

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

**August 12, 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 to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: Cheryl Beineke, Bob Stump and Don Rengert. Mrs. Glenn-Short and Mr. Osborne were absent.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA**

**Res. 098-21** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented, with the removal of items f and g on page 6 and item e on page 7.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Beineke, Stump  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Res. 099-21** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Beineke, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Mr. Rengert welcomes all visitors.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

### **Superintendent Shares Oral / Written Correspondence / Communications:**

Mr. Wickham shared information regarding CDC and Ohio Department of Health data related to COVID-19 and the Delta Variant. Safety guidelines have been released to families and staff members. The District is contracting with Future Ed to provide an online school option to our families, which has a River Valley IRN, but will not be taught by RV teachers.

**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.

Melanie Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary. Heritage had approximately 90 students that met the monthly goals with the i-Ready summer reading challenge. Heritage is excited to have a Reading Intervention Teacher in the building this year. Enrollment is up to approximately 510-515 students for this year so far.

Tad Douce shared an educational technology update. The technology equipment, Chromebooks and network update that we anticipated to happen earlier in the summer are all coming in at the same time, less than one week before school starts. Students in grades K-3 will receive touchscreen Chromebooks this year. It is anticipated that our new website will be up and running by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Voice of the Valley has returned to RV and our first edition, focused on back to school, will be going out to families electronically, as well as posted to social media sites.

Barry Dutt shared that enrollment at the High School is up this year as well, with approximately 618 students enrolled at the moment. The guidance office is working diligently on schedule changes. The High School was recently awarded the Innovative Workforce Grant that they applied for in 2020 pre-COVID. They will use this year to develop a plan and then next year be able to start implementing the program(s).

Sandy Richards presented on behalf of Liberty Elementary. Liberty is experiencing increased enrollment this year as well, with this year having one of the biggest kindergarten classes in several years. Liberty participated in the i-Ready summer reading challenge as well.

Don Gliebe presented information on his new position as Director of Instruction and Assessment. He will be working with staff during the professional development days next week with a focus on customer service.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:**

Mrs. Keller presented a financial update, including information regarding the District's cash balance, monthly expenditures and monthly revenues. She also shared information with the Board regarding the Fair School Funding Plan, an update on the complaints filed for tax year 2020 with the County Board of Revisions, Ohio Senate Bill 57 and the status of grant applications for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**Res. 100-21** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

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

- a. Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
- b. Appropriation Summary
- c. Revenue Summary

2. **Donations:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
7/15/21	Anonymous	\$ 525.00	HS Musical

**Rebates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
7/20/21	Pepsi Bottling Group	\$1756.00	Food Service

3. **Return of Advance:**

From Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund to General Fund - \$25,000.00

4. **Approval of Petty Cash/Change Funds:** Board approval of the following petty cash/change funds for FY2022:

**Change Funds:**

Admin Office	\$100
HS Office	\$100
HS Cafeteria	\$150
MS Cafeteria	\$130
Heritage Cafeteria	\$20
Liberty Cafeteria	\$20
HS Athletic	\$1,050
HS Athletic- Add'l	\$500
MS Athletic	\$400

**Petty Cash Funds:**

Admin Office	\$25
HS Office	\$100
MS Office	\$100
Heritage Office	\$100
Liberty Office	\$100
HS Cafeteria	\$25
MS Cafeteria	\$25
Heritage Cafeteria	\$25
Liberty Cafeteria	\$25
HS Athletics	\$50

5. **Transfers:** Board approval of the following transfers from the General Fund to cover negative cash balances from expenses incurred in Fiscal Year 2020 not reported for reimbursement from ODE.

From General Fund \$7,411.09  
To: Title II-A Fund 509 \$6,923.19  
To: Ohio School Climate Grant Fund 499 \$487.90

6. **Cash Balance:** Board retroactive approval of the negative ending cash balance in Fund 509 of \$4,344.33 due to not being able to submit a reimbursement request with ODE before the fiscal year-end deadline. The reimbursement request is currently pending with ODE and will be reimbursed to cover the expenses incurred.

7. **Then & Nows:** Board approval of the purchases and payments associated following purchase orders, which created then and nows due to a posting error in our new fiscal software:

PO# 220119 Frontline Technologies Group LLC \$5,439.76 Absence Management  
PO# 220118 Frontline Technologies Group LLC \$2,308.64 Applicant Tracking  
PO# 220126 Hylant Administrative Services \$59,899.00 Liability Insurance  
PO# 220122 Marion County Treasurer \$51,840.00 School Resource Officer  
PO# 220010 Pioneer Manufacturing Co. \$3,407.00 Field Paint  
PO# 220011 Siesel Distributing LLC \$7,711.64 Middle School Annual Supplies

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Beineke, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:**

**Res. 101-21** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution: Authorizing the Superintendent to Determine the Modality of School Operation:** Resolution to authorize the Superintendent the authority to determine the modality of school operation, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Legal Counsel Authorization:** Resolution to employ the firm Bricker & Eckler LLP as legal counsel to the district on matters relating to property tax valuation complaints, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Resolution: Designation of Dissemination Agent Agreement:** Resolution to authorize River Valley Local School District to designate Raymond James & Associates, Inc. to the Dissemination Agent Agreement, as presented in your background materials.

- d. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Nancy Talley:** Board approval of the one year agreement between RVLSD and Nancy Talley to provide Curriculum services, as needed, as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and FutureEd Solutions:** Board approval to enter into an agreement between River Valley Local Schools and FutureEd Solutions, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, as presented in your background materials.
- f. **Resolution: River Valley Local Schools Health and Safety Guidelines:** Board approval of the River Valley Local Schools Health and Safety Guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- g. **Resolution: River Valley Local Schools Operations & Procedures:** Board approval of the River Valley Local School Operations & Procedures Plan for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- h. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and State Security:** Board approval of the agreement between RVLSD and State Security, beginning August 5, 2021, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Certificated Personnel:**

**Res. 102-21** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Ian Pingitore, as the Intervention Specialist at River Valley Middle School, with regrets and best wishes, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Brooklyn Wampler, as the Intervention Specialist at Liberty Elementary School, with regrets and best wishes, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Certificated Personnel – Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a two (2) year administrative contract to Thomas Bower, River Valley Middle School Assistant Principal, from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023, contingent upon completion of any necessary

requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

- d. **Certificated Personnel – Non-Renewal:** Board approval to non-renew Brea Turner, Permanent Elementary Music Substitute at River Valley Local Schools, as recommended in your background materials.
- e. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Brea Turner, as a Permanent Elementary Music 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.
- f. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Julie White as an ELL Tutor for an RV student, 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.
- g. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to grant, Tiffany Buhler, on a one-year limited contract, as an Intervention Specialist at Liberty Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification/licensure, per information in your background materials.
- h. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to grant, Angela Beekman, on a one-year limited contract, as an Intervention Specialist at River Valley Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification/licensure, per information in your background materials.
- i. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to grant the following people a one-year limited contract as a Title I Tutor at River Valley Local Schools for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.

Douglas Laucher - Title I Math Tutor - River Valley Middle School  
Haley Minor - Title I Tutor - Liberty Elementary School

- j. **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.

Jeri Haley - Liberty Elementary  
Cathy Schelb - Liberty Elementary

- k. **Certificated – Salary Adjustment:** Board approval of a salary adjustment for Jill Shore, effective July 13, 2021, who has

completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials.

I. **Certificated Substitute List:** Board approval to accept NCOESC's monthly list of qualified substitute teachers for August 2021.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Beineke  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Classified Personnel:**

**Res. 103-21** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept the letter of resignation from Randy Hostetler, Bus Driver at River Valley Local Schools, effective September 1, 2021, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept the letter of resignation from Tiffany Buhler, Teacher's Aide at River Valley Local Schools, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Miranda Addis, on a one year limited contract, as a Teacher's Aide at Heritage 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..
- d. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Gladys Lucas, as a retire/rehire, on a one year limited contract, as a Preschool Bus Driver 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 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.
- f. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Jacob Mantey, 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.

- g. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval to employ Bailey Decker 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.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Daycare - Employment:**

**Res. 104-21** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Employment:** Board approval to employ the following individuals as needed for the 2021-2022 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification/employment, per the information in your background materials.

Maria Crawford  
Bailey Decker  
Karissa Osborne  
Judy Shawver

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Beineke, Stump  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Supplementals:**

**Res. 105-21** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following:

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:**

Candace Andrews - High School Color Guard  
Jessica Bayles - High School Assistant Band Director  
Michelle Evans - Sophomore Class Advisor  
Amanda Friend - NHS Advisor  
Ed Goodwin - High School Industrial Technology Club Advisor  
Amy Jordan - Freshman Class Advisor  
John Klingel - Junior Class Advisor  
John Klingel - High School Fall/Winter Events Coordinator  
Jim Miracle - High School Freshman Football Coach  
Ben Thompson - Yearbook Advisor  
John Wickersham - Middle School Events Fall Coordinator

b. **Supplemental - Volunteers:**

Alyxandria Conkright - High School Volunteer Percussion Instructor  
Tyler Dorfe - Middle School Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Students:**

**Res. 106-21** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Students - Transportation/Bus Routes for 2021-2022 School Year:** Board approval of the transportation/bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year, as reflected in your background material.
- b. **Students - Middle School Code of Conduct:** Board approval of the Middle School Code of Conduct for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials.

- c. **Students – Elementary School Handbook:** Board approval of the Elementary School Handbook for 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Students -Transportation Handbook:** Board approval of the 2021-2022 Transportation Handbook, as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Students – Athletic Fees and Season Passes:** Board approval of the athletic fees for middle school and high school, as well as season pass costs for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- f. **Students - In Lieu of Transportation Resolution:** Board approval of the resolution for the transportation of students to a non-public school as follows:

Section 3327.01 ORC Transportation of Pupils

PROCEDURES FOR” in lieu of transportation...

Where it is impractical to transport a pupil by school conveyance, a board of education may, in lieu of providing such transportation, pay a parent, guardian, or other person in charge of such child, an amount per pupil which shall in no event exceed the average transportation cost per pupil, such average cost to be based on the cost of transportation of children by all boards of education in this state during the next preceding year.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Beineke  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Board Policies:**

**Res. 107-21** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Board Policy Revision - Approval to Hold the Following Board Policies:** Board approval to hold the following policies for the board policy rewrite with OSBA as outlined below and presented in your background materials:

**Amend:**

AC-R, Discrimination Complaint Procedure

**Remove**

DIB, Types of Funds

Discussion: Colonel Beineke updated the other Board members briefly on the board docs and board policy rewrite process, which included explaining why we wanted to amend and remove the above-mentioned policies.

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Beineke, Stump  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session – if needed:**

**Res. 108-21** Mr. Stump moved to enter into executive session at 6:54pm 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, Beineke, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board reconvened in Regular Session.

**Res. 109-21** Mr. Stump moved to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:32pm and upon roll call vote the following members were present: Mr. Stump, Colonel Beineke and Mr. Rengert.

**Administrative Contract:**

**Res. 110-21** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve a five year, 2022-2027, administrative contract to Adam Wickham, Superintendent of River Valley Local Schools, as presented in your background materials, pending a final legal review.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Beineke  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Administrative Contract Addendum:**

**Res. 111-21** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the addendum to the administrative contract for Adam Wickham, Superintendent of River Valley Local Schools, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Addition of Position:**

**Res. 112-21** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the addition of the administrative position of Assistant Food Service Director effective during the 2021-2022 school year with the job posting and interviews to be conducted upon approval of adding the position, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Beineke  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURN** - Thank you for coming.

Res. 113-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:34pm.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, 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.

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Board President

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Attest