

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

**MARCH 11, 2021
MINUTES
6:00 P.M.**

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 to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Robert Stump, Nancy Richards, Staci Glenn-Short, Colonel Beineke.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 023-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Richards, Rengert.
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 024-21 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Richards, Rengert.

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

President Rengert welcomes all visitors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Superintendent Shares Oral/Written Correspondence/Communications:

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Mr. Wickham presented a vaccine update for RV staff. The final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to staff on Friday, March 19th. All grade levels have now returned to a four day in person learning model. Fridays are still an online learning day, so that our staff has that day for planning and assisting students individually that have chosen either the in person or online only learning model. Students wishing to return to in person learning for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year must do so by April 5, 2021 due to state testing beginning the following week. Mr. Wickham also shared an update from Governor DeWine stating that we will be able to have an in person prom and graduation this year, although we are still waiting for the details as to what guidelines will need to be followed to do so.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates: At this time, we would like to have building updates and a report from the following:

Mrs. Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary regarding the state testing that will be taking place in the building beginning April 14th. The kindergarten screening numbers are lower than normal this year, but she is hopeful that this will change as we get closer to the end of the current school year and hopeful that people will become more comfortable with sending their children to school as we learn to better manage the pandemic and get staff vaccinated.

Tad Douce recognized the "Stream Team" that has worked diligently to provide media coverage for all winter sports, so that those unable to attend in person could still view the events. He also shared some updates regarding the printer purchased by Karen Seckel, FFA Advisor, with her CTE Funds that were carried over from the 2019-2020 school year. We are still providing internet services to students through COVID-related grant funds.

Mr. Dutt presented on behalf of the High School mentioning that they will get to host prom on May 5th, scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year has started, graduation will be May 28th and the musical is now finished.

Mr. Gliebe presented on behalf of the Middle School sharing that they only have 17% of the building enrolled in online only. The Middle School has also been chosen to present its career pathways at Kalahari.

Wesley Stephens presented on behalf of the student population. He shared that there are only 78 days until graduation and that the students were able to celebrate the athletes with a sendoff, which they had not been able to do previously because of COVID.

Mr. Stout recognized the state qualifiers in winter sports, such as wrestling, swimming and bowling. He gave kudos to coaches, students and parents for navigating through COVID this winter and still allowing our student athletes to perform an impressive number of games/matches, especially compared to some other schools we have competed against. Mr. Stout also recognized the Stream Team and thanked them for all of their hard work during the winter sports season.

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Food Service Presentation

Mr. Herdman gave an update on the Food Service program. Ohio Department of Education has extended the waivers through September 30, 2021 allowing us to continue providing free meals to all students through this date. Mr. Herdman has purchased a hot dog cart for summer food. He intends to have staff serve students at parks with parents picking meals up at various locations throughout the District this summer.

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

Kelly Garrett would like to thank two outstanding individuals at River Valley Local Schools, Mr. Wesley Michael and Mr. Travis Stout.

Student College Acceptance:

Hadyn Danals - Virginia - Wrestling
Cooper Graham - Notre Dame of Ohio - Football
Corrin Howard - North Western of Ohio - Golf
Sarah Lacher - Tiffin - Softball

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Keller presented an update on the District's financials, including the District's decreasing cash balance and the deficit spending in the month of February. February numbers were compared to the prior year to give the Board an idea where we are currently compared to prior years. After presenting the financial update, Mrs. Keller discussed COVID-related grant funding the district has already received and funds the district will be receiving in the future and general Treasurer's Office staff and task updates.

Res. 025-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

1. **Financial Reports:** Board Approval of the following financial information for the month of February, 2021:

- A) Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
- B) Appropriation Summary
- C) Revenue Summary

2. **Donations:** Board approval of the following donations for February 2021:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
2/22/21	Nancy Richards	\$ 100.00	HES Princ und/Yearbooks

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2/25/21	Herb's Body Shop	\$ 750.00	Wrestling
2/25/21	Douce Agency	\$ 100.00	Wrestling
2/25/21	The China Cupboard	\$ 100.00	Wrestling
2/25/21	John Schweinfurth	\$ 100.00	Wrestling

Rebates

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
2/5/21	Pepsi Bottling	\$ 293.48	Vending

3. **Approval of Tax Rates:** Board approval of the tax rates for tax year 2020:

**Assesses Property Values
Tax Year 2020
Collection Year 2021**

Assessed Values			
	Tax Year	2019	2018
Residential/Agriculture		235,342,910	234,922,220
Other Real**		68,817,330	69,205,900
Public Utility Real		363,280	338,550
Public Utility Personal		17,141,470	16,035,360
Total		321,664,990	320,502,030

**Other real includes commercial, industrial and mineral properties

Calendar year collection potential with rollback and homestead:

Purpose	Full Millage	Eff Mills Res/Ag	Eff Mills/ Other Real	Est Yield @ 95%- All Classes
Inside:				
General	4.2*	4.2	4.2	1,283,443
Outside:				
76 Current	23.6*	13.784712	16.379084	4,542,699
78 Current	3.2*	2.091686	2.486732	683,192
07 Emergency	2.54	2.54	2.54	776,178
Bond Levy:				
Construction OSFC	3.97	3.97	3.97	1,213,160

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Maintenance	0.5	.323434	.481814	112,120
Total TY 2020	38.01	26.909832	30.057630	8,610,791
Total TY 2019	38.01	26.831899	29.993122	8,545,830
Total TY 2018	37.913	26.779652	30.084834	8,382,386
*20 Mill status		20.076398	23.065816	

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Richards, Rengert.
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Reports / Recommendations

Res. 026-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**
 - a. **Resolution: Approval of the Agreement Between Sheakley and River Valley Local Schools:** Board approval of an agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Sheakley to participate in their Group Retro Program for Workers' Compensation services, as presented in your background materials.
 - b. **Resolution: Authorizing 2021-2022 Exchange of Services with The Ohio State University:** Board approval to authorize the superintendent to enter into an agreement with The Ohio State University to accept student teachers in order to provide field experience for them during the 2021-2022 school year as reflected in your background materials.
 - c. **Resolution: Authorizing Amendment Between River Valley Local Schools and Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc.:** Board approval to amend the tuition contract, effective June 20, 2020, between Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc. and River Valley Local Schools as presented in your background materials.

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- d. **Resolution: Purchase of Ford Transit Van -150 for the Summer Food Program:** Board approval to purchase a 2017 Ford Transit-150 Van with lift and inverter for the Summer Food Program as presented in your background materials.

- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between the Marion County Sheriff's Office and River Valley Local Schools(RVLSD):** Board approval of the agreement between the Marion County Sheriff's Office and RVLSD for the 2021-2022 school year as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Certificated Personnel

Res. 027-21 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Brooke Schuler, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, with best wishes, and as presented in your background materials.

- b. **Certificated Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Megan Drake, effective at March 5, 2021, with best wishes, and as presented in your background materials.

- c. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Julie White for practice OELPA testing. OELPA testing one on one and preparation for six ESL students, on an as needed basis as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.

- d. **Certificated Personnel – Administrative Contract:** Board approval of a two (2) year administrative contract, dependent upon 21st Century grant funding, for Denise Fraysier, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and final evaluation by the Superintendent.

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- e. **Certificated Personnel – Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a three (3) year administrative contract to Barry Dutt, River Valley High School Principal, from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

- e. **Certificated Personnel – Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a three (3) year administrative contract to Don Gliebe, River Valley Middle School Principal, from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

- f. **Certificated Personnel – Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a two (2) year administrative contract to Heather Kantzer, Special Education Coordinator, from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023, contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and/or requirements for employment/certification/ licensure.

- g. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a two (2) year limited contract to Ellen Gustafson as a School Psychologist, from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

- h. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of the updated Substitute Teacher List as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Richards, Rengert.
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Classified Personnel

Res. 028-21 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept the letter of resignation from Valerie Matthews, SACC Aide at Heritage Elementary,

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effective January 4, 2021, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.

- b. **Classified Personnel – Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a two (2) year administrative contract to Karla Osborne, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

- c. **Classified Personnel - Limited Contract Recommendations:** Board approval to grant limited contracts to the following individuals beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of necessary requirements for certification/ licensure:

One Year:

Annie Hughes - Family Liaison - dependent on Title I Funding

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Richards, Rengert.
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals

Res. 029-21 Mr. Stump 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 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

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a. **Supplemental - Employment:**

Todd Kellogg - High School JV Baseball Co-Coach
Wesley Rengert - Middle School Assistant Track Coach
John Wickersham- Middle School Winter Facility Manager

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Richards, Rengert, except Mr. Rengert
abstained from a-2

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board Policies

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the GBRA policies outlined below, as well as the first reading for the other named policies:

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

Revised

BCA - Board Organizational Meeting

BCFA - Business Advisory Council to the Board

CBC - Superintendent's Contract

EBC - Emergency Management and Safety Plans

EBCD-R - Emergency Closings

GA - Personnel Policies Goals

GCD - Professional Staff Hiring

IGCG - Preschool Program

GBRA - Family and Medical Leave Act Expansion (Families First
Coronavirus Response Act)

GBRA-R - Family and Medical Leave Act Expansion (Families First
Coronavirus Response Act)

GBRAA - Emergency Paid Sick Leave (Families First Coronavirus
Response Act)

GBRAA-R - Emergency Paid Sick Leave (Families First Coronavirus
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EB - Safety Program

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EBCD - Emergency Closings
EFH - Food Allergies
GCB-2 - Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans
(Administrators)
IF - Curriculum Development
IGD - Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

Res. 030-21 Mr. Stump moved at 6:47 pm to enter into executive session for the purpose of:

In accordance with ORC 121.22G4 – Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board reconvened in Regular Session:

Res. 031-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to reconvene in Regular Session at 8:28 pm and upon roll call vote the following members were present: Colonel Beineke, Mrs. Glenn-Short, Mr. Stump, Mrs. Richards and Mr. Rengert.

Adjourn - Thank you for coming.

Res. 032-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:29 pm.

Discussion: None

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

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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