; School Specialty Inc., 321.25; Settle Inn Kaukauna, 314.76; Southwest WI Tech College, 1675.00; TDS Telecom Inc, 1324.37; Town and Country Sanitation, 425.00; Village of Patch Grove, 1851.95; Warco Transportation Inc, 4697.86; WEMTA, 145.00; WFSCA, 60.00; WSSCA, 135.00; Richard Wachter, 60.00; We Energies, 3244.93; Wolf Machine Inc., 213.00; Wyndham Hotel, 178.00; AFLAC, 1686.29; Ameritas, 168.00; Capital Bank & Trust, 80.00; Citizens Bank, 30673.52; Clare Bank, 2100.00; Edward Jones Investments, 100.00; Employee Flexible Benefit Account, 666.94; Horace Mann Life Ins Company, 1292.93; Madison National Life, 1202.99; Minnesota Life Ins Co., 1264.64; National Insurance Co of WI, 1263.73; Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, 7734.53; Ellen Martin, 45.35; Summit Professional Education, 358.00; U.S. Cellular, 176.30; We Energies, 6319.59; Ameritas, 168.00; Capital Bank & Trust, 80.00; Citizens Bank, 31778.59; Clare Bank, 2100.00; Edward Jones Investments, 100.00; Employee Flexible Benefit Account, 666.94; Employee Insurance Fund, 136806.39; GREAT, 2312.30; Horace Mann Companies, 67.38; Horace Mann Life Ins Company, 1292.93; Jefferson Pilot Life Ins Co., 107.00; Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, 7589.82; Wisconsin Retirement System, 30.488.74; Alliant Energy/WPL, 5811.93; Amazon/GE Money Bank, 67.90; Bob Boyle, 90.00; CESA #10, 150.00; Cardmembers Services, 178.70; Equipment Leasing Co, 165.00; Highland School District, 70.00; Steve Kaiser, 55.00; Carl Orr, 49.10; Rad Reilly, 49.10; Scott Reilly, 40.00; Shane Reuter, 54.70; River Ridge Special Checking, 326.60; Spaht & Rose Lumber Co., 137.07; Village of Bloomington, 434.03; Wal-Mart Community, 875.77; Walmart Community BRC, 660.28.

The following General Fund revenues were reviewed: River Ridge MS Pupil Activity, 9137.36; EMC Insurance Companies, 45.00; North Crawford School Dist., 100.00; Schwans Food Service, 60.74; Town of Patch Grove, 65315.86; CESA #3, 276.68; Town of Little Grant, 45625.98; Village of Bloomington, 92287.88; RRAPT, 67.80; Town of Beetown, 16653.21; Town of Woodman, 8907.69; Village of Patch Grove, 22344.68; Town of Glen Haven, 32466.52; Town of Wyalusing, 66079.66; Con Agra Foods, 20.05; State of Wisconsin, 33471.00; State of Wisconsin, 3279.92; State of Wisconsin, 3802.91; State of Wisconsin, 823.85; State of Wisconsin, 15.58; State of Wisconsin, 69.00; State of Wisconsin, 10062.50; State of Wisconsin, 1120.05; State of Wisconsin, 55049.00; State of Wisconsin, 10016.41; State of Wisconsin, 228.86; State of Wisconsin, 18241.45; Village of Bagley, 51575.51; Village of Mt. Hope, 13691.26; Town of Mt. Hope, 50921.17; CESA #3, 1074.24; River Ridge HS Pupil Activity, 15413.67; U.S. Dept. of Education, 967.76; Town of Millville, 34829.27; Prairie Farm Dairy, 255.65; Microsoft-WI Settlement, 16500.00; Town of Bloomington, 79090.21; Citizens Bank, 13.56; Citizens Bank, 101.82; Anchorbank, 17.18; M&I Bank, 2.16; Peoples State Bank, 103.59; State of Wisconsin, 10051.97.

The following Insurance Fund expenditures were reviewed: Benefit Plan Administrators, 1856.81; Benefit Plan Administrators, 27364.91; Benefit Plan Administrators,
17107.86; Benefit Plan Administrators, 6122.95; Benefit Plan Administrators, 41473.98; Benefit Plan Administrators, 6952.20; Benefit Plan Administrators, 1404.00.

The following Insurance Fund revenues were reviewed: Judy Barnes, 756.00; Patricia Bloyer, 381.00; David Breuer, 1725.00; Lisa Breuer, 603.56; Judy Carlsohn, 381.00; Mary Chappell, 246.00; Betty Cooley, 82.00; Mildred Datisman, 1096.00; Van Ferguson, 342.00; Linda Havemeier, 1161.00; James Hazen, 1380.00; Marilyn Huser, 135.00; Sandra Johnson, 126.00; J Hans Kostrau, 492.00; Dolores Meyer, 492.00; Barbara Oleary, 144.00; Susan Rinehart, 5172.00; Jerome Usgaard, 3423.00; James Warczak, 246.00; Benefit Plan Administrators, 1199.95; River Ridge School District, 136976.39; Clare Bank, 61.91; Woodhouse & Bartley Bank, 152.65; Peoples State Bank, 6.01.

The following Debt Fund revenues were reviewed: Peoples State Bank, 7.59.

The following Scholarship Fund revenues were reviewed: Clare Bank, 351.52; Peoples State Bank, 39.24; Staff/District, 500.00; Citizens Bank, 4.15.

The following Scholarship Fund expenditures were reviewed: Staff/District, 150.00; Staff/District, 675.00; Staff/District, 100.00; Staff/District, 100.00; Staff/District, 100.00; Staff/District, 250.00; Staff/District, 250.00; UW-Whitewater, 704.80; Staff/District, 300.00; Staff/District, 462.00; Staff/District, 1500.00.

After District Administrator Dr. Kevin Shetler presented the financial receivets, the motion was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Betty Cooley to approve the expenditures. On a roll call vote, the following voted yes: Karla Irish, Betty Cooley, Kerri Schier, Lea Breuer, Scott Myhre, Chad Breuer and Bill Mergen. The following voted no: none. The motion carried.

During Public Participation, Betty Cooley informed everyone in attendance that the Taxpayer Alliance Newsletter has some interesting articles for the current month.

Dr. Shetler presented the Administrative Report. Dr. Shetler met with Jeff Schuster, a consultant for Shared Purchasing Solutions. Dr. Shetler indicated that Jeff Schuster recommended setting up a Food Service Committee at River Ridge that consists of a district coach, teacher, student(s), an administrator and the food service manager. This committee would be helpful in creating new ideas as well as allow different groups in the River Ridge School system understand how our Food Service Department works. Dr. Shetler is also looking at sending out a food service survey to the students and staff at River Ridge. Dr. Shetler also let the board know that the Food Service Department will be setting up a salad bar during lunch period once or twice a week in the month of March in order to see if a salad bar would be practical in the River Ridge District. The Policy Committee had met prior to the regular meeting to discuss a second helping policy. Dr. Shetler informed the board that new federal regulations regarding the food service program would be coming out in the next few months and he would keep the board apprised of any changes that the district may have to make.

Dr. Shetler handed out administrative evaluations for each board member to fill out. Dr. Shetler is requesting that these evaluations be returned at the April Regular board meeting. An agenda item will be added to the Regular April or May board meeting to discuss the evaluations with Dr. Shetler or a Special meeting will be scheduled for this item.

In New Business, a List of Gifts and Grants to be accepted by the board was given. Guthrie Trucking (Roger, Peg, and Adam Guthrie) donated $500.00 to be used toward the cost of a new wrestling mat. River Ridge Athletic Boosters donated $1,000.00 to be used toward the cost of a new wrestling mat. TerraCycle Inc. (Capri Sun pouches) donated $44.86, to be split equally according to pupil count between the elementary school, middle school and high school to be used for education needs. An anonymous donor donated $500.00 toward the scholarship fund that pays the five 2010 Above and Beyond Scholarship recipients. The motion was made by Karla Irish and seconded by Scott Myhre to accept the

List of Gifts and Grants as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

There was discussion held regarding the second agenda item of approval of donation and wrestling mat logo. The motion was made by Scott Myhre and seconded by Chad Breuer to accept a $2,000.00 donation from Stephen and Lou Ann Adrian toward the purchase of a new wrestling mat. Along with the donation acceptance, there will be a logo on the wrestling mat indicating “In Memory of Greg Adrian.” This motion was made with the board observing Greg Adrian’s outstanding wrestling accomplishments. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Betty Cooley and seconded by Scott Myhre to approve Coty Bradley as the interim junior high wrestling coach during the posting period. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

There were no Matters for Referral to a Future Board Meeting or Committee and Correspondence.

The motion was made by Karla Irish and seconded by Lea Breuer to adjourn to Closed Session for discussion on revised ground rules for GREAT negotiations and on approval of resolutions for preliminary layoffs. On roll call vote, the following voted yes: Karla Irish, Betty Cooley, Kerri Schier, Lea Breuer, Scott Myhre, Chad Breuer and Bill Mergen. The following voted no: none. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

The motion was made by Scott Myhre and seconded by Lea Breuer to approve the revision of the Ground Rules for GREAT Negotiations which added Ground Rule #7. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Scott Myhre and seconded by Chad Breuer to approve the Resolution Ordering the Reduction of the Elementary Program necessitating the elimination of one full-time elementary teaching position. On roll call vote, the following voted yes: Karla Irish, Betty
The Special Meeting of the River Ridge Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Mergen on Friday, February 18, 2011, at 7:30 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members present: Karla Irish, Betty Cooley, Kerri Schier, Lea Breuer, Scott Myhre, Chad Breuer and Bill Mergen. Also present were District Administrator Dr. Kevin Shetler, Michelle Quick and Joe Schulte.

Lea Breuer presented proof of posting showing notice of the meeting posted on February 16, 2011, at 1:12 p.m. at the River Ridge High School and Middle School and the post offices in Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mt Hope and Patch Grove. The motion was made by Scott Myhre and seconded by Chad Breuer to approve the posting. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Betty Cooley and seconded by Lea Breuer to approve the agenda. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

There was no public participation.

In Matters for Referral to a Future Board Meeting or Committee and Correspondence, the March Regular Board meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

The motion was made by Lea Breuer and seconded by Scott Myhre to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss approval of Memorandum of Agreement Pertaining to Retirement Notice Deadline with GREAT. On roll call vote, the following voted yes: Karla Irish, Betty Cooley, Kerri Schier, Lea Breuer, Scott Myhre, Chad Breuer and Bill Mergen. The following voted no: none. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:32 a.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:44 a.m.

In New Business, the motion was made by Scott Myhre and seconded by Lea Breuer to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Pertaining to the Retirement Notice Deadline with GREAT, which moves the retirement notification deadline for the current year to March 28, 2011. On roll call vote, the following voted yes: Karla Irish, Betty Cooley, Kerri Schier, Lea Breuer, Scott Myhre, Chad Breuer and Bill Mergen. The following voted no: none. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

The motion was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Karla Irish to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

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