

RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
(LMC)

January 9, 2020
6:00 PM

MINUTES

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING 5:30 p.m.

Cathryn Zimmer, Treasurer, presented the 2020-2021 tax budget

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order

President Pro Temp Mr. Brent Gorenflo, called the organizational meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

Swearing In Of Newly Appointed Board Member:

The Treasurer Administered the Oath of Office for the Newly Appointed Board Members, Don Rengert and Staci Glenn-Short, as follows:

“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as members of the Board of Education of the River Valley Local School District, Marion County, Ohio, to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office, and until your successor is elected and qualified?”

Mr. Don Rengert and Mrs. Staci Glenn-Short answered “I do.”

Roll Call

Mrs. Zimmer called roll call with the following members present: Nancy Richards, Staci Glenn-Short, Don Rengert, Brent Gorenflo and Robert Stump.

Election of Board of Education President and Vice President

Board President

Mr. Stump nominated Mr. Gorenflo as River Valley Board President for 2020.

Res. 001-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert, to close nominations for Board President for 2020.

Discussion: None

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Vote: Ayes: Stump, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo
Nays: Richards
President Pro Temp Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Newly elected president, Brent Gorenflo, continued presiding over the meeting.

Board Vice President

Nancy Richards nominated Don Rengert as Board Vice President for 2020

Res. 002-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to close nominations for Board Vice President for 2020.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo
Nays:
President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 003-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve adoption of the agenda as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo
Nays:
President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 004-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve adoption of the minutes for:

December 12, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting and December 19, 2019 Special Board meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo
Nays:
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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Board President welcomed all those in attendance

Regular Session Meetings

Res. 005-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to establish the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as the time for the Board of Education regular board meetings. The location will be at the River Valley High School media center unless otherwise advertised.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Organizational Items/ Procedures

Establish Board Service Fund

Res. 006-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3315.15 provides for setting aside from the general fund a sum not to exceed \$2.00 per child or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater, as the "service fund"; and

WHEREAS, this money shall be used only in paying members of the Board of Education expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the October enrollment for 2019 was 1,959.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the River Valley Local School District hereby establishes a service fund to be set aside as an amount within the general fund. The amount established and appropriated will not exceed \$20,000, which shall be incorporated in the appropriations of the District for FY 21.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

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Resolution adopting Standing Authorizations for the Treasurer

Res. 007-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following standing authorizations for the Treasurer for the Calendar Year 2020 as follows:

Authorization for Advances on Tax Settlements: Authorization for treasurer to request advance draws from county auditor on River Valley tax settlement as money becomes available.

Authorization for Investment of Interim and Inactive Funds: Authorization for the treasurer to invest interim funds as money becomes available in accordance with the district investment policy.

Authorization for Appropriation Modifications: The treasurer is hereby authorized to make appropriation modifications between fund accounts with these modifications being reported to the Board of Education for approval.

Authorization for Payment of Bills and Payroll: The treasurer is authorized to pay all bills and payrolls within the limit of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when merchandise has been certified as received in good condition by the Superintendent or his designee.

Authorization To Pay Stipends: Authorization for the treasurer to pay stipends to staff and community members when authorized by grant applications, i.e., Local Professional Development Committee, Schoolnet, etc.

Authorization for Advancement of Funds: The treasurer is authorized to advance monies from the General Fund to other funds in anticipation of future receipts. When the anticipated money has been received, the advance will be returned to the General Fund.

Authorization For Establishment Of Bank Accounts: The treasurer is hereby authorized to establish the necessary banking account he/she sees necessary to properly account for district funds providing that said accounts are within the limits established in the depository contracts with the banking institutions.

Authorization for Signatures on Check: The treasurer is hereby authorized to sign all checks drawn on bank accounts of the school district as provided for in Section 3313.08 O.R.C.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

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Resolution Adopting Standing Authorizations for the Superintendent:

Res. 008-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following standing authorizations for the Superintendent for the Calendar Year 2020 as follows:

Appointment Of Purchasing Agent/Business Manager: Appointment of the Superintendent as the purchasing agent/business manager for Calendar Year 2020.

Authorization for Emergency Employment/Substitute Compensation: Authorization of Superintendent to employ individuals and establish the rate of substitute compensation in emergency situations. Such employment(s) to be submitted for approval by the Board at the next meeting following the emergency.

Authorization for Superintendent to Hire Staff between Board Meetings:

Authorization for the Superintendent to employ individuals between board meetings as follows:

- a. Authorizes the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers for employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided, however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.
- b. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.
- c. Authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

Authorization For Superintendent to Make Application For State and Federal

Grants: Authorization for the Superintendent to make application for state and federal grants as appropriate for the benefit of the River Valley Local School District during Calendar Year 2020.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

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Special/Subcommittee Assignments Of Board Members: General discussion of Board members' desires and wishes for serving in the following special assignments or subcommittees for 2020.

1. **Special Assignments:**
 - a. OSBA Legislative Liaison – Brent Gorenflo
 - b. OSBA Student Achievement Liaison – Don Rengert

2. **Subcommittee Assignments:**
 - a. Finance Subcommittee – Staci Glenn-Short and Brent Gorenflo
 - b. Policy Subcommittee – Nancy Richards and Staci Glenn-Short
 - c. Extracurricular Subcommittee – Don Rengert and Brent Gorenflo
 - d. Technology Subcommittee – Don Rengert and Nancy Richards

3. **Other:**
 - a. Employees Benefits Committee – Nancy Richards and Bob Stump
 - b. Negotiations RVTA Team – Nancy Richards
 - c. Negotiations RVEA Team – Brent Gorenflo and Bob Stump

Re-adoption of Board Goals:

Res. 009-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, for the board to re-adopt and extend the following five (5) proposed goals for the balance of this year and for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. To promote continuous educational improvement through the implementation and monitoring of our district and buildings Continuous Improvement Plans (CIP).
2. To foster student learning and success through, but not limited to, the achievement of the Ohio Department of Education's criteria that are used for district and building report cards.
3. To increase the involvement of parents and community members in educational activities in order to build understanding and support of our children and reinforce the value of education.
4. To continue efforts in staff development and professional growth especially as it pertains to the accomplishment of district/building plans and goals.
5. To continue to support the integration of technology and emerging technologies into the curriculum and teaching /learning process for students and staff.

Discussion: Board asked Mr. Wickham if he felt anything needed to be changed, he indicated that he would review them and if he felt a change is needed, he would inform the Board.

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Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Superintendent Shares Oral/Written Correspondence/Communications

Mr. Wickham talked about the EdChoice voucher program and how the law changes are affecting public education. Before the change in the law there was approximately 120 buildings where students were eligible for the EdChoice program, now there are 1200 buildings. The impact has the potential to affect River Valley as we have one building that has been added to the program.

Mr. Wickham also updated the Board on the Ohio Governor's letter that stated he has every intention to continue the wrap around funds for social and emotional services within schools.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates:

Mr. Dutt updated the Board regarding the 6 students that are taking part in the Leadership program along with students' from Pleasant and Marion City schools. Also, updates were given on Show Choir and athletics.

Mr. Stephens updated the Board regarding the winter concerts for Band, Orchestra and Choir.

Mr. Gliebe let the Board know that over 300 students received OSUM Bucks to use towards College. The Snow Trails reward days are coming and 390 students will be participating. The District's eSchool app is rolling out.

Mrs. Comstock informed the Board that Kindergarten registration is open and they had 60 students signed up in 2 days. The screening will take place on May 7th and May 8, 2020.

Mrs. Richards had 6 new students enroll in since January 6th, 2020.

River Valley FFA: The FFA Officers Team and Karen Seckel presented 2 videos that show the before and during of the FFA National convention. The Officers informed the Board that going to the convention lets them gather with 65,000 other students from around the world. They have break out session which allows them to work with individuals from around the world. The FFA Officers Team would like to thank the Board for their support the opportunity to go to the convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Treasurer's Report:

Res. 010-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following financial information

1. **Tax Budget:** Approving the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Tax Budget (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.28 requires each school district to approve the tax budget for the next fiscal year, by January 15, and that the tax budget be filed with the County Auditor no later than January 20. The tax budget is a preliminary estimate of the school district's operating revenues and disbursements. The purpose of the tax budget is to demonstrate the district's need for existing inside and outside millages to the County Budget Commission. The tax budget projects the need for our operating levies. A public hearing, as required by Ohio Revised Code, was held on January 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm prior to the 2020 organizational/regular board meeting.

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the tax budget for Fiscal Year 2021 be approved by the Board of Education, as presented.

2. **Acceptance of Financial Reports:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of December, 2019:

Cash Financial Summary
 Appropriation Summary
 Revenue Summary

3. **Acceptance of Donations:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
12/3/19	Whirlpool Corp	\$1000.00	HS Ind Tech
12/4/19	Uish	\$ 100.00	Boys & Girls Track
12/6/19	Memorial UMC	\$ 100.00	FFA
12/6/19	Schram	\$ 100.00	FFA
12/10/19	G Schram	\$ 60.00	LES Fees
12/13/19	Schram Family	\$ 100.00	LES Fees
12/16/19	Knox County	\$ 150.00	Science Club
12/21/19	FOP Lodge #24	\$ 269.71	LES & HES negative cafe. accounts

Discussion: None

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Nays:
President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Superintendent Reports / Recommendations:

Res. 011-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following resolutions:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution - Proclamation School Board Recognition Month:** Superintendent announces OSBA's/RV's designation of January, 2020 as "School Board Recognition Month" and distributes a Certificate of Appreciation for each Board member and asks the Board to approve the following Proclamation/Resolution at this time. Further, all River Valley citizens are encouraged to publicly and privately thank our school board members for serving this community and for their dedicated service to our children.

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the River Valley School District to provide all students with the best possible education;

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communication loop with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Adam K. Wickham, Superintendent of the River Valley Schools, on behalf of staff, students, parents and community, and in concert with the Ohio School Boards' Association, does hereby proclaim January 2020 as School Board Recognition Month in the River Valley School District.

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- b. **Resolution: Ohio School Board Association Membership**: Board approval to join Ohio School Boards Association for CY 2020 at a total cost of \$5,658 which includes electronic subscriptions to OSBA Briefcase and School Management News.
- c. **Resolution: OSBA Legal Assistance Fund**: Board approval of the following resolution:
- WHEREAS, the River Valley Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,
- WHEREAS, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,
- THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to join the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2020 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.
- d. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Tri-Rivers Career Center for Clinical Nursing Services**: Board approval to enter into an agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Tri-Rivers Career Center to provide clinical experiences for students enrolled in Tri-Rivers who are seeking education as a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Registered Nurse.
- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and erate911**: Board approval to enter into an agreement with erate911 for consultant services through the end of the 2020-2021 funding year.
- f. **Resolution: Opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program**: Board approval to oppose the State of Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship Program. This resolution will be sent to the Ohio State legislatures, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Governor of the State of Ohio.
- g. **Resolution: Recognition and Recommendation on Indoor Track**: Board approval to recognize Indoor Track, for the 2019-2020 school year, as a sport at River Valley Local Schools.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Executive Session:

Res. 012-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump at 6:48 pm to enter into executive session for the following purpose of:

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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, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo
Nays:
President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Board Reconvened in Regular Session:

The Board reconvened in Regular session at 7:55 p.m. and upon roll call vote the following members were present: Robert Stump, Brent Gorenflo, Nancy Richards, Don Rengert, and Staci Glenn-Short.

Certificated Personnel:

Res. 013-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel – Contract Adjustment:** Board approval to adjust the contract hours for Dawn Bell, to accommodate need as required by law, effective January 6, 2020. Adjusted contract hours will be part time, 18 hours per week, subject to change based on needs and accommodations. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification or employment.
- b. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of the updated Substitute Teacher List as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo (Mr. Gorenflo abstained regarding Dawn Bell)
Nays:
President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Classified Personnel:

Res. 014-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Andrew Byrd, as a Bus Driver for River Valley Local Schools, for the remainder of the 2019-2020

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school year, effective January 24, 2020, Step 1, contingent upon completion of the necessary requirements for certification/licensure.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Administration Personnel:

Res. 015-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

Board approval for superintendent recommendation to adjust the proposed step adjustments to the Administration contracts as recommended.

Mel Comstock - Step 4 to Step 7 (Retro to beginning of school year)
Sandy Richards - Step 4 to Step 7 (Retro to beginning of school year)
Mike Davis – Step 1 to Step 2 (Retro to beginning of school year)
Barry Dutt – Step 6 to Step 7 (Retro to beginning of school year)
Nancy Talley – Reinstate contract to 238 days
Adam Wickham – Step 3 to Step 6 (Retro to beginning of contract)

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 016-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to adjourn the regular meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:08 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Richards, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

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Attest