

RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**January 8, 2019
6:00 PM MINUTES**

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING 5:30 p.m.

Cathryn Zimmer, Treasurer, presented the 2019-2020 tax budget

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order

President Pro Temp Mr. Wesley Osborne, called the organizational meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Mrs. Zimmer called roll call with the following members present: Brian Stover, Nancy Richards, Wesley Osborne, Brent Gorenflo and Robert Stump.

Election of Board of Education President and Vice President

Board President

Nancy Richards nominated Wesley Osborne as River Valley Board President for 2019.

Res. 061-19 Mr. Gorenflo moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to close nominations for Board President for 2019.

Vote: Ayes: Gorenflo, Stump, Stover, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Pro Temp Osborne declared the motion carried

Newly elected president, Wesley Osborne, continued presiding over the meeting.

Board Vice President

Nancy Richards nominated Brian Stover as Board Vice President for 2019

Bob Stump nominated Brent Gorenflo as Board Vice President for 2019

Res. 062-19 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mr. Stover, to close nominations for Board Vice President for 2019.

Vote: Ayes: Richards, Stover, Osborne, Gorenflo, and Stump

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Roll Call, by Voice Vote for Vice President of the Board:

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| 1. Wesley Osborne | Voted for Brian Stover |
| 2. Brent Gorenflo | Voted for Brent Gorenflo |
| 3. Nancy Richards | Voted for Brian Stover |
| 4. Brian Stover | Voted for Brian Stover |
| 5. Robert Stump | Voted for Brent Gorenflo |

Mr. Stover was voted Board Vice President for 2019

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 063-19 Mr. Gorenflo moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve adoption of the agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Res. 064-19 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve adoption of the minutes of the December 13, 2018 regular board meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Board President Wesley Osborne welcomed all those in attendance

Regular Session Meetings

Res. 065-19 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stover 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.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

Organizational Items/ Procedures

Establish Board Service Fund

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Res. 066-19 Mr. Stover moved, seconded by Mr. Stump 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 2018 was 2040.

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 19.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Resolution adopting Standing Authorizations for the Treasurer

Res. 067-19 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stover to approve the following standing authorizations for the Treasurer for the Calendar Year 2019 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.

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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.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Resolution Adopting Standing Authorizations for the Superintendent:

Res. 068-19 Mr. Gorenflo moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following standing authorizations for the Superintendent for the Calendar Year 2019 as follows:

Appointment Of Purchasing Agent/Business Manager: Appointment of the Superintendent as the purchasing agent/business manager for 2019.

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

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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 2019.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Parental Contracts - 2019-20 School Year:

Res. 069-19 Mr. Stover moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following motion:

In accordance with the provisions of ORC 3327.01 and the procedures as set forth by the Ohio Department of Education, it is recommended that transportation by school conveyance be declared impractical to the schools listed below and that in lieu of such transportation, the parents or guardians be paid through a Type IV contract an amount per pupil, not to exceed the average state per pupil transportation cost and that amount which is paid to the River Valley Local School District by the Ohio Department of Education.

Delaware Christian School
St. Joseph's School in Galion
Gilead Christian School

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

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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 2019.

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1. **Special Assignments:**

- a. OSBA Legislative Liaison – Brent Gorenflo
- b. OSBA Student Achievement Liaison – Brian Stover

2. **Subcommittee Assignments:**

- a. Finance Subcommittee – Wesley Osborne and Brian Stover
- b. Policy Subcommittee – Nancy Richards and Bob Stump
- c. Tri-Rivers Subcommittee – Bob Haas
- d. Extracurricular Subcommittee – Brent Gorenflo and Wesley Osborne
- e. Technology Subcommittee – Bob Stump and Nancy Richards

Other:

- f. Employees Benefits Committee – Nancy Richards and Brian Stover
- g. River Valley Teacher Association Negotiations Team – Nancy Richards and Wesley Osborne
- h. River Valley Employees' Association Negotiations Team – Brian Stover and Bob Stump

Re-adoption of Board Goals:

Res. 070-19 Mr. Gorenflo moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, for the board to re-adopt and extend the following five (5) proposed goals for the balance of this year and for the 2019-2020 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.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Mr. Peterson gave updates to the Board of Education regarding activities occurring in the district.

Each principal in attendance gave brief updates regarding the activities in their buildings and upcoming events as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 071-19 Mr. Gorenflo moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following resolutions:

The Board adopted the Viking Three Point Club as a River Valley LSD recognized booster to support the River Valley Boys and Girls Basketball programs. Also, the Board will allow Barry Egan 10 days to resign from the Board of the Viking Three Point Club and a new Board member to be assigned so that the Viking Three Point Club will be in compliance with Board policy.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

Res. 072-19 Mr. Stover moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards to approve the following financial information

Tax Budget: Approving the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Tax Budget (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).

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 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm prior to the 2019 organizational/regular board meeting.

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the tax budget for Fiscal Year 2019 be approved by the Board of Education, as presented.

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Wage Adjustment: Board approval of the minimum wage increase as follows:

Cashier	\$ 8.55
Cook	\$ 8.55
Custodian	\$ 9.25
Lawn Maint. & Snow Removal	\$10.25
Secretary	\$ 9.00
Teacher Aide	\$ 8.55

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Superintendent Reports / Recommendations:

Agreements/Resolutions:

Resolution - Proclamation School Board Recognition Month: Superintendent announces OSBA's/RV's designation of January, 2019 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 communications 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;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that James P. Peterson, 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 2019 as School Board Recognition Month in the River Valley School District.

Resolution Determining to Proceed With the Proposition of an Income Tax for River Valley Local Schools:

Res. 073-19 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following Alternative Tax Rate:

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE
PROPOSITION OF AN INCOME TAX
(R.C. Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03)**

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on December 13, 2018 determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of at least \$2,104,054 for the purpose of providing for current operating expenses of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 1.00% per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the River Valley Local School District, Marion and Morrow Counties, Ohio, a majority of the members of the Board concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying an income tax on the school district income of individuals residing in the School District (the "Income Tax"). The Income Tax shall be at the rate of 1.00% per annum, shall be for the purpose of providing for current operating expenses of the School District, and shall take effect on January 1, 2020, and shall be levied for a period of 5 (five) years.

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income of individuals as defined in Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.01(E)(1)(b).

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at the election to be held at the usual voting places within the School District on May 7, 2019.

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Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be as follows:

Shall an annual income tax of 1.00% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by the River Valley Local School District, Marion and Morrow Counties, Ohio for a period of 5 (five) years, beginning January 1, 2020, for the purpose of providing for current operating expenses of the school district?

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Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections of Marion County, Ohio, not later than February, 6, 2019.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

Res. 074-19 Mr. Gorenflo moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following resolutions:

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 Registered Nurse.

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 2019-2020 funding year.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

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Certificated Personnel:

Res. 075-19 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stover to approve the following resolutions:

Certificated Personnel - Employment: Board approval of Hannah Wilson, as a Title I Tutor for 2018-2019, effective December 17, 2018 through May 3, 2019, at \$25.00 per hour, 4 days a week, 6 hours per day, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification or employment.

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

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Classified Personnel:

Res. 076-19 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following resolutions:

Classified Personnel – Resignation: Board approval to accept the resignation of Nancy Lemke, Administrative Assistant, for retirement purposes, effective March 1, 2019, with regrets and best wishes.

Classified Personnel – Employment: Board approval to employ Kimberly Wickersham as a One on One Aide for 2018-2019, step 0, \$11.89 per Hour, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification or employment.

Classified Personnel – Substitute: Board approval of Joseph Wade as a classified substitute for 2018-2019, as needed, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification or employment.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards

Nays:

President Osborne declared the motion carried

Res. 077-19 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Stover to approve the following resolution:

Classified Personnel-Student Worker: Board approval for Noah Eckard to serve as a student worker, to assist Brad Morrow, on an as needed basis, at \$9.00 per hour.

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Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

Students:

Res. 078-19 Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Gorenflo to approve the following resolution:

Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval: Board preliminary and/or Final approval of the annual extended field trip by the High School Softball Team to the Ohio State Campus in Columbus, Ohio from Friday, April 26, 2019 through Saturday, April 27, 2019, per the information in the background materials.

Vote: Ayes: Stover, Gorenflo, Stump, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

Adjourn:

Res. 079-19 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Gorenflo to adjourn the regular meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:11 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Gorenflo, Stump, Stover, Osborne, and Richards
Nays:
President Osborne declared the motion carried

Board President

Attest