

**RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER (LMC)**

**October 14, 2021
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In order to be successful with our mission, we focus on the following goals:

- Safe Learning Environment
- High Student Achievement
- Effective and Efficient Operation
- High Performing Workforce

OPENING OF MEETING BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

Board Vice President Colonel Beineke called the regular meeting of the River Valley Board of Education to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: Bob Stump, Staci Glenn-Short, Ken Osborne and Cheryl Beineke.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 132-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Osborne, Beineke, Glenn-Short
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 133-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Stump, Beineke, Glenn-Short
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Colonel Beineke welcomes all visitors.

Chris Cookson addressed the Board as a concerned parent stating that we are no longer in a pandemic based on a virus, but instead the situation has transitioned to a pandemic of fear. The virus is no longer the issue, but instead is now a focus on the fear of other societal repercussions if you don't act and believe the same as

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someone else and unfortunately there is no end in sight. Ms. Cookson also stated that this virus is less deadly than the flu and our mitigation strategies are causing more issues than COVID itself. She asked why we are using opinions instead of facts to make decisions when masks have negative effects physically. She shared that the legislators make laws, not the governor or the health department, whom have an agenda.

Dianna Collins addressed the Board and requested that the weigh in rather than sitting and listening to the concerns being shared with them. Ms. Collins shared that she feels that the restrooms in our Middle School and High School are not safe places for our students. She also shared that TikTok is a major issue and is influencing children to do terrible things without them understanding the repercussions they may experience from their actions. Ms. Collins asked the Board and Mr. Wickham if they are taking these issues seriously and what they plan to do about it? She also mentioned that the District has levies that will be coming on the ballot in the coming years and commented that unless these issues are addressed they will not be able to pass a levy. Ms. Collins also asked the Board why our Resource Officer and Counselors are not more involved with these students? She requested a copy of our disciplinary policy/plan as well.

Mr. Wickham responded to Ms. Collins in that the District cannot be held responsible for fixing all societal issues. The TikTok issue was addressed in a VNS to parents and staff recently and disciplinary actions have been taken when necessary. Colonel Beineke and other members of the Board also spoke, sharing that the District is trying to mitigate the occurrence rate of these situations in our buildings, however until parents work on the issues at home, too, we will continue to see these situations occur at school. The District will continue to try to educate parents and provide resources to our families. Ms. Collins was also provided a copy of the disciplinary policy before the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Superintendent Shares Oral / Written Correspondence / Communications

Mr. Wickham presented a District COVID update to the Board. Our number of cases have decreased, but the highlight in our numbers is the significant decrease in quarantines due to implementing masks and three feet of social distancing.

Mr. Wickham also shared information with the Board regarding the Fair School Funding Plan and the backpack bill. He urged our Board members to reach out to our representatives and urge that they not move forward with the backpack bill, as it could be detrimental to the current structure of education in Ohio.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates: At this time, we would like to have building and staff updates.

Mrs. Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary. She shared that third-grade testing will be happening this month and they will be using paper and pencil again this year. Heritage will be bringing back their fall festival this year, which is exciting for the students and staff to have a sense of normalcy and celebration in the building again. Unfortunately, the elementary buildings are experiencing an increase in the number of students that are not on track K-3, so they are working on implementing learning loss strategies for these students to get them back on track and prevent any further delays.

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Mr. Davis presented on behalf of the Middle School and shared that the building is still focusing on Viking pride. The building is doing student of the quarter recognition and recently had students recognize staff as well. The STEM Club at the Middle School is starting back up this year.

Mr. Douce shared an update on the technology upgrade, the new website and the Emergency Connectivity funding we have been awarded. The technology upgrade is complete, but still needs some fine tuning. Our new website will be up and running by the end of this month. We were awarded over \$274,000 in Emergency Connectivity funding and we have applied for the second round as well.

Mr. Stout presented for both the High School and Athletics. He shared that the 9th grade will be attending the Marion Made expo and Tri-Rivers Career Center with the Middle School this coming week. The first nine weeks just ended. Signs of Suicide will be coming to the High School sometime this month to meet with students. On behalf of Athletics, the fall sports are finishing up regular season and preparing for the first round of tournaments. Excited for winter sports to get started and hopefully be able to continue full capacity at all events. The Athletic Boosters have seen a significant increase in revenue this year due to full capacity allowed at events.

Kade Ebert represented the students by discussing that the musical date has been changed to February and that the senior nights for soccer and football have seemed to gone well.

Mr. Gliebe shared that the District is focusing on data from i-Ready diagnostics to address learning loss. The school report card was released, so at the November meeting there will be more District specific information available to share.

Mrs. Richards presented on behalf of Liberty Elementary. Liberty is having conferences next week and they are offering in person or virtual at the choice of the parent. Twenty-first century started the first full week of October and is five days a week in the morning and three days in the afternoon. The i-Ready conference that Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Comstock and Mr. Davis attended earlier this month was extremely informational and they are excited to share what they learned with staff at the PD day on October 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer, Brittany Keller, provided the Board with an update on the District's cash balance, the estimated revenue increase for valuation complaints filed with the County Board of Revisions, Emergency Connectivity Funding and the Fair School Funding Plan.

Treasurer's Report

Res. 134-21 Mrs. Glenn-Short moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

1. **Acceptance of Financial Reports:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of September, 2021:

Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
Appropriation Summary

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Revenue Summary

2. **Donations:**

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
9/15/21	Shirley Groll	\$233.00 value	Sanitizer/Wipes
9/20/21	Ayden Kenney	\$ 25.00	FFA
9/20/21	Klayton Kenney	\$ 25.00	FFA
9/21/21	Sarah Scarberry	\$ 310.00	MS Cheer
9/22/21	RV Athletic Boosters	\$ 342.31	HS Girls Basketball

3. **Appropriation Modification:** Board approval to increase the following appropriations:

- Fund 599 appropriations by \$264,273.70 due to being awarded the Emergency Connectivity Fund grant
- Fund 551 appropriations by \$1,369.84 to spend down the entitlement from last fiscal year for Title III.
- Fund 001 appropriations by \$5,000 due to Liberty being deemed a pilot for the Ohio School Wellness Initiative.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Glenn-Short, Stump, Osborne, Beineke
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Reports / Recommendations

Res. 135-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

1. **Agreements/ Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center and River Valley Local School District (RVLSD) for Non-Public Title Services:** Board approval to enter into a contract for the 2021-2022 school year with the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center to provide Non-Public Title Services for River Valley Local Schools, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Emergency Paid Sick Leave Request for RV Staff:** Board approval of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act - Emergency Paid Sick Leave Request, as presented in your background materials.

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- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and the River Valley Teachers Association:** Board approval to enter into an agreement between the River Valley Local Schools and the River Valley Teachers Association to reimburse for College Credit Plus (CCP) Coursework, as presented in your background materials.

- d. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the North Central Ohio Educational Center (NCOESC):** Board approval of the one year agreement between RVLSD and the NCOESC for Ancillary Services at the North Central Ohio Rehabilitation Center, as presented in your background materials.

- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Modern Woodmen of America:** Board approval of the agreement between RVLSD and Modern Woodmen of America, effective October 1, 2021 as presented in your background materials.

- f. **Resolution: Contract with Specialized Education of Ohio:** Board approval of a contract between River Valley Local Schools and the Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc. that owns and operates the Bucyrus Center for Autism and Dyslexia to serve three of our students with autism for the 2021-2022 school year, as outlined in your background materials.

- g. **Resolution: Agreement Between the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center (NCOESC) and River Valley Local School District (RVLSD) for Educational Aide Services:** Board approval to enter into a contract for 2021-2022 with the NCOESC to provide educational aide services for River Valley students, as presented in your background materials.

- h. **Resolution: 2021-2022 Substitute Rates:** Board approval of the revised 2021-2022 Substitute Rates as presented in your background materials.

- i. **Resolution: Direct Pay Agreement:** Board approval of the direct pay agreement between River Valley Local Schools and AGNL Tractor III O-H-I, LLC, per the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement in your background materials.

- j. **Resolution: Direct Pay Agreement:** Board approval of the direct pay agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Marion Industrial Rail Park, LLC, per the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement in your background materials.

- k. **Resolution: Direct Pay Agreement:** Board approval of the direct pay agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio-Three Properties, LLC, per the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement in your background materials.

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- l. **Resolution: Assistant Food Service Director Salary Schedule:** Board approval of an Assistant Food Service Director Salary Schedule for 2021-2022, as outlined in your background materials.
- m. **Resolution: Sample Resolution for District Discretion for Subs:** Board approval of the Sample Resolution for District Discretion for subs. This resolution and language is contingent upon the Governor's signing SB 1 into law, allowing the use of substitutes who do not have a Bachelor's degree. As presented in your background materials.
- n. **Resolution: Agreement Between EnvisionEdPlus and River Valley Local School District:** Board approval of the agreement between EnvisionEdPlus and River Valley Local School District for consultation services, effective October 1, 2021 through November 10, 2021, per the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Glenn-Short, Stump, Beineke

Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

Certificated Personnel

Res. 136-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ the following individuals as a Permanent Substitute for River Valley Local Schools, on a one year limited contract for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.

Nick Allen - River Valley Middle School - Effective September 8, 2021
- b. **Certificated – Salary Adjustment:** Board approval of a salary adjustment for Brittany Lower, effective September 20, 2021, who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Certificated - Leave of Absence:** Board approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Julie Renner, Kindergarten Teacher at Liberty Elementary School, effective October 4, 2021, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background

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- d. **Certificated Personnel – Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of Substitute Teacher List for October 2021 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background material.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Stump, Glenn-Short, Beineke
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declares the motion carried.

Classified Personnel

Res. 137-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept the resignation from Lori Knippel, Cashier at Liberty Elementary Schools, effective October 31, 2021, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept the resignation from Jenny Kitts, Head Cook at Heritage Elementary Schools, effective October 10, 2021, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Classified Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept the resignation from Tina Weir, Head Cook at River Valley High School, effective October 8, 2021, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Lori Knippel, on a one year limited contract, as a Full Time Cook at Liberty Elementary School, for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and as reflected in your background materials.
- e. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Stefanie Burris, on a one year limited contract, as a Full Time Cook at River Valley High School, for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and as reflected in your background materials.
- f. **Classified Personnel - Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a two year administrative contract to Jenny Kitts, Assistant Food Service Director with River Valley

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Local Schools, effective October 11, 2021 contingent upon completion of necessary requirements for certification/ licensure.

- g. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Paula McBeth as a Classified Aide Permanent Substitute on a one year limited contract for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.

- h. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval to employ the following individuals as a classified substitute, on an as needed basis, with River Valley Local Schools, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification, per information in your background materials.

Roberta Brodman - Effective October 4, 2021
Natalie Creek

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Stump, Glenn-Short, Beineke
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

21st Century

Res. 138-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the following information:

- a. **21st Century – Employment:** Board approval of the following individuals as 21st Century for 2021-2022, on a one-year contract, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.

21st Century Aides:

Alana Burkhart
Kendra Farlee
Shannon Vaughn

21st Century Teachers:

Kyle Bailey
Jordan Blankenship
Lauren Fraysier
Carolyn Green
Allison Heacock
Sally Kelly
Emilee Kitts
Michelle Lang

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Emily Leader
Stephania Maceyko
Haley Miner
Lavone Novotny
Lori Peterson
Cheryl Slack
Julie White

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Osborne, Glenn-Short
Nays:

Mr. Stump abstained.

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

Supplementals

Res. 139-21 Mrs. Glenn-Short moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

WHEREAS, this Board has posted positions as being available to employees of the district who hold educator licenses, and no such employee meeting all of the Board's qualifications has applied for, been offered, and accepted such positions, and

WHEREAS, this board then advertised these positions as being available to licensed individuals not employed by this district, and no such person meeting all of the Board's qualifications has applied for, been offered, and accepted such positions,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that coaching positions may be granted to non-licensed individuals for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual(s) listed are employed for the 2021-2022 school year with the understanding that they WILL NOT be able to direct, supervise or coach a pupil activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity (practices, scrimmages, workouts, etc..) or health and safety considerations until they have obtained a valid Pupil Activity Permit, and said permit is on file in the Superintendent's Office. The Athletic Director along with the respective building Principal will be responsible for assuring that the individual(s) listed are in full compliance with the above requirements.

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a. Supplemental - Employment:

Mariah Barnes - Middle School 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Ed Borland - High School Varsity Swim Coach
Rodney Brown - High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Kamryn Caudill - High School Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
Tim Chiles - High School Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Jonathan Edwards - High School Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach
Pam Holman - High School Quiz Bowl Advisor - 50% Split
Joe House - High School Musical Vocal Director
Beau Hummel - Middle School 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Josh Loyer - High School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Cheryl Manning - High School Varsity Bowling Coach
Rob Manning - High School Junior Varsity Bowling Coach
Mark McGuire- High School Varsity Wrestling Coach
Wesley Michael - High School Musical Orchestra Director
Alena Moran - Middle School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Rich Mulvaine - High School Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Jason Nutbrown - High School Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach - 50% Split
Karla Osborne - High School Musical Financial Manager
Trey Price - Middle School 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Marshall Schoenberger - Heritage Elementary Technology Champion
Austin Schwaderer - High School Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
Roy Schweinfurth - High School Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach - 50% Split
Drew Sickmiller - High School Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Kecia Stewart-Slob - High School Quiz Bowl Advisor - 50% Split
Brea Turner - High School Musical Assistant Director
Julia Vanderhoff - High School Musical Director
Joe Ward - High School Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Amy Washburn - Middle School Industrial Technology Advisor
Amy Washburn - Middle School Technology Champion
John Wickersham - Middle School Winter Facility Manager
Dan Wilcox - Liberty Elementary Technology Champion
Kristi Wink - High School Musical Choreographer

b. Supplemental - Volunteers:

MacKenzie Bussey - High School Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach
AJ Kenney - High School Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach
Seri Lindstedt - High School Volunteer Swim Coach
Brian Spires - High School Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach
Gretchen Tighe - High School Volunteer Swim Coach

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Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Glenn-Short, Stump, Beineke
Nays:

Mr. Osborne abstained.

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

Students

Res. 140-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the following information:

- a. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the River Valley High School FFA Chapter to the 2021 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on Wednesday, October 27th through Saturday, October 31, 2021.
- b. **Students – Preschool Handbook:** Board approval of the Preschool Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Osborne, Glenn-Short, Beineke
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

Res. 141-21 Mr. Stump moved to enter into executive session at 7:37pm for the purpose of:

In accordance with ORC 121.22G1 – The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Osborne, Glenn-Short, Beineke
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

Board reconvened in Regular Session.

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Res. 142-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:48pm and upon roll call vote the following members were present: Mr. Stump, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Glenn-Short and Colonel Beineke.

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 143-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:49pm.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Osborne, Glenn-Short, Beineke
Nays:

Vice President Beineke declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting.

Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address.

If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used.

During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the board.

Board Policy BDDH - Adopted October 12, 1999

Board President

Attest