

Kimberly School District #414
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY24

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

ITEM#11-1 - RISE REQUEST FOR K-3 EXPANSION

Currently, the charter for RISE Charter School allows for RISE to have 50 students per grade level in grades 4-12. This has become challenging for RISE to recruit KSD students to RISE in the 4th grade as those students/families that are satisfied with KSD do not always want to change schools as relationships have been created with staff and peers. Therefore, RISE is requesting a revision to the charter that would include less students per grade level and expand from 4-12 to K-12. Overall, total student enrollment would remain the same per the Charter.

This was tabled at the January Board meeting to allow the administration to gather further information. A patron survey was completed that indicates there is an interest in grades K-3 at RISE. KSD Business Manager, Laurie Wirtz, analyzed the staff impact a RISE K-3 expansion may have on KSD. It is estimated that a RISE K-3 expansion would result in a reduction of 4 FTE, and a K-1 expansion would result in a 2.5 FTE reduction for KSD.

Recommendation: The KSD Administration recommends that the Kimberly School Board of Trustees approve the revision of the RISE Charter to decrease the number of students per grade level and expand from grades 4-12 to K-12.