

**RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**September 9, 2021
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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 PRESIDENT

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 117-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 118-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the minutes for the following meetings:

August 12, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting
August 16, 2021 - Special Session Board Meeting
September 2, 2021 - Special Session Board Meeting

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Rengert welcomes all visitors.

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Mr. Blake Gates addressed the Board as a parent requesting that the Board reconsider its decision to mandate masks and instead allow parent choice. He shared that children have now gone through three years of abnormal schooling- closed early in 2020, frequent changes in school modality in 2021 and now we are mandating masks again. Children are afraid to be in school and parents aren't even allowed to visit their children's classrooms. Mr. Gates then shared data he found regarding children COVID-19 cases and again requested that the Board reconsider its decision and listen to the parents of students within the District therefore allowing parent choice.

Ms. Ashley Boldman addressed the Board first by saying that she loves River Valley, loves this community and loves Heritage. She stated that she chosen to address the Board to be a voice for her kids. She feels as though parent's rights are being taken away and that we should be listening to the results from the parent survey where 85% of parents stated that they wanted parent choice. Ms. Boldman is concerned that we may have another year where we go into a hybrid learning model and that we are constantly forcing children to socially distance, making them afraid to be near their friends or classmates. She stated that this is the third year of this social engineering experiment and that it needs to end and if staff members fear COVID then they should leave.

Ms. Chris Cookson addressed the Board by inquiring why the Board is not standing up to the health department. She stated that the health department is doing nothing but instilling fears and that kids are not getting sick or dying from COVID. Ms. Cookson stated that this virus is not going away and it is not the responsibility of the child to keep parents, grandparents, etc. from getting sick. She believes we need to allow parents to choose what they feel is best for their child(ren).

Mr. Jason Nutbrown addressed the Board as both an employee and as a parent. Mr. Nutbrown has coached for RV since 2006. He shared that parents should have the right to choose whether they take the risk of quarantine or contracting COVID versus the District making that decision for them. Mr. Nutbrown stated that at this point the District has taken away all choices, except for him to pull his children.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Superintendent Shares Oral / Written Correspondence / Communications

Mr. Wickham presented an update regarding our current enrollment in our virtual school versus in person. We currently have 98% of our students in the buildings five days a week and have 2% enrolled in the online virtual school we have offered. Mr. Wickham then shared COVID-19 updates from Marion Public Health. As of September 13th, Marion Public Health will be sending letters to those subject to quarantine and/or isolation. On August 31st the governor's information changed things for schools by reinstating that the legal authority in regards to quarantines and isolations lie with the county health departments.

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Mr. Wickham then provided the Board with the case numbers for the 2021-2022 school year. So far, we have had fifty-five positive cases compared to 106 total during the 2020-2021 school year. We have also had 323 students/staff subject to quarantine so far this year compared to 726 total during the 2020-2021 school year.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates: At this time, we would like to have building principals and others give the board a brief update on each of their building programs.

Mrs. Comstock gave a kudos to Heritage's new custodian, Way Ward, who has been going above and beyond for the building. Heritage is still enrolling students for this year. Mrs. Comstock also gave a shout out to her staff in regards to working on spacing in the classrooms and the schedule changes for specials in an attempt to subject as few children as possible to potential quarantines. Pickup and drop off seem to be going well so far this year, especially compared to the beginning of the year last year, despite an increase in the number of students being dropped off and picked up each day.

Mr. Davis provided an update on the open house at the middle school, parent teacher conferences, an upcoming Made in Marion field trip and DC trip planning. This year, the Middle School is working on Viking pride.

Mr. Douce shared an update on the district-wide network upgrade and issues we have experienced throughout the process. The new website is in process and we are in the process of reviewing the printers throughout the District as our current contract for majority of the printers expires soon.

Mr. Dutt presented an update for the High School. He also gave a kudos to his staff, shared information regarding upcoming parent teacher conferences and the gentle start they implemented for freshman for this year. The High School was also recently awarded and Innovative Workforce Grant and they are working with local businesses to get the grant's plan in place.

Kade Ebert presented on behalf of the student body. He shared that students are excited to be back in the buildings five days a week and thanked all staff members for making this possible. There has been a great turnout at football games already this year and it has been nice to see everyone coming back out. The High School Musical for this year is "Susical the Musical."

Mrs. Richards shared information regarding Liberty's 21st Century program, screenings for preschool students, reworking schedules at her building and gave a kudos to custodians for adding tables in the cafeteria to allow for more social distancing.

Mr. Gliebe shared that the focus this year will be on learning loss. One of the key tools the District intends to use to evaluate learning loss is i-Ready. Ninety-five percent of our students have taken the diagnostic testing, which will help us with diagnosing areas of learning loss for math and reading. The District will have a new DLT (District Leadership

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Team) process this year. The DLT will meet four times per year for approximately 3 hours after school at area businesses.

Applause Applause! At this time we would like to highlight staff and student accomplishments:

Thank you to Heritage Elementary School Custodian Way Ward for doing such a fantastic job cleaning the classrooms.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report/Recommendations

Treasurer, Brittany Keller, provided the Board with an update on the District's cash balance, outstanding valuation complaints filed with the County Board of Revisions, appropriation changes explanations and general Treasurer's Office updates.

Res. 119-21 Mrs. Glenn-Short moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following items:

1. **Acceptance of Financial Reports:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of August 2021:
 - a. Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
 - b. Appropriation Summary
 - c. Revenue Summary

2. **Donations & Rebates:** Board approval of the following donations and rebates:

Donations:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
8/4/21	Amy Philip	\$864.00 value	Hand Sanitizer
8/6/21	Paul & Carol Hoffman	\$700.00	FFA
8/12/21	Mathews Auto Group via Viking Three Point Club	\$44,800.00	HS Gym Floor
8/19/21	Marion Crawford Prevention Programs	\$1,500.00	MS Principal's Fund
8/24/21	Marion Crawford Prevention Programs	\$1,500.00	HS Principal's Fund

Rebates:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
8/4/21	OASBO Easy Procure	\$1,275.28	General Fund
8/4/21	Pepsi	\$2,460.00	Athletics
		\$540.00	Music

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3. **Permanent Appropriations at Fund Level:** Board approval of the attached permanent appropriations for FY 22 at fund level.

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PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FY22

Board Approved at Fund Level on 09/09/2021
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

			FY2022 Permanent appropriations
Governmental Fund Types			
General Fund	001	\$	21,440,858.23
Special Revenue Funds			
Public School Support	018	\$	37,500.00
Other Grants	019	\$	11,000.00
Classroom Facilities Maint	034	\$	152,700.00
Student Activities	200		129,046.05
District Managed	300	\$	533,941.83
Data Communications	451	\$	7,200.00
Vocational Enhancement	461	\$	4,448.15
Student Wellness and Success	467	\$	91,964.80
Misc. State Grants	499	\$	0.00
ESSER/CARES	507	\$	2,313,602.37
21st Century Grant	509	\$	363,838.04
Coronavirus Relief Funds	510	\$	0.00
IDEA Part B Grant	516	\$	447,810.84
Limited English Proficiency	551	\$	0.00
Title I Federal Grant	572	\$	433,420.35
Title IV-A	584	\$	18,661.69
Early Childhood Education	587	\$	10,322.14
Title II-A Federal Grant	590	\$	94,690.47
Title IV-A (FY21)	599	\$	5,240.95
			4,655,387.68
Debt Service Funds			
Bond Retirement	002	\$	1,436,756.80

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Capital Projects Funds

Permanent Improvement	003	\$		-
Building Fund	004	\$		-
Classroom Facilities	010	\$		-
Total				-

Enterprise Funds

Food Service	006	\$		1,081,447.76
SACC Fund	020	\$		113,983.00
District Agency	022			2,795.00
Uniform School Supplies	009			30,000.00
Total				1,228,225.76

Trust Funds

Special Trust	007	\$		2,500.00
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Internal Service Fund

Self-Insurance Fund	024	\$		1,995,506.37
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TOTAL PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FY2022				30,759,234.84
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Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendation

Res. 120-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution: Service Contract Between River Valley Local Schools and McWatters Consulting, LLC:** Board approval of the service contract between RVLSD and McWatters Consulting, LLC for evaluation services for 21st CCLC grant funded programs at Liberty Elementary School and Heritage Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year.

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- b. **Resolution: Service Contract Renewal Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Amy Wood:** Board approval to renew the service contract for 21st Century Grant services with Amy Wood through June 30, 2022.
- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center (NCOESC) and River Valley Local School District (RVLSD) for Audiology Services:** Board approval to enter into a contract for 2021-2022 with the NCOESC to provide services for River Valley students with hearing impairment, as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Resolution: Service Contract Renewal Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Central Ohio Behavioral Consulting, LLC (COBC):** Board approval to renew the contract with COBC to provide behavior consultation services as needed, and as outlined in the agreement in your background materials.
- e. **Resolution: Contract with Specialized Education of Ohio:** Board approval of a contract between River Valley Local Schools and Specialized Education of Ohio, Center for Autism and Dyslexia to serve one of our students with autism for the 2021-2022 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
- f. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and North Central Ohio Education Service Center (NCOESC):** Board approval to enter into an agreement with North Central Ohio Education Service Center as the Fiscal Agent for Title III, English Language Acquisition (for Limited English Proficient - LEP students) for the Fiscal Year 2022, as outlined in your background materials.
- g. **Resolution: Direct Pay Agreement:** Board approval of the direct pay agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Torres Enterprises, LP, per the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement in your background materials.
- h. **Resolution: Proposed Calendar Changes for 2021-2022 School Year:** Board approval of the Proposed Calendar Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Certificated Personnel

Res. 121-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

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- a. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Carolyn Green as the Long Term Gym Teacher Substitute for Heritage Elementary and Liberty Elementary Schools, effective August 18, 2021 contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification, and per the information in your background materials.
- b. **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.
- Hailey Batross - Heritage Elementary School
Angie Bush - River Valley High School
Lisa Layton - River Valley High School
Adam Matthews - River Valley High School
Rachel Osborne - River Valley Middle School
- c. **Certificated Personnel – Contract Revision:** Board approval to employ Julie White as an ELL Tutor for RV students, on an as needed basis as presented in your background materials, from August 2, 2021 through May 2022 and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.
- d. **Certificated Personnel - Salary Adjustment:** Board approval of a salary adjustment for Allison Heacock, effective August 16, 2021, as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of Substitute Teacher Revised List for September 2021 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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Classified Personnel

Res. 122-21 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the following information:

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

Kasey Feliciano- Heritage Elementary - Effective Date - August 17, 2021
Loretta Harding - River Valley High School - Effective Date - August 17, 2021
Lori Knipple - Liberty Elementary School - Effective Date - August 17, 2021

- b. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Sarah Kitts, as a retire/rehire, on a one year limited contract, as a Bus Driver at River Valley Local Schools, for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and as reflected in your background materials.

- c. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval to employ the following people 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.

Brock Faulkner - Effective August 19, 2021
Linda McKinniss
Ami Spriggs

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Daycare

Res.123-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

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- a. **Daycare - Employment:** Board approval to employ the following individuals in the Daycare Program during the 2021-2022 school year:

Karissa Osborne

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals

Res. 124-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short 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.

- a. **Supplemental - Employment:**
Alison Kyrk - River Valley High School Senior Advisor
Kade Lang - River Valley High School Strength and Conditioning Coach

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Annette Stump - River Valley High School Senior Advisor

Discussion: None

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

Mr. Stump abstained.

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Students

Res. 125-21 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 FFA Officer Leadership Retreat in Londonderry, Ohio on Saturday, August 14th through Sunday, August 15th, 2021.
- b. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the River Valley High School Music Company Show Choir to Nashville, Tennessee, Thursday, April 21, 2022 through Sunday, April 24, 2022, as outlined and presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

SACC

Res. 126-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **SACC - Employment:** Board approval to employ the following individuals in the SACC Program during the 2021-2022 school year:

Betsianne Beach
Alana Burkhart
Austin Vanderkooi

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals

Res. 127-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert 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.

a. **Supplemental - Employment:**

Greta Kanagy - River Valley High School Senior Advisor
Alison Kyrk - River Valley High School Senior Advisor
Adrienne LaBarge - River Valley High School Senior Advisor
Annette Stump - River Valley High School Senior Advisor

Discussion: None

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

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Mr. Stump abstained

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board Policies

Res. 128-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the following information:

- a. **Board Policy Revision - First Reading And/Or Approval of Recommended Revised Board Policies:** Board first reading and approval of the new and/or revised board policies/regulations as outlined below and presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session – if needed:

Res. 129-21 Mr. Stump moved to enter into executive session at 7:17pm for the purpose of:

In accordance with ORC 121.22G5 – Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statute.

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board reconvened in Regular Session.

Res. 130-21 Mr. Stump moved to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:05pm and upon roll call vote the following members were present: Mr. Stump, Mrs. Glenn-Short, Mr. Osborne, Colonel Beineke and Mr. Rengert

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

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Res. 131-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:07pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert 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