

**RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

APRIL 16, 2020

**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 Brent Gorenflo called the regular board meeting of the River Valley Board of Education to order at 6:02 pm with the following members present: Robert Stump, Don Rengert, Nancy Richards, Staci Glenn-Short and Brent Gorenflo.

APPROVAL: Virtual Public Meeting Board Policy and of Board agenda

Res. 043-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve Virtual Public Meeting Board Policy and the agenda as presented.

The Board of Education recognizes that Governor DeWine declared a state of emergency in Ohio by signing Executive Order 2020-01D on March 9, 2020 to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. The Board of Education also recognizes that Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) issued an "Amended Order to Limit and/or Prohibit Mass Gatherings and the Closure of Venues in the State of Ohio" on March 17, 2020, which limits gatherings to ten individuals or less. These two orders, and other orders issued by Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton, make conducting Board Meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act difficult, if not impossible.

The Board further recognizes that the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives approved Am. Sub. H.B. 197 on March 25, 2020, which provides, among other things, emergency relief related to the Open Meetings Act. Notwithstanding any existing Board Policy to the contrary, it shall be the policy of this Board to conduct its meetings in accordance with Am. Sub. H.B. 197 during the State Emergency as follows.

This legislation provides that during the period from March 9, 2020 through the duration of the State Emergency, but not longer than December 1, 2020, the Board may hold and attend meetings and hearings by teleconference, videoconference or any similar electronic technology means. Any resolution or action taken during such meetings has the same effect as if it were taken during an in-person, regular meeting. Board members attending virtual meetings shall be considered present and counted as part of the quorum required to conduct business. In addition, these Board members shall be permitted to vote.

In order to hold a virtual Board meeting, the Board must fulfill the following obligations:

- a. The Board must provide notice of its intent to hold a virtual Board meeting at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting. The Board is suspending public participation at the meeting virtual meetings

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- b. The notice must be specifically provided to the media that have requested notification of meetings, and any party required to be notified of Board meetings.
- c. The notice must be provided using reasonable methods so any person may determine the time, location, and the manner by which the Board meeting will be conducted.
- d. If the Board meeting is convened on an emergency basis, the Board shall immediately notify the media and the parties required to be notified of the meeting.
- e. When the Board holds virtual meetings, it must ensure that the meeting is accessible to the public. Examples that allow accessibility include live-streaming, broadcasting on local radio, television, cable, or public access channels, a teleconference, or other similar electronic technology.
- f. The Board must ensure that the public can observe and hear the discussions of all of its members, whether such members are participating in person or electronically.

Discussion: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 044-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve adoption of the minutes for:

March 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Discussion: None

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

No visitors

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Superintendent Shares Oral / Written Correspondence / Communications:

Mr. Wickham updated the Board regarding the education plans that were developed and given to students. Kindergarten through Grade 2 received physical packets and they were developed for a month. Third grade and up was developed on Google Classroom and is being dispersed in two week intervals. Over all feedback has been positive from our community.

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Food service staff have been coming in along with our other staff, aides, teachers, bus drivers, secretaries, etc. to help prepare and deliver meals. The support and camaraderie has been unbelievable. Meal deliver is turning out upwards of 6,500 breakfasts and lunches per week for a total of 13,000 meals served a week.

Senior class representatives are meeting and talking about graduation and prom. They are trying to work through this and determine when these can be held if at all possible.

Local Schools Building Reports/Updates: No reports this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

Res. 045-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following financial information

1. **Financial Reports:**

Board Approval of the following financial information for the month of March, 2020:

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

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

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
3/4/20	Schram Family	\$ 60.00	LES Princ Acct
3/8/20	Senior Service Ins	\$ 135.00	Boys Track
3/8/20	Cenmac Metalworks	\$ 135.00	Boys Track
3/8/20	Byers	\$ 200.00	Boys Track
3/8/20	Hunter Mercer	\$ 135.00	Boys Track
3/13/20	Marion Industrial	\$ 200.00	Wrestling
3/13/20	Douce Agency	\$ 100.00	Wrestling

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

SCC 2020 - Summer 2020 Food Program

SCC 8001 - COVID-19 Food Service Expense Tracking for possible reimbursement

4. **Appropriation modifications:**

Fund 006 Increase appropriations by \$260,000.

Fund 018 Increased appropriations by \$800 Effective 3/1/20

Fund 022 Increase appropriations by \$500.00 effective 3/1/20

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Discussion: A discussion was had regarding the impact that COVID-19 will have on SACC, Daycare, Athletics, and possibility food service.

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

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

Res. 046-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to approve the following resolutions:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

a. **Resolution: Regarding Superintendent and Treasurer Authority:**

Whereas, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeWine declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D; and

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

Whereas, on March 22, 2020, the Director of Public Health issued a "Stay at Home" Order; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine closed all Ohio schools from March 16, 2020, until at least May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these events, and the transition to distance learning, the Superintendent and Treasurer have been required, and may be required in the near term, to take swift action in response to the pandemic, in order to continue providing instruction and nutrition to students; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy DJ which authorizes approval of certain contracts and purchases using specific procedures and within certain limits.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the River Valley Local Board of Education declares an emergency; ending May 21, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of the Superintendent and Treasurer, and their designees, with respect to the continuation of instruction and nutrition, to date, are ratified [as follows: may want to delineate actions]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent and Treasurer, and their designees, are authorized to take emergency measures, make decisions using their best judgment in these unique circumstances, and to expend funds for

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products and services needed to respond to this emergency, up to \$250,000.

b. Resolution: Regarding Distance Learning:

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has declared a state of emergency in Ohio, and the Governor and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health have closed all Ohio schools to students from March 16, 2020, until at least May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Education have stated that schools should work to provide education through alternative means during the period of extended school closure; and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Ohio House Bill 197, signed into law by Governor DeWine on March 27, 2020, permits a board of education to adopt a plan for distance learning for students during the school shutdown, even if it had not adopted one previously pursuant to Revised Code § 3313.482; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Department of Education guidance indicates that schools may use “blizzard bags” during this extended school closure, beyond the normal three days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Ohio House Bill 197, Section 15, the Board hereby approves the provision of distance learning retroactive to March 16, 2020, and continuing through the period of extended school closure due to COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board ratifies and authorizes the Superintendent’s development and implementation of a plan of distance learning, as set forth in Exhibit A, to enable and require students of the district to access and complete classroom lessons in order to make up hours because of the closing of schools in compliance with orders of the Governor, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, a local board of health, and/or an extension of such an order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

c. 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 19-25, 2020 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;

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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 volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of April 19-25, 2020 is officially recognized as Volunteer Appreciation Week in the River Valley Local School District.

d. **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 4-8, 2020.

WHEREAS, the week of May 4-8, 2020 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;

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 4-8, 2020 be specifically designated as Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in the River Valley Local School District.

e. **Resolution: Agreement Between Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and River Valley Local**

Schools: Board approval to purchase math books for the Middle School and High School with payment split between FY 2021 and 2022. Middle School cost will be \$74,790.43 and the High School cost will be \$45,951.34

Discussion: The Board discussed the amount for resolution “a” and requested an end date which was set as the next Board meeting date of May 21, 2020.

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

Nays:

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

The following resolution will be moved to the next agenda so that the District can make sure we are within the law by offering this. Also Mrs. Tara Klenzman, parent and member of the RV community, spoke to the Board and thanked them for allowing this program for the Middle School. She is asking that it be expanded to the high school and that credit is given to students that participate in the program. This program is at no cost to the District.

Resolution: Released Time High School Credit and Modification: Board approval to modify existing Released Time Religious Instruction policy so that

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River Valley students may take Released Time classes for up to two hours of high school credit during their academic careers, as included in your background materials.

No Executive Session

3. Certificated Personnel:

Res. 047-20 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to grant a two (2) year contract to Travis Stout as the Middle School Dean of Students/7-12 Athletic Director, teacher on assignment with extended days, \$67,726.08 (Year 1 of contract), from August 1, 2020 through July 31 2022, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.
- b. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year contract to Lareese Marston as an Elementary School Counselor at Heritage Elementary School, for the 2020-2021 school year, MA Step 0. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.
- c. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Ginger McDaniels, SACC Coordinator, effective August 15, 2020, with regrets and best wishes.
- d. **Certificated Personnel - Non-Renewal of Limited Contracts:** Board approval to non-renew the following limited contracts effective July 1, 2020.

Title 1 Tutors & Small Group Instructors:

Rosina Conchel – Title I Tutor - \$25.00 per hour
Joyce Hughes – Title I Tutor - \$25.00 per hour
Douglas Laucher - Title I Tutor - \$25.00 per hour
Ginger McDaniels – Title I Tutor - \$25.00 per hour

- e. **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, Glenn-Short, Rengert, Gorenflo
Nays:
President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Res. 048-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

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- f. **Supplementals:** The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to pay in full all spring supplemental and co-curricular contracts during the cessation of all sports, extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Discussion: The Board discussed the impact of full payment of these supplementals and the additional cost to the General fund. Without the spring revenue the General fund will have to cover more cost associated with the athletic fund. The Board agreed to pay the full amount since any other employee with a contract is still getting paid at full pay.

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

4. Classified Personnel:

Res. 049-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Rachel Kimball, effective April 10, 2020, with regrets and best wishes, and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Eline Widman on a 2 year administrative contract as Payroll Specialist, effective May 4, 2020, if available, Step 0, amount per administration pay scale, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.

Discussion: None

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

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

Res. 050-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **SACC Staff – Non-Renewal:** Board approval to non-renew the following SACC Staff at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Valerie Matthews
Paula McBeth
Cindy McClenethan
Karissa Osborne

- b. **Summer SACC Staff – Non-Renewal:** Board approval to non-renew the following Summer SACC Staff employees at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

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Paige Conklin
Abigail Crabtree
Maria Crawford-Fierbaugh
Erica Hyre
Cindy McClenethan
Karissa Osborne
Wesley Rengert
Jillian Russell
Lane Russell
Gage Williams
Madison Williams
Caitlynn Wood

Discussion: Rehire of summer SACC staff will happen when and if the program can operate for the summer.

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

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

6. River Valley Local Schools Daycare Program

Res. 051-20 Mrs. Richards 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 2019-2020 school year.

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

Discussion: None

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

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

7. Students:

Res. 052-20 Mrs. Glenn-Short moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to approve the following information:

- a. **Student Accident Insurance for the 2020-21 School Year:** Board approval to contract with the Student Protective Agency (formerly Griffin Insurance), for student accident insurance for the 2020-21 school year per the terms and conditions of the contract, as presented in your

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background materials.

- b. **Student Athletic Pay to Play Fees:** Board approval to rollover underclassman spring athletic fees unless refunded and refund Seniors and anyone else that requests refunds of spring athletic fees.

Discussion: None

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

8. Board Policies:

Res. 053-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the carry over policy revisions for a third reading at the May 21, 2020 meeting:

- 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

1. *BDC, Executive Sessions
2. BDDG, Minutes
3. GBCB, Staff Conduct
4. GBH, Staff-Student Relations (Also JM)
5. *IJA, Career Advising
6. *JED, Student Absences and Excuses
7. *JEE, Student Attendance Accounting (Missing and Absent Children)
8. *JFCF, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)
9. *JFCF-R, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)
10. JM, Staff-Student Relations (Also GBH)

New

11. *IKFC, Graduation Plans and Students at Risk Of Not Qualifying For A High School Diploma

Other (included for informational purposes and do not require adoption)

12. *IKF, Graduation Requirements
13. *IND/INDA, School Ceremonies and Observances/Patriotic Exercises

Discussion: None

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

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9. Additional Resolution

Res. 054-20 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Resolution: Discussion on Spectrum LED Solutions:** Board discussion on Spectrum LED Solutions and Heritage Elementary School to upgrade and retrofit existing fixtures to LED, per terms and conditions as set forth in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Administrative Pay Scale Proposals:** Board approval to accept the pay scale proposals for the Director of Curriculum and Operations and Director of Educational Technology and Communications as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: The Board discussed the spectrum upgrade and the discount available. The Board felt it we should move forward and use the discount offered.

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

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 054-20 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to adjourn the regular meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:11 p.m.

Discussion: None

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

President Gorenflo declared the motion carried

Board President

Attest