



# River Trails

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

The River Trails School District 26 Board of Education conducted its Tuesday, August 17, 2021 meeting at Prairie Trails School. The meeting was also livestreamed on the district's YouTube page. You can view a [recording of the entire meeting](#). Here are the highlights:

- River Trails Education Association representative Bob Kastner addressed the Board and thanked them and administrators for their working relationship. "Through these troubled times it's amazing how we come together to get things done," Kastner said. He also specifically thanked Superintendent Nancy Wagner for her continued support.
- Board Member Janine Freedlund thanked the school principals and administration for their communication with families leading up to the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Freedlund also noted the successful ribbon cutting event for Prairie Trails School on August 11.
- Board President William Grimpe acknowledged and thanked the River Trails Education Foundation for making a \$10,000 donation to the Prairie Trails School library.
- President Grimpe also highlighted a recognition from the Department of Energy for the district's progress on its energy reduction goal. He also thanked the Higher Up Ministries and Bridge Community Church for hosting the Boxwood Bash and distributing school supplies to students.
- Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Lyndl Schuster addressed the Board about another award from the Department of Energy for Prairie Trails' sustainability and energy performance improvements.
- President Grimpe read a letter from the American Heart Association thanking the district's schools for participation in the Kids Heart Challenge.
- Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Kristine Seifert updated the Board on the district's new staff members at all four schools. She also added that there are several positions still open and available immediately at [rtsd26.org](https://www.rtsd26.org).
- Director of Technology and Innovation Matt Tombs spoke about last week's Innovation Symposium, which was attended by more than 75 staff members.
- Communications Specialist Ben Finfer recapped the Prairie Trails School ribbon cutting ceremony that was held on August 11.
- In her Superintendent's Report, Dr. Wagner suggested moving September's Board of Education community engagement session to October 5. This is in order to allow time for a facilities report on Euclid, Indian Grove and River Trails Middle School to be completed. The Board agreed to move the meeting to October 5.
- Mrs. Freedlund noted the district's newly updated website at [rtsd26.org](https://www.rtsd26.org).

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at River Trails Middle School. You can email them at [boe@rtsd26.org](mailto:boe@rtsd26.org).