



# TIMBERWOLF NEWS

June/July 2024

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### June 5

Policy/Curr. Mtg.

### June 12

Board Mtg.

### June 13 - July 3

Driver's Ed. Class

### July 8 - Aug. 3

Summer School

Have a  
Safe  
and  
Relaxing  
Summer



## Senior Awards Night



On May 15, the Seniors were honored with an awards night held at the River Ridge High School Gym. Seniors were awarded plaques for academic excellence, honor cords, local scholarships, and senior plaques for music and athletics. The evening event was enjoyed by seniors, parents, and presenters.

## State Qualifier

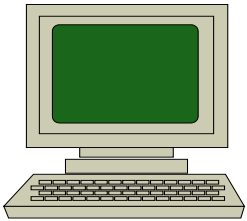


The River Ridge Track and Field team have a state qualifier for the 2024 WIAA Division 3 State Track and Field. Shayna Graf, the shot put champion of the Bangor Sectional and third-place finisher in the discus throw, punched her ticket to the state track and field meet on May 31 and June 1. The state meet was held at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

Shayna finished a great high school track and field career placing 10th in discus throw and 13th in the shot put at the state meet. Congratulations, Shayna!

## 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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Question or suggestions for future articles, please call the District Administrator's Office at 608-994-2715

## 7th Grade Reading Buddies

by Katie Dressler



The 7th graders had a great time meeting with their 2nd and 3rd grade reading buddies throughout the school year. Each month, they spent 30 minutes reading books and doing fun activities together. We celebrated the end of the school year by getting together one final time outside on the playground!

## Middle School Color Walk

by Katie Dressler



On Tuesday, May 14, the River Ridge Sources of Strength and the Washington, D.C. Trip sponsored a Color Walk on the River Ridge track! Each class was invited to wear a certain color and received a headband to match. 5th grade wore green, 6th grade wore red, 7th grade wore blue, and 8th grade wore purple. Students walked/ran as many laps as possible and received a snack break while doing so. Students were encouraged to take donations or pledges for each lap they did. In the end, \$1095 was raised by our 5th-8th grade students. The funds were split between the Bagley Fireworks, Sources of Strength, and the future Washington D.C. Trips.

## 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  
P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P  
Patch Grove, WI 53817

## Donation to Bagley Fireworks

by Katie Dressler



The River Ridge Middle School Sources of Strength and the Washington D.C. Trip members Lindsay Burmeister and Kaylee Crubel presented a check to Brad Clark in the amount of \$568.00 in support of the Bagley Fireworks. This was half of what was raised through donations and pledges during the 2024 Color Walk. The other half went to Sources of Strength and the Washington D.C. Trip fund. Thank you to our community members, businesses, and families for donating to these three great organizations!

## Second Grade Visit Lancaster Library

by Erin Kluesner



The Library took our second graders on a field trip to the Schreiner Memorial Library in Lancaster on Wednesday, May 8.

Our second graders had the opportunity to get their own library card, borrow a book, participate in an engineering challenge, and create a bookmark.

The weather was beautiful, so we ended the day at the park and had cookies and juice.

With these new library cards, we hope our students get the chance to visit the public libraries over the summer and find joy in a few books!



**Monday - Thursday**

**July 8 - August 1**

**8:00 AM - 12:25 PM**

### 5th Annual River Ridge Poetry Battle

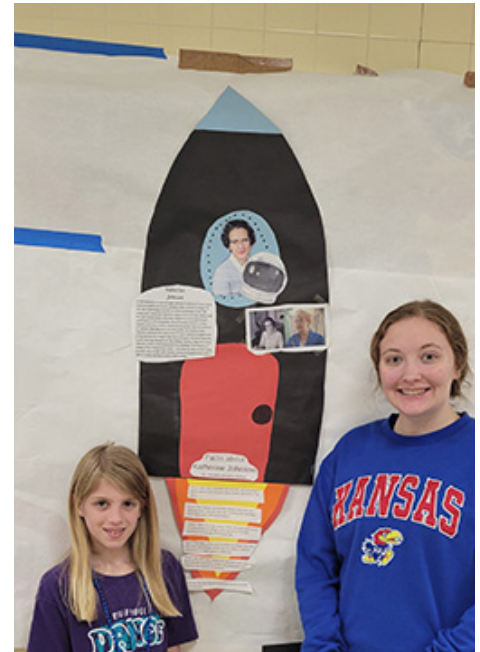
by Tricia Kuenster



The 5th Annual LIVE Poetry Battle was held on Wednesday, May 1 in the high school gymnasium with grades 4K through 12th grade attending and excited to hear some original Timberwolf poetry! The poetry battle started in early April with 16 original poems written and recorded by sophomore students. Two poems were sent out via email each day, so staff and students could vote for which poem they liked the most! The first place poem in the final round was written and performed by Cody Mezera and Reese Drew, and in second place was Tyler Breuer!



### NHS Members Help Students with Project



The National Honor Society students helped the 4th grade students with the Women's History and Black History museum project. The museum was set up in the elementary hallway for all students to view.



Welcome  
Summer



## FFA News

by Sierra Hanley

### Soybean Planting



The Agronomy Class took to the field and they started on April 24 by spreading fertilizer on the test plot and looking forward to planting soybeans. Thank you to Reese Drew for providing the tractor, and Premier Co-op for use of the buggy. They will be planting the plot in soybeans later in the month of May.

### 8th Graders Celebrate The End of a Novel Reading

by Katie Dressler



The 8th graders wrapped up their unit on S.E. Hinton's 1967 novel, *The Outsiders*. All students joined together for a few hours in the morning to watch the movie, eat chocolate cake, and drink Pepsi. They were also encouraged to dress up as a Greaser or a Soc. It was an exciting day in 8th grade and a great way to celebrate the end of the school year!



### State FFA CDE's



On Thursday, April 25 three teams traveled to UW-Madison to compete in the State FFA Career Development Events. The Agronomy Team consisted of Hailey Kramer, Sam Cooley, and Bryn Clark.



Braylyn Quick, Colton Moris, Melissa Sletten and Mandi Wehrle made up the Milk Quality Team.



Lastly, the Livestock Team was Luke Patterson, Brendan Jentz, Haydn Ferretti, and Leah Patterson. Great work to all participants in getting to the state level.

## Summer Story Time Bloomington Public Library

**Begins on Friday, June 7**  
At 10:00 AM  
in the Library

The Library offers a summer  
program every Friday through July 12.

The programs are directed for  
ages 1 - 10

All ages are welcome!

### Summer Programs includes:

- Stories
- Songs
- Special Guests



## Summer is For Reading Good Books

### Bloomington Public Library

#### Monday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Wednesday:

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

#### Friday:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### Saturday:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Prairie du Chien Memorial Library

#### Monday:

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

#### Friday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### Saturday:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## 3rd Grade Wins the Can Collection Contest

by Caron Townsend



River Ridge High School Student Council and the National Honor Society held a can drive with the elementary students (4K-4th grades) to celebrate Earth Day and GO GREEN! They collected and weighed cans and the grade that brought in the largest number of cans received Culver's Custard Kid's Meal Coupons. Congratulations to the 3rd grade class for being our 2024 champions!

The entire elementary school received Culver's Custard for participating in this event. We would like to thank Culver's Custard Family Restaurant for their help and donations during this event. The Student Council and NHS were able to collect over 1400 pounds of aluminum cans. A big thank you goes out to the elementary students and parents for helping us follow the three R's and celebrate Earth Day by Reducing, Recycling, and Reusing. Start saving for 2025!



Thank you Culver's Custard for the custard for the students to enjoy.



April 30, 2024—Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is proud to announce that River Ridge School District has been selected as a winner of its “Rally to Read 100” sweepstakes, a six-month initiative designed to ignite a love of reading for students in grades PreK - 5 across the country.

As one of 100 national awardees, River Ridge School District received 100 books curated to inspire its young readers.

The sweepstakes giveaway is a part of Reading Is Fundamental’s “Rally to Read 100” campaign, which launched in October 2023 to engage students in the joy of reading. Students, educators, families, and RIF partners were invited to take on the fun challenge of reading 100 books over the span of six months by the end of National Reading Month in March. The “Rally to Read 100” campaign provided accompanying resources at [RallytoRead.org](http://RallytoRead.org) including monthly themes and book lists, virtual read-alouds with popular authors, and activity packets.

“An important part of designing this campaign was to encourage students to read, but also to ensure that schools and families have free access to diverse reading resources on a variety of topics that relate to the world around them. We are so excited to contribute 10,000 books in total prizes to help build engaging bookshelves for the winning schools’ libraries and classrooms,” said Reading Is Fundamental President and CEO Alicia Levi.

The “Rally to Read 100” sweepstakes welcomed K-5 educators to submit their schools for the chance to win 100 new books generously being donated by Barnes & Noble to help build their libraries and classrooms with a range of stories, characters, and authors. After a process of random selection from a pool of thousands, 100 applicants were chosen including River Ridge School District.

Our district librarian, Erin Kluenser, is overjoyed to have our school be one of 100 winners chosen. Kluesner said, “Literacy is foundational to academic success and our students are so excited to help open the boxes of new books!”

*About Reading Is Fundamental:*

*Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is committed to creating a nation of lifelong readers by inspiring the joy of reading among all children, putting them on the path to becoming skilled readers. We provide free, high-quality content to engage children, educators, families, and literacy advocates in the solution to the U.S. literacy crisis—so that every child has the fundamentals for success. As the nation’s leading children’s literacy nonprofit, RIF has provided nearly 430 million books and reading resources to over 160 million children since 1966, impacting generations of children. Explore our results and learn more about partnering with us at [www.RIF.org](http://www.RIF.org).*

**Sunshine & SUMMERTIME**

## Middle School Incentive Activity

by Ava Nies



To celebrate our students' accomplishments, the Middle School Student Council put together a 3rd quarter incentive activity. Since this is the final incentive of the year, a beach theme was incorporated to add an interesting twist. Tish Burmeister donated leis, River Ridge Active Parents (RRAP) kindly funded



an educational Mississippi River Museum presentation, and D'lish! donated ice cream to our student body. We'd like to give a big thanks to all who contributed and helped put it all together. The students found the party very rewarding and it was a great way to finish off the year.

## 5th Grade States Fair



The 5th Grade States Fair was a big success. On Friday, May 17, many visitors came to the River Ridge Middle School gym for a tour of the fifth grade states fair booths. The students were dressed as a famous person in history from their state and gave speeches about their state. The tri-folds displayed information that the students received in the mail from their states, along with brochures, souvenirs, and delicious foods



from the state. Students showed their creativity through design posters, history writings, and Powerpoint presentations. Thank you to the middle school staff for helping the students set up and prepare for the big day. Also, a special thank you to everyone who took time to visit our booths. We really appreciated your time and kind words.

### 3rd Grade Present A Memorial Day Program



Third graders at River Ridge Elementary produced a Memorial Day Program on May 23. Students sang songs, participated in skits and recognized veterans from their family and other acquaintances. The third grade class wanted to recognize all of the work and sacrifices our veterans have done to keep our country safe.

The students did an excellent job with this program and they developed a more in-depth understanding of what veterans do, which translated into a greater appreciation. Parents, family and friends were in the audience. Veterans were also present.

We would like to thank all school personnel who made this program possible. It could not have been done without you. Another thank you goes out to the parents for working with their children on this project. A special thank you to the kitchen staff for making the snacks.

A tremendous amount of gratitude goes to the veterans for attending our program, donating flags and for everything they have done and continue to do for our country.



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

**GRADE 9**

Erin Adrian  
 Maycee Brinkman  
 Jalissa Cathman  
 Alaina Clark  
 Mallory Crubel  
 Abigail Doyle  
 Parker Key  
 Harper Kramer  
 Jovie Kruger  
 Sydney Meyers  
 Leah Patterson  
 Collin Raisbeck  
 Keele Redman  
 Blake Reynolds  
 Kristina Sletten

**GRADE 10**

Luke Breuer  
 Tyler Breuer  
 Eva Doll  
 Josey Drone  
 Laila Drone  
 Ashlyn Edge  
 Emmalie Fecht-Lane  
 Ellaina Gage  
 Danica Hampton  
 Colton Kirschbaum  
 Alec Morrow  
 Madeline Scharmer  
 Libby Vogt  
 Cameron Wehrle  
 Madelyn Wehrle

**GRADE 11**

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

**GRADE 12**

Owen Callahan  
 Saige Childs  
 Micah Christopherson  
 Avery Drew  
 Shayna Graf  
 Precious Grinnell  
 Gretta Hamann  
 Diana Herbers  
 Hailey Konichek  
 Brooklyn Mezera  
 Matthew Nies  
 Madilyn Parker  
 Audrey Pierce  
 Ty Tolle  
 Landon Trautsch



**Honors (3.00-3.49)**

**GRADE 9**

Tatum Breuer  
 Jasmine Garcia  
 Ashlee Klein  
 Matthew McCormick  
 Britney Petsche  
 Kameron Reynolds  
 Jayden Ryman  
 Emery Simerson  
 Peyton Toberman  
 Yoselin Xocua-Bautista

**GRADE 10**

Ren Bowen  
 Brock Bunge  
 Grace Callahan  
 Brandon Davis  
 Reese Drew  
 Ava Edge  
 Cody Mezera  
 Mason Pecinovksy

**GRADE 11**

Ty Adrian  
 Wyatt Bausch  
 Bryy Clark  
 Hadyn Ferretti  
 Jasmine Harvey  
 Jimena Hernandez-Perez  
 Cayden Koehn

**GRADE 12**

Collin Bausch  
 Brady Burmeister  
 Jayden Cathman  
 Mykenzie Cornell  
 Rebecca Dilley  
 Arianna Edge  
 Daisy Hernandez-Cayetano  
 Hunter Moris  
 Areli Tepole Chimalhua



## River Ridge Middle School - 4th Quarter Honor Roll

### High Honor Roll (3.50-4.00)

**5th Grade:** Evelyn Adrian, Hartley Beane, Colton Collins, Konner Collins, Caden Crubel, Chandler Edlebeck, Peyton Kibler, Kendyl Kozelka, Keegan Kruger, Mason Kussmaul, Raelyn Schlegel, Pearl Skaife, and Korbin Taylor.

**6th Grade** Emory Achenbach, Sawyer Breuer, Abigal Cooper, Nicholas Crubel, Trevor Ellis, Aniyla Entwisle, Amelia Gokey, Lydia Gokey, Ryan Kirschbaum, Gabriel Kluesner, Mae Lindstrum, Levi Mason, Ivanelle Moore, Avery Needham, Brooks Osterhaus, Kennedy Raisbeck, Brinlee Reynolds, Braelyn Schneider, and Maggie Thornton.

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

**8th Grade:** Asher Achenbach, Khloe Borcharding-Forbes, Meghyn Breuer, Stella Breuer, Nathan Crubel, Maxim Dilley, Adayah Groom, Leif Kluesner, 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:** Teven Kilby, Riley Miles, Hunter Wall, and Bentley Walsh.

**6th Grade:** Izzabella Atterbury, Jayce Bloom-Mergen, Cooper Breuer, Charlie Copsey, Ava Dilley, Shaniyla Entwisle, Ireland Glassmaker, Courtney Hammill, Charli Klein, Aiden Neeley, Tayvn Phillips, Farrah Randecker, Corbin Redman, Taylor Toberman, and Westen Wall.

**7th Grade:** Layla Gage, Aadyn Groom, Aleena Kirschbaum, Axel Morrow, Cooper Trier, and Colby Winkers.

**8th Grade:** Logan Callahan, Landon Copsey, Alan Hernandez-Perez, Aayden Kreul, Anna Kruger, Olivia Kruger, Bryce Mason, and Harper Walsh.

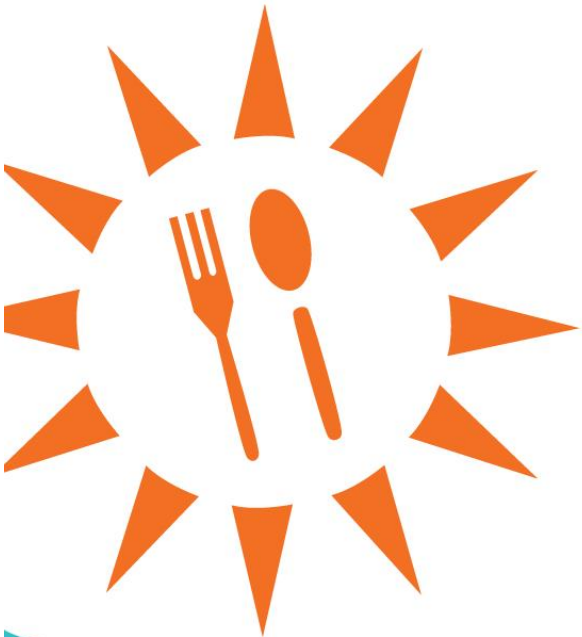


# SUMMER FOOD SUMMER FUN!



Healthy meals for kids and teens. **FREE!**

No need to sign up or apply—just show up and enjoy!



## Location and Time(s) of Meals:

River Ridge School District Cafeteria  
Monday to Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 1st  
Breakfast: 7:45am to 9:00 am  
Lunch: 11:00 am to 12:15 pm

## Contact:

River Ridge School District  
1-608-994-2715

## More Info:

[wisummerfood.org](http://wisummerfood.org) or call 211  
**Text:** 'food' to 304-304 for meals near you.

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Summer Food Service Program  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

## Summer Food Service Program

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the River Ridge School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

The following location will be serving the free meals this summer River Ridge School District cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from **7:45 - 9:00 AM and lunch will be at 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM**. Breakfast and lunch will be served on **Monday through Thursday, July 8 through August 1**. Meals are provided to eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

“This program fills a void created when school lunches are not available,” said River Ridge School District Business Manager Tracy Stagman. “Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program.”

**Non-discrimination Statement:** In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:


- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: 833-256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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# JUNE 2024

| Sunday                                      | Monday | Tuesday           | Wednesday                          | Thursday                          | Friday                          | Saturday                             |
|---|--------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|   |        |                   |                                    |                                   |                                 | 1<br>WIAA State<br>Track at LaCrosse |
| 2   | 3      | 4                 | 5                                  | 6                                 | 7                               | 8                                    |
| <b>International Club Trip - Costa Rica</b> |        |                   |                                    |                                   |                                 |                                      |
|   |        | BB WIAA Sectional | 5:00 PM Policy and Curriculum Mtg. | SB WIAA State                     | SB WIAA State                   | SB WIAA State                        |
| 9   | 10     | 11                | 12                                 | 13                                | 14                              | 15                                   |
| <b>International Club Trip - Costa Rica</b> |        |                   | 5:30 PM Board Mtg                  |                                   |                                 |                                      |
|   |        | BB WIAA State     | <b>FFA State Convention</b>        |                                   |                                 |                                      |
|   |        |                   | BB WIAA State                      | <b>Driver's Education Classes</b> |                                 |                                      |
|   |        |                   |                                    | BB WIAA State                     |                                 |                                      |
| 16  | 17     | 18                | 19                                 | 20                                | 21                              | 22                                   |
| <b>Driver's Education Classes</b>           |        |                   |                                    |                                   |                                 |                                      |
|   |        |                   |                                    |                                   |                                 |                                      |
| 23  | 24     | 25                | 26                                 | 27                                | 28                              | 29                                   |
| <b>Driver's Education Classes</b>           |        |                   |                                    |                                   |                                 |                                      |
|   |        |                   |                                    |                                   | <b>National FBLA Conference</b> |                                      |
|   |        |                   |                                    |                                   |                                 |                                      |
| 30  |        |                   |                                    |                                   |                                 |                                      |

# JULY 2024

| Sunday | Monday                     | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|--|--------|----------|
|        | 1                          | 2       | 3         | 4  | 5      | 6        |
|        | Driver's Education Classes |         |           |  |        |          |
|        | FBLA Conf.                 |         |           |  |        |          |
| 7      | 8                          | 9       | 10        | 11   | 12     | 13       |
|        | Summer School              |         |           |  |        |          |
|        |                            |         |           |  |        |          |
| 14     | 15                         | 16      | 17        | 18   | 19     | 20       |
|        | Summer School              |         |           |  |        |          |
|        |                            |         |           |  |        |          |
| 21     | 22                         | 23      | 24        | 25   | 26     | 27       |
|        | Summer School              |         |           |  |        |          |
|        |                            |         |           |  |        |          |
| 28     | 29                         | 30      | 31        |  |        |          |
|        | Summer School              |         |           |  |        |          |
|        |                            |         |           |  |        |          |

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:

April 10, 2024, AT 5:30 PM.

I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 5:30 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 – Lachlon Gabel asked how the board got to the number of 1.25 million.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. March 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Adam Guthrie and seconded by Josh Copsy. 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 March 2024. Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures pending an audit of 2023/2024 year of revenues of \$1,857,658.31 and expenditures of \$820,227.96. Megan Kussmaul seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Buildings and Grounds Report, Jim reported that he is going to try and sell the water heaters that we no longer use on the school's web site.

VIII. Old Business

A. Operating Referendum Discussion we talked about how we got the needed numbers and where we would go from there.

B. Dual Enrollment Applications, Kirk Hamann made a motion to approve the applications, second by Adam Guthrie. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

IX. New Business

A. Hiring/Resignations

i. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the hire of Larry Gates as High School Assistant Track Coach, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ii. Jason Cathman made a motion to accept the resignation of Nicole Nemitz as Title I Teacher after the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by Aaron Stagman, motion carried on a voice vote.

iii. Megan Kussmaul made a motion to approve the hire of Nicole Nemitz as Middle School Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

B. Volunteer List, Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve Lauren Haberichter as a softball volunteer coach seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion carried on voice vote.

C. Early Graduation, Tabled until May.

D. WASBO Purchasing Card Program (P-Cards), Aaron Stagman made the motion and seconded by Adam Guthrie. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The River Ridge School Board that the President/Treasurer/Clerk are authorized to enter into agreement with the BMO Harris Bank of Montreal to secure procurement cards for each authorized employee of the River Ridge School District under such terms and conditions as approved by the River Ridge School Board. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

A. Employee Discussion

i. Kirk Hamann made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Entered closed session at 6:22 PM

ii. Kirk Hamann made a motion to enter open session, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on a voice vote. Entered open session at 8:59 PM

iii. No action required from closed session.

XI. Appearances - There were no public appearances.

XII. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Special Board Meeting – April 24, 2024, at 5:30 PM
- ii. Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM

XIII. Adjourn – Aaron Stagman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:

April 24, 2024, 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, Kirk Hamann, Josh Copey, Adam Guthrie, Megan Kussmaul, Jeff Thornton

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

V. Appearances –

A. Lachlon Gabel talked about what the board was looking to cut.

B. Nicole Nemitz talked on the impact of the positions listed as a possible cut.

VI. Insurance Renewal 2024-2025, Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the renewal as presented. Seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote. Josh Copey abstained.

VII. Board Reorganization

A. President: Jeff Thornton nominated Ken Nies. Ken was elected on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Vice President: Kirk Hamann nominated Jason Cathman. Jason was elected on a 7-0 roll call vote.

C. Clerk: Josh Copey nominated Adam Guthrie. Adam was elected on a 7-0 roll call vote.

D. Treasurer: Adam Guthrie nominated Kirk Hamann. Kirk was elected on a 7-0 roll call vote.

E. Building and Grounds Committee: Ken Nies, Jeff Thornton, Adam Guthrie. Alternate: Josh Copey

F. Policy and Curriculum Committee: Josh Copey, Megan Kussmaul, Kirk Hamann

G. Staff and Employee Relations: Ken Nies, Adam Guthrie, Jason Cathman

H. Safety Committee (board representative on school district's staff committee): Kirk Hamann

I. Technology Committee: Jason Cathman

J. CESA 3 Board of Control Representative: Jeff Thornton

K. WASB Delegate: Megan Kussmaul, Jeff Thornton

VIII. Consideration of and action on a resolution to reduce the Elementary program and eliminate one elementary teaching position.

A. Tabled until after closed session.

i. After closed session Jeff Thornton made a motion to take action on a resolution to reduce the Elementary program and eliminate one elementary teaching position. Seconded by Adam Guthrie.

Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

IX. Consideration of and action on a resolution to reduce the high school math program and reduce a high school math teacher.

A. Tabled until after closed session.

i. After the closed session no action needs to be taken.

X. Consideration of and action on a resolution to reduce the middle/high school technology education program and reduce a middle school/high school technology education teaching position.

A. Tabled until after closed session.

i. After closed session Jason Cathman made a motion to take action on a resolution to reduce the middle/high school technology education program and reduce a middle school/high school technology education teaching position. Seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion carried a 7-0 roll call vote.

XI. Consideration of and action on a resolution to reduce the school-wide library program and reduce a school-wide library teaching position.

A. Tabled until after closed session.

i. After closed session Josh Copey made a motion to take action on a resolution to reduce the school-wide library program and reduce a school-wide library teaching position.

Seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

A. Employee Discussion

B. Budget Discussion

i. Jason Cathman made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote. Entered closed session at 5:49 PM

ii. Adam Guthrie made a motion to enter open session, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion carried on a voice vote. Entered open session at 9:17 PM

XIII. Action taken, it appropriate, as a result of Closed Session.

A. Item VIII: Adam Guthrie made a motion for the consideration of and action on a resolution to consider the preliminary nonrenewal of one elementary teaching contract and the issuance of a preliminary notice of nonrenewal. Seconded by Jeff Thornton, the motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Item IX: No action was needed on the consideration of and action on a resolution to consider the preliminary nonrenewal of a high school math teaching contract and the issuance of a preliminary notice of nonrenewal.

C. Item X: Jason Cathman made a motion for the consideration of and action on a resolution to consider the preliminary nonrenewal of a middle school/high school technology education program teaching contract and the issuance of a preliminary notice of nonrenewal to .75 FTE. Seconded by Josh Copey, the motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

D. Item XI: Jason Cathman made a motion for consideration of and action on a resolution to consider the preliminary nonrenewal of a school-wide library teaching contract and the issuance of a preliminary notice of nonrenewal to .5 FTE. Seconded by Adam Guthrie, the motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

E. Item XII: Budget Discussion

i. All the areas of savings were listed.

XIV. Member suggestions and recommendations for future items.

XV. Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM

XVI. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM



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