

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

**DECEMBER 10, 2020  
MINUTES  
6:00 PM**

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 and Colonel Beineke.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**Res. 145-20** Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented and the minutes for the November 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

President Rengert welcomes all visitors.

Mr. Chris Dodds: questioned whether the District was using any specific benchmarks when making decisions regarding switching between learning models and whether the Board planned to meet again before allowing students to return to hybrid learning in January. Mr. Wickham and the Board responded that there aren't specific benchmarks, but overall concern of COVID-19 in our District specifically is of most concern when making decisions regarding what learning model we will be in. The county statistics are considered as well, but don't necessarily directly impact whether we are experiencing school spread or need to change learning models. The Board does plan to discuss the COVID-19 situation at the January organizational meeting, which is before students are anticipated to return to hybrid learning on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

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

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Mr. Wickham presented the Board with information regarding the District's COVID-19 Dashboard, which is available on our District website, as well as updated information regarding contact tracing procedure changes and Ohio Department of Health quarantine guideline changes. Marion Public Health's revised role in contact tracing and recommendations to Marion County Schools due to numbers in Marion County compared with statewide numbers was also shared in his presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Wickham recommended to the Board that the District continue in hybrid the last full week before Christmas break, but then switch to remote learning the two days before Christmas break and the two weeks following. It is anticipated that students will return to a hybrid learning model on January 19, 2021, although these plans are subject to change due to the need of fluidity throughout the COVID-19 situation. Extracurricular activities are expected to continue during this time. At the conclusion of his COVID-19 update, Mr. Wickham updated the Board on the Fair School Funding Plan, which has passed the House, but is waiting for the Senate to take action on the bill. Unfortunately, at this time it does not look like Senate will do so before convening for the holidays.

**River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates:** At this time, we would like to have building principals and our student council representative give the board a brief update.

Melanie Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary. The change to hybrid from all in has helped with the building's traffic issue, but has also resulted in a much quieter building than they are used to this time of year. Heritage was able to raise \$2,400 for Christmas Clearing House during their fundraiser before Thanksgiving and has been trying to get staff and students in the holiday spirit by doing a "12 Days of Christmas" theme throughout the building.

Tad Douce gave updates on the District's technology situation, specifically regarding High School testing, Chromebook repairs, the robotics competitions for Mr. Goodwin's class and streaming of sporting events. Mr. Douce took lead in streaming the football games for the District this fall, but we now have three students who are taking lead on this for all basketball games. This service is being provided at no cost to those who want to watch the games remotely, since we are limited in who can attend athletic events at this time. Mr. Douce and these students are able to use District equipment to prevent the District from incurring any cost in providing the streaming to the public and it is giving these students the opportunity to take leadership and learn how to manage this process.

Barry Dutt discussed that the High School is undergoing testing. Unfortunately, due to a couple calamity days and weather delays they have had to reschedule some of the testing. Staff and students have responded really well considering these last-minute changes and the 1:1 Chromebooks have assisted in getting these students set up for testing quicker and making the process go more smoothly than in year's past. The final day for senior pictures is scheduled the last week before Christmas break and the musical tryouts just occurred.

Don Gliebe presented on behalf of the Middle School. The building currently has approximately 24% of its population doing remote learning, which is up 8% compared to the numbers shared at last month's meeting. An eighth-grade teacher was awarded a grant through Marion Community Foundation, which will be used to purchase textbooks for a project that students in that classroom are working on. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class concluded their project for "heroes" in reference to Veterans Day. This year the last part of the project for these students was to design a ceiling tile, which will be put up in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hallway ceiling for four years, until these students graduate. These ceiling tiles will then be distributed to the

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students upon graduation. The intent is that this trend will continue and rotate through 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes for years to come.

Sandy Richards presented on behalf of Liberty Elementary. Mrs. Richards shared that it has been a rough couple of weeks at Liberty due to having staff out with COVID-19 themselves or needing to be quarantined. Fortunately, those staff members who were not well are now able to be back to work and are seemingly doing well. Liberty raised four vehicles full of canned goods for Christmas Clearing House this year before Thanksgiving. Several students are choosing to go remote, including preschool students. At the beginning of the year, the building did not allow preschool students to be remote, however with the increase in numbers and needs for quarantine they have allowed these students to choose to be online through December. Our Family Liaison has been doing home visits and following up with students that are doing remote learning, so that there is constant communication with these students despite them not being physically in the classroom at this time.

Wesley Stephens represented the student population by discussing the change to the hybrid learning model, that the High School will not have any exams this semester, no High School show choir this year and the streaming of winter sports.

Travis Stout presented an update on athletics in the District. Mr. Stout said that the fall sports were able to compete in approximately 90% of the scheduled contests. Unfortunately, winter sports have had to be much more flexible in rescheduling and delaying some events. He also discussed the streaming of sports and how he feels it is a benefit that we are able to provide the public during a difficult time, where otherwise people would be forced to miss out on watching these events. He gave kudos to Mr. Douce and the students stepping up to help with the streaming, because while some companies are offering "free equipment" to use to live stream, they are then turning around and charging a fee to watch the events. River Valley has not had to charge anything to the public and we have been able to use District equipment resulting in no cost to the District or the public.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:**

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 November. November numbers were compared to prior years to give the Board an idea where we are currently compared to prior years. After presenting the financial update, Mrs. Keller discussed the Fair School Funding Plan, Families First Coronavirus Response Act leaves and COVID-related grants that have award end dates at the end of this month.

**Res. 146-20** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

1. **Acceptance of Donations:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
11/12/20	Sue Itterly	\$ 10.00	Cheer

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<b>Rebates Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
11/9/20	Brakebush Brothers	\$ 100.00	Food Service

2. **Acceptance of Financial Records:** Board acknowledgement of receipt of the following financial reports for the month of November 2020:

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

3. **Set Budget Hearing:** Board establishment of the time and place for the budget hearing review of proposed tax budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2021).

Date and Time of 2021 Budget Hearing January 7, 2021

4. **Organizational Meeting:** Board establishment of time and place for the 2021 Organizational Meeting; tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2021 (2021 regular meetings will be set at the organizational meeting).

2021 Organizational Meeting January 7, 2021

5. **Naming of President Pro-Tempore:** Board approval to name a president pro-tempore to oversee the organizational meeting until the President is elected for calendar year 2021.

President Pro-Tempore: Mr. Rengert

6. **Appropriation Modification: Board approval to adjust the following appropriations:**

- Increase fund 510 appropriations by \$82,253.39 due to receiving a subgrant from Claridon Township and the Daycare receiving an additional \$200 grant from OCCRA/ODJFS
- Increase fund 599 appropriations by \$18,371.13
- Increase fund 002 appropriations by \$20,000

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:**

**Resolutions:**

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**Res. 147-20** Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Claridon Township Trustees:** Board approval of the Sub Grant of Coronavirus Relief Aid to River Valley Local Schools, as outlined in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local School (RVLSD) and NFP Corporate Services:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and NFP Corporate Services to provide consulting and brokerage/agent of record services, as outlined in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Certificated Personnel:**

**Res. 148-20** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Matthew Ellerkamp, as a Permanent Substitute at River Valley High School, with regrets and best wishes, effective Wednesday, November 25, 2020, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of Substitute Teacher List for December 2020 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background material.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Classified Personnel:**

**Res. 149-20** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Elizabeth Bowdre on a one year limited contract as a full time Cook, effective January 4, 2021, contingent upon

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completion of any necessary requirements for employment, per the information in your background material.

- b. **Classified Personnel – Substitute**: Board approval of the following as classified substitutes on an as needed basis, for 2020-2021, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification or employment, and per your background materials.

Kacey Feliciano - effective November 24, 2020  
Carol Gleespen  
Jason West

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Board Policies:**

**Res. 150-20** Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to move the following board policy revisions to a second reading:

- a. **Board Policy Revisions– First Reading of Recommended New And/Or Revised Board Policies**: Board approval of first reading of the new and/or revised board policies/regulations, as outlined below, and presented in your background materials. If the board desires to waive the second reading and adopt, you may do so.

Revised policies/regulations  
\*BDC, Executive Sessions  
DM, Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points)  
\*EDE, Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)  
EDE-E, Computer Network Agreement Form  
Revised policies/regulations (requires district customization before adoption)  
DH, Bonded Employees and Officers  
Other (included for informational purposes and do not require adoption)  
\*DJB, Petty Cash Accounts  
\*EDE-R, Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

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President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Students:**

**Res. 151-20** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short 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 High School Wrestling team to the Western Brown Tournament in Mt. Orab, Ohio on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- b. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Wrestling team to the OHSAA Sectional Tournaments in Newark, Ohio on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- c. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Wrestling team to the District Wrestling Tournament, in Wilmington, Ohio on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- d. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Wrestling team to the State Tournament in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- e. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Girls Softball Team for the Ripkin Experience Spring Training in Pigeon Forge, TN, Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, per the information in the background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

**Res. 152-20** Mrs. Richards moved at 7:09 pm to enter into executive session 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

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Board reconvened in Regular Session:**

**Res. 153-20** Mrs. Glenn-Short moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to reconvene in Regular Session at 8:05 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. 154-20** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:05 pm.

Discussion: None

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