

**RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
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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. 033-21 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 034-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Rengert welcomes all visitors.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Superintendent Shares Oral / Written Correspondence / Communications:

Mr. Wickham presented the District's extended learning plan and an update on prom and graduation guidelines recently released.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates: At this time we would like to have building updates and a report from our student representative.

Mrs. Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary and provided the board with an update regarding the traffic situation at her building. Mrs. Comstock and Mr. Wickham have been working diligently to resolve this issue, but unfortunately at this time have no long-term solutions in place due to lack of cooperation from Ohio Department of Transportation.

Mr. Douce presented an update on technology throughout the District and what the long-term goals are for our staff and students in regards to technology growth.

Mr. Dutt presented on behalf of the High School regarding graduation, prom, preparing for testing, NHS inductions and scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Gliebe presented on behalf of the Middle School providing an update on the MAWAC grant purchases for this year, plans for a summer reading camp and the virtual spelling bee that was held in March.

Mrs. Richards presented an educational update on behalf of both elementary schools regarding second grade testing, i-Ready, 21st Century, preschool roundup and the third-grade reading guarantee.

Mr. Stout provided presented on behalf of athletics sharing that spring sports are off to a great start and currently have no limitations regarding attendance. He also shared some final accolades for winter sports and thanked the bus drivers and custodians for all of their hard work related to transportation of and in preparation of spring sports.

FFA Presentation: At this time, we would like Karen Seckel, River Valley High School FFA Teacher, to provide an update to the board regarding the FFA Program.

Mrs. Seckel presented information, which represented the impact that her students have had on the local economy even through a pandemic. The software that her program uses provides data comparisons year over year and encourages students to take responsibility and measure growth with their own data entries and financial tracking throughout their time in her program. She encouraged anyone interested in learning more to stop by her classroom or attend the awards banquet to truly get a feel for the accomplishments these students are achieving.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Keller presented an update on the District's financials, including the tracking of real estate settlements for the first half of 2020 and an improvement in the District's cash balance compared to this time last year. After presenting the financial update, Mrs. Keller discussed some of the initial plans for ESSER II spending in the upcoming fiscal year, Senate Bill 18 and the financial software conversion.

Res. 035-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

1. **Financial Reports:**

Board Approval of the following financial information for the month of March, 2021:

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

2. **Donations:** Board approval of the following donations:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
3/16/21	Premier Optometry	\$248.30	Musical Awards
3/17/21	RV Athletic Boosters	\$650.00	Student Athletic Fees
		\$1,674.00	HS Track Uniforms
		\$1,209.60	MS Track Uniforms
3/30/21	Peggy Benziger	\$40.00	HS Musical
3/30/21	Marsha Shoffner	\$25.00	HS Musical
3/30/21	Karrick Family	\$150.00	HS Musical
3/30/21	Premier Optometry	\$150.00	Musical Awards

3. **Approval of Special Cost Center:** Board approval of the following Special Cost Center:

SCC 2021 - Summer 2021 Food Program

4. **Appropriation modifications:**

- Fund 006 Increase appropriations by \$70,000.
- Fund 516 decrease appropriations by \$2,614.91
- Fund 572 increase appropriations by \$11,222.35.
- Fund 587 decrease appropriations by \$16.32.
- Fund 590 increase appropriations by \$86.75
- Fund 599 increase appropriations by \$66.91.

Discussion: None

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

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Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

Res. 036-21 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution - National Volunteer Appreciation Week Board Resolution:** The board would like to show our appreciation for our many hard working volunteers within the River Valley Local School District, and would like to approve the resolution below:

WHEREAS, the week of April 18-24, 2021 is designated as National Volunteer -Appreciation Week, and;

WHEREAS, The River Valley Local Board of Education recognizes and acknowledges on behalf of the board and staff the many contributions of our volunteers who so willingly give of their time, talent, and energies for the betterment of our children and the River Valley Schools, and;

WHEREAS, it is important that the community, parents, and students are made aware of the feelings of gratitude, appreciation and commendation that the River Valley Board of Education has for its volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of April 18-24, 2021 is officially recognized as Volunteer Appreciation Week in the River Valley Local School District.

- b. **Resolution: National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Board Resolution:** Board approval of the following resolution to recognize staff and celebrate "National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week" in the River Valley School District the week of May 3-7, 2021.

WHEREAS, the week of May 3-7, 2021 has been designated as National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week" and;

WHEREAS, the River Valley Local School Board of Education recognizes the extremely important and most worthwhile job that the staff of our district are engaged in on a daily basis, and;

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WHEREAS, it is important that the community, parents, and students are made aware of the feelings of gratitude, appreciation, and commendation that the River Valley Board of Education has for its staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of May 3-7, 2021 be specifically designated as Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in the River Valley Local School District.

- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and META Solutions:** Board approval to enter into an agreement between RVLSD and META for fiscal service fees and software as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and META:** Board approval to enter into an agreement for electric services with META from July 2022 and June 2027, as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Mathews Family of Dealerships:** Board approval to enter into an agreement with Mathews Family of Dealerships to accept a donation for the project of refinishing the River Valley High School Gymnasium floor from June 1, 2021 through June 1, 2029, as presented in your background materials.
- f. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and The Fair School Funding Plan:** Board approval to endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as contained in House Bill 1, and to encourage the 134th General Assembly to expedite the passage of the bill, as presented in your background materials.
- g. **Resolution: Third Grade Paper Pencil Testing:** Board approval to adopt a resolution to administer third grade testing in paper format, as presented in your background materials.
- h. **Resolution: River Valley Extended Learning Plan:** Board approval to adopt a resolution to assist River Valley Local Schools identify students who have been most impacted by the pandemic in terms of their learning progress, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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Certificated Personnel:

Res. 037-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Meyghan Crates as a long term Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) substitute for Heritage Elementary School, effective April 5, 2021 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification, per information in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ JoAnne Rollison as an ELL translator, as a contracted service on an as needed basis, effective March 31, 2021 through March 30, 2022, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- c. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Dawn Bell, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective August 15, 2021, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, from Toni Evans, HS Science Teacher, effective August 15, 2021, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Certificated Personnel - Non-Renewal of Limited Contracts:** Board approval to non-renew the following limited contracts effective July 1, 2021.

Title 1 Tutors & Small Group Instructors:

Rosina Conchel – Title I Tutor

Joyce Hughes – Title I Tutor

Beth Simon - Title I Tutor

Wesley Rengert – Title I Tutor

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

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

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President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Classified Personnel:

Res. 038-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

a. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Brittany Doebling as an ELL Tutor for elementary students as presented in your background materials, from April 6, 2021 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.

b. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval to employ the following people as a substitute nurse, on an as needed basis, for the 2020-2021 school year, with River Valley Local Schools, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification, per information in your background materials.

Jamie Robertson
Holly Shumaker

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals:

Res. 039-21 Mrs. Richards 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 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon completion

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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:**

Josh Gast - High School Golf Varsity Head Coach

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

River Valley Local Schools School Age Child Care Program (SACC):

Res. 040-21 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following information:

- a. **SACC Staff – Non-Renewal:** Board approval to non-renew the following SACC Staff at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Darlene Kaiser
Dana Kozan

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

River Valley Local Schools Daycare Program

Res. 041-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

- a. **Daycare Staff – Non-Renewal:** Board approval to non-renew the following Daycare staff at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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Abigail Crabtree
Maria Crawford-Fierbaugh – Daycare Lead Teacher
Karissa Osborne
Judy Shawver

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Students:

Res. 041-21 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Student Accident Insurance for the 2021-22 School Year**: Board approval to contract with the Student Protective Agency (formerly Griffin Insurance), for student accident insurance for the 2021-22 school year per the terms and conditions of the contract, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board Policies:

Res. 042-21 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following policies:

- a. **Board Policy Revision - Second Reading And/Or Approval of Recommended Revised Board Policies**: Board 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

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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
EB - Safety Program
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: Richards, Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Rengert
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

Res. 043-21 Mrs. Richards moved at 7:27pm to enter into executive session for the purpose of:

_____ moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of:

d. **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: Richards, Beineke, Glenn-Short, Stump, Rengert

Nays:

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Board reconvened in Regular Session:

Res. 044-21 Mr. Stump moved to reconvene in Regular Session at 8:13 pm and upon roll call vote the following members were present: Colonel Beineke, Mrs. Glenn-Short, Mr. Stump and Mr. Rengert.

Adjourn - Thank you for coming.

Res. 045-21 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:13 pm.

Discussion: None

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