



TIMBERWOLF NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 7
RRAP Meeting

April 9
Board Meeting

April 16
NHS Banquet

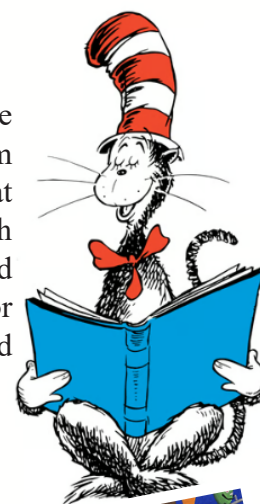
April 18 and 21
No School
Spring Break

April 30
Early Release
Staff In-Service

Read Across America

by Rita Breuer

Every year, school's across America take time to celebrate reading. Known as Read Across America Week, schools aim to celebrate reading through activities of all kinds. Here at River Ridge, our elementary students got in on the fun with dress up days, Dr. Seuss trivia questions, eating Green Eggs and Ham, a parade with lots of Dr. Seuss themed characters, a door decorating competition, guest readers, and surprise gifts and treats. Fun was had by all!

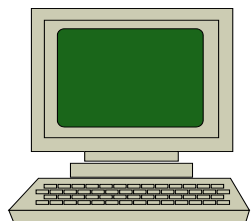


**Who Reads?
We Read!**



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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Middle School Student Council Host a Penny War

by Katie Dressler



The River Ridge Middle School Student Council hosted a penny war! Students in grades 5-8 worked together to raise funds for the River Ridge Athletic Boosters and the Middle School Student Council. In total, the students and staff raised \$314. On behalf of the Athletic Boosters, Megan Copsey accepted a check from Ezra Kramer and Aadyn Groom.

Book Talk Held at River Ridge Middle School

by Katie Dressler



On Friday, February 21, Brad Van Epps from CESA 3 came to River Ridge to give a book talk to the 6th-8th graders. Van Epps rotates among various schools and discusses books that students may be interested in. He not only records these sessions to send to teachers, but he also holds a live Zoom call for schools to join virtually. Our students loved asking him questions at the end!

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."

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RIF Books

by Rita Breuer



Mrs. Breuer from the Title I Department visited the 5th and 6th grade classrooms this week to introduce the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) program! Students had the exciting opportunity to choose their own book to keep. A huge thank you to our local businesses for their generous donations—your support makes this program possible!

State Forensic Qualifiers

by Shane Sperle and Kerri Price



Congratulations to three high school students, Jayden Ryman (Poetry), Colton Moris (Radio News), and Jovie Kruger (Poetry) who qualified for State Forensics at the district completion. They will compete at the State Forensics on April 11 in Madison. Best of luck!



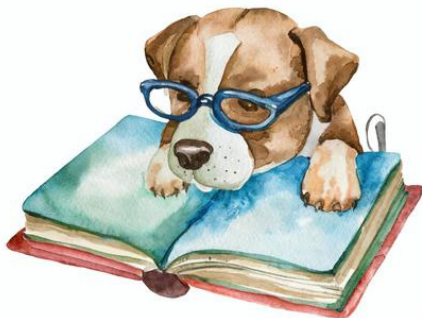
Friday, April 18
and
Monday, April 21

3rd Grade Reading Challenge

by Tricia Kuenster



The students in 3rd grade worked together to complete a 17,000 minute reading goal!! They set the goal for themselves and read every night to reach their target and exceeded it at the end even! They earned a fort party in the classrooms and got pizza from Pizza Hut for lunch! Way to go, 3rd Graders! Keep reading!!



6th Grade Pi Day

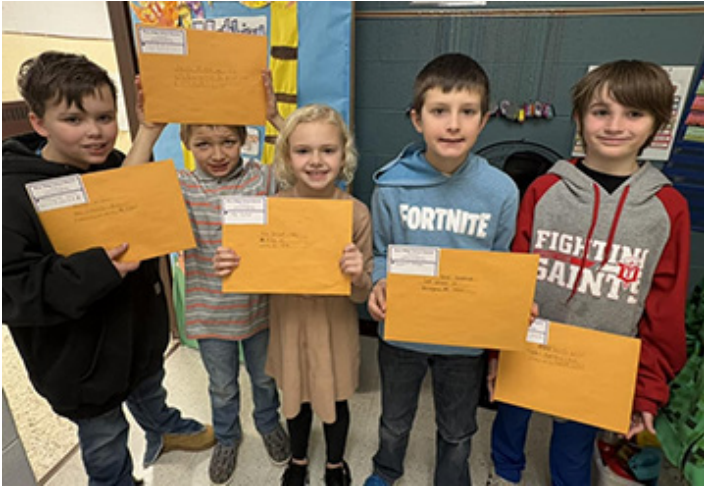


The annual River Ridge 6th Grade Pi Day was held on Thursday, March 13 because there is no school on actual Pi Day, March 14 (3.14). The students learned in Math class about the irrational number 3.14 rounded and how it is used to find the area and circumference of circles. Then they created a slideshow presentations about this mathematical factor to present to their guests at their Pi Day Celebration. Thank you to the 6th grade parents who brought in pies for everyone to enjoy on Pi Day!



Flat Stanley in 3rd Grade

by Tricia Kuenster



In March, we read the book “Flat Stanley” and decided to send our own Flat Stanley’s out to explore! We sent them out to friends and family members around the United States and hope to receive them back by the end of March so we can see what they all got to do on their time away.

3rd and 4th Graders Play Performance

by Tricia Kuenster



3rd and 4th Graders Shine in their own version of “The Little Mermaid” Play!

The 3rd and 4th graders recently put on an unforgettable performance of The Little Mermaid, showcasing their hard work, teamwork, and creativity. From rehearsals during recess this winter to the final curtain call on Monday, March 10, these young actors and stage crew members worked together to bring the magic of the sea to life.

Math Contest

by Katrina Bunders



On Wednesday, March 19, twelve River Ridge High School students traveled to Blackhawk to compete in the Six Rivers Math Contest. Back row: Mallory Crubel, Erin Adrian, Bailey Otte, Ren Bowen, Mason Pecinovsky, Luke Breuer, Asher Achenbach. Front row: Ms. Moser, Alaina Clark, Abby Doyle, Braylyn Quick, Maya Drone, Reghan Zinkle, and Mrs. Bunders.



In Level One, Asher was awarded second team all conference and Erin was awarded first team all conference. In Level Two, Luke was awarded first team all conference. Congrats to all participants representing River Ridge!



Dates to Remember Local Scholarships

April 1, 2025

Pre-ACT 9 – April 2, 2025
(Freshman)

Pre-ACT 10 – April 3, 2025
(Sophomores)

National Honor Society Banquet
April 16, 2025

AP Biology Exam
May 5, 2025

AP English Lit Exam
May 7, 2025

AP US History Exam
May 9, 2025

AP Language Exam
May 14, 2025

Senior Awards Banquet
May 14, 2025

Graduation – May 16, 2025



The WIAA hosted a 3-Point Challenge during the Girls Basketball State Tournament. Mandi Wehrle was chosen to represent Division 5!

School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

Welcome to River Ridge



River Ridge welcomes Adaly Cuahutzihua. Adaly is a sophomore transferring in from Cascade High School in Iowa. Our Spanish IV class did a great job in making her feel welcomed with a grand tour of our school.

Earth Day Can Cage Competition



LET'S CRUSH IT!

Aluminum Can Recycling Competition

4K-4th grade Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Earth Day is just around the corner and the NHS and Student Council will once again host their annual can drive for grades 4K-4th grade.

We will be collecting cans at the can cage near the greenhouse in the high school parking lot on:

April 22, 23, and 24, 2025 between 7:30 and 8:00 AM

Please drop off your cans and tell us what grade your child is in so that we can give them credit for their donation.

Each class (4K-4th grade) will be competing against each other and the class that has the most weight in cans will be receiving coupons for Culver's Kid's Meals. For all their hard work and participation in the can drive, the entire elementary will be rewarded with custard.

The money collected from the can drive is used by various organizations here at the school district. We hope that you will help us follow the three R's and celebrate Earth Day by Reducing, Recycling, and Reusing.

Middle School Spirit Week

by Kennedy Raisbeck



The River Ridge Middle School Student Council hosted their annual Spirit Week from March 3 through 7. We had dress-up days, a penny war, minute-to-win-it games, victory cry battles, and lip-syns. Fuel Up and Student Council worked together to host a cheese-tasting event and a student versus staff basketball game. Students worked to earn points toward the spirit stick throughout the week. In the end, the 8th-grade class won with the most points and was awarded the 2024-2025 spirit stick!



River Ridge High School - Third Quarter**High Honors (3.50 - 4.00)****Grade 9**

Asher Achenbach
 Khloe Borcharding-Forbes
 Meghyn Breuer
 Stella Breuer
 Nathan Crubel
 Logan Dalton
 Maxim Dilly
 Leif Kluesner
 Anna Kruger
 Olivia Kruger
 Jazalyn Mezera
 Reese Moravits
 Zoey Neeley
 Ava Nies
 Eden Thornton
 Matthew Tolle
 Landon Udelhofen

Grade 10

Erin Adrian
 Jalissa Cathman
 Alaina Clark
 Mallory Crubel
 Abigail Doyle
 Harper Kramer
 Jovie Kruger
 Sydney Meyers
 Bailey Otte
 Leah Patterson
 Colin Raisebeck
 Keele Redman
 Blake Reynolds
 Kameron Reynolds
 Kristina Sletten
 Chloe West

Grade 11

Ren Bowen
 Luke Breuer
 Tyler Breuer
 Eva Doll
 Josey Drone
 Laila Drone
 Ashlyn Edge
 Emmalie Fecht-Lane
 Ellaina Gage
 Colton Kirschbaum
 Cody Mezera
 Madeline Scharmer
 Libby Vogt
 Cameron Wehrle
 Madelyn Wehrle

Grade 12

Ty Adrian
 Alexis Beier
 Aayna Brinkman
 Carter Copsey
 Maya Drone
 Alix Goeke
 Brendan Jentz
 Brinlee Kazda
 Carli Koenig
 Hailey Kramer
 Lydia Mason
 Colton Moris
 Andrew Nies
 Luke Patterson
 Peter Polodna
 Braylyn Quick
 Meslissa Sletten
 Emily Tesar
 Elliot Thornton
 Owen Wagner
 Mandi Wehrle
 Reghan Zinkle

Honors (3.00-3.49)**Grade 9**

Logan Callahan
 Lane Copsey
 Junior Dille
 Adayah Groom
 Adelaide Hamilton
 Alan Hernandez-Perez
 Bryce Mason
 Draven Moris
 Ryder Myhre

Grade 10

Maycee Brinkman
 Noah Copsey
 Jasmine Garcia
 Ashlee Klein
 Alexis Mumm
 Lauren Otte
 McKenzie Taylor
 Peyton Toberman
 Yoselin Xocua-Bautista

Grade 11

Brock Bunge
 Grace Callahan
 Brandon Davis
 Reese Drew
 Ava Edge
 Alec Morrow
 Aiden Walsh

Grade 12

Drake Barrineau
 Wyatt Bausch
 Owen Bedward
 Bryr Clark
 Samuel Cooley
 Morgan Klein
 Cayden Koehn
 Elizabeth McCormick
 Alexa Roe



River Ridge Middle School – 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll (3.50-4.00)

5th Grade: Tatum Cliff, Miles Cooley, Carson Farris, Quinnleigh Guthrie, and Coco Lindstrum.

6th Grade: Evelyn Adrian, Colton Collins, Konner Collins, Peyton Kibler, Teven Kilby, Kendyl Kozelka, Keegan Kruger, Mason Kussmaul, Pearl Skaife, and Korbin Taylor.

7th Grade: Emory Achenbach, Sawyer Breuer, Abigal Cooper, Ava Dilley, Trevor Ellis, Aniyla Entwisle, Amelia Gokey, Lydia Gokey, Gabriel Kluesner, Mae Lindstrum, Ivanelle Moore, Avery Needham, Brooks Osterhaus, Kennedy Raisbeck, Braelyn Schneider, and Maggie Thornton.

8th Grade: Hazel Breuer, Lindsay Burmeister, Jackson Cooley, Layla Gage Ezra Kramer, Carter Wilkinson, and Colby Winkers.

Honor Roll (3.00-3.49)

5th Grade: Cameron Chadeayne, Adeline Ellis, Jackson Ellis, William Erdenberger, Meliyah Garrido-Luna, Blakely Mezera, Adalynn Stoltz, Jameson Tranel and Wyatt Wiest.

6th Grade: Hartley Beane, Caden Crubel, Chandler Edlebeck, Russel Herbers, Riley Miles, James Sharp, and Hunter Wall.

7th Grade: Izzabella Atterbury, Nicholas Crubel, Zayne Crubel, Shaniyla Entwisle, Ireland Glassmaker, Ryan Kirschbaum, Levi Mason, Aiden Neeley, Farrah Randecker, Corbin Redman, Brinlee Reynolds, and Taylor Toberman.

8th Grade: Aadyn Groom, Saphira Johnson, Carsyn Jones, Aleena Kirschbaum, and Luke Wehrle.



2025-2026 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 3 – APRIL 30, 2025.

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2025-26 school year is from February 3-April 30, 2025. The application period closes at 4:00pm on April 30, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

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

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

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

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

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

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

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

Can an application be rejected?

Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

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

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

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied? Must pupils reapply every year?

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

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

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

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

Who is responsible for transportation?

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

February 3 – April 30, 2025

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 6, 2025

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

June 13, 2025

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

June 27, 2025

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2025-26 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841

Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2

openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov

<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2025-26

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Breakfast/Lunch Menu - Lunch - April, 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Pancake Wrap Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Egg Roll Fresh Grapes & Applesauce Milk	2 Bacon & Egg OR Sausage Breakfast Pizza *Cheddar Chili Mac* Cornbread/Syrup Peas Fresh Apples & Mandarin Oranges Milk	3 Frosted Long John Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables Fresh Oranges & Pears Milk	4 Cheese Omelet & Toast Fish Sticks (4k-4th) Fish Sandwich OR Pizza Burger (5-12) Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Strawberries & Pineapple Tidbits
7 Bagel Sandwich w/Bacon, Egg & Cheese Chicken Fajita Wild Rice Steamed Carrots Banana & Peaches Milk	8 Blueberry OR Chocolate Chip Coffee Cake Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh Pineapple & Applesauce Milk	9 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Curly Fries Peas Fresh Apples & Mandarin Oranges	10 Fresh Blueberry OR Choc Chip Muffin & Yogurt Cup *Chicken Bacon Ranch Casserole Mixed Vegetables Garlic Breadstick Fresh Orange Slices & Pears Milk	11 Scrambled Eggs & Toast Mozzarella Dippers *Marinara Sauce* Green Beans Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookie Strawberries & Pineapple Tidbits
14 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links Popcorn Chicken French Fries Peas Banana & Peaches Milk	15 Breakfast Pizza Sliced Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Bean Casserole Fresh Baked Dinner Roll *Apple Crisp* &/OR Applesauce	16 *Fresh Baked Banana Bread* & Yogurt Cup Cheesy French Bread Pizza Fresh Vegetables & Dip Baked Chips Fresh Apples & Mandarin Oranges	17 Crispy Ham & Cheese Bar & Toast *BBQ* on a Bun Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole Baked Beans Fresh Oranges & Pears Milk	18 No School
21 No School	22 Sunrise Biscuit w/Sausage, Egg & Cheese Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Peas Fresh Grapes & Applesauce Milk	23 Farmer's Casserole & Toast Chicken Fajita Wild Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh Apples & Mandarin Oranges	24 Pancakes & Bacon Meatballs & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn Fresh Baked Dinner Roll Fresh Oranges & Pears	25 Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait & Cereal Bar Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Strawberries & Pineapple Tidbits Milk
28 Cherry Wood Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant Chicken Nuggets Loaded Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Banana & Peaches Milk	29 Fresh Baked Cinnamon Rolls Spaghetti & *Meat Sauce* Steamed Broccoli Garlic Toast Fresh Pineapple & Applesauce Milk	30 Breakfast Enchilada BBQ Pork Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Fresh Apples & Mandarin Oranges		

This menu is subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

*- Item made from scratch.

APRIL 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 FBLA State 8:00 AM Spring Picture Day 4:15 PM Track	2 Pre ACT 9	3 Pre ACT 10 5:00 PM BB vs Lancaster 5:00 PM SB vs Lancaster	4 5:00 PM BB @ Seneca 5:00 PM SB at Wauzeka-Steuben 3:35 PM Canvassing	5 FFA CDE Contest at UW-River Fall
6	7 5:00 PM BB at Argyle 5:00 PM SB vs Barneveld 6:00 PM RRAP Meeting	8 4:00 PM Track at North Crawford 5:00 PM BB at Wauzeka-Steuben 5:00 PM SB vs Pecatonica	9 AP History Trip Kick Off To Reading Program 5:30 PM Board Mtg.	10 4:00 PM Track at Lancaster 4:30 PM BB at Fennimore 5:00 PM SB at Juda	11 State Forensics 5:00 PM BB at Pecatonica 5:00 PM SB at Argyle	12
13	14 4:15 PM Track 5:00 PM BB at Barneveld	15 5:00 PM BB vs Potosi/Cassville 5:00 PM SB vs Potosi/Cassville	16 Reality Check at SWTC 7:00 PM NHS Banquet MS Road Side Clean UP	17 4:15 PM Track at Cassville 5:00 PM BB vs Argyle/Black Hawk 5:00 PM SB at Barneveld	18 No School Spring Break	19
20	21 No School Spring Break	22	23	24	25	26
	5:00 PM BB at Monticello 5:00 PM SB at Monticello	Can Collection Day			FFA State CDE at Madison 5:00 PM BB vs Monticello/Albany 5:00 PM SB vs Boscobel	State Solo/Ensemble
		4:15 PM Track 5:00 PM BB at Highland 5:00 PM SB at Highland	8:00 AM Progress Report Due	4:00 PM Track at Boscobel 5:00 PM SB vs Argyle/Black Hawk 5:00 PM BB vs Platteville Live Poetry Battle		
27	28 5:00 PM BB vs Shullsburg/Benton 5:00 PM SB vs Benton/Shullsburg	29 4:15 PM MS Track 5:00 PM BB at Belmont 5:00 PM SB at Belmont	30 12:30 PM Early Release 1:00 PM Staff In- Service 7:00 PM 5th-8th Spring Concert			

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:
February 19, 2025, AT 5:30 PM.

I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 5:32 PM

II. Roll Call- Present; Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, Josh Copey, Adam Guthrie, Jeff Thornton, Kirk Hamann, 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 – None

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. January 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion passed on a voice vote.

VII. Reports

A. Finance

i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Clay Koenig presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for January 2025. Jeff Thornton made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. In the month of January revenues were \$1,143,458.52 and expenditures of \$1,036,500.03. Megan Kussmaul seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

ii. Tricor Insurance presented by Brent Straka – Brent talked about the renewal date is July 1st and that there will be no big changes.

B. Buildings and Grounds Report

i. Maintenance Director's Report – Jim talked about some heating issues and how he resolved it to have it working correctly again.

C. Superintendent's Report

i. Monthly Report – Clay talked about events that happened in January throughout the school.

VIII. Old Business

A. Wind Farm Discussion – There was much discussion on this topic. It was decided that the board would table this and keep an eye on different deadlines that may be coming up in the future.

IX. New Business

A. Volunteer Coaches – Spring – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the list of volunteers, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.

B. Second Friday in January Pupil Count – Clay presented the numbers to the board.

C. Hiring/Resignations

i. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the hiring of Kristen Mezera and Todd Breuer as Co-Assistant High School Softball Coaches. They will split the pay. The motion was seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.

D. Food Service Grant/Options – Jen Wagner shared information on how she uses food from the farm program at the two schools she works at which are Potosi and Cassville and how the River Ridge School District might be able to do the same.

X. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f)- for the purpose of considering social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, for the specific purposes of discussing student disciplinary data.

A. Early Graduation Request

- i. Megan Kussmaul made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote. Entered closed session at 7:04pm.
- ii. Kirk Hamann made a motion to enter open session, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion carried on a voice vote. Entered open session at 7:50PM

XI. Action taken on Closed Session

- A. Early Graduation Request – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the request for early graduation and seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.

XII. Appearances – There were no public appearances.

XIII. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Staff and Employee Relations Committee - March 12, 2025 at 4:30pm
- ii. Regular Board Meeting - March 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM

B. School Board member suggestions and recommendations for future meetings

- i. None

XIV. Adjourn – Jeff Thornton made the motion to

adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh Copsey.

Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.