

**RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING  
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER (LMC)**

**DECEMBER 9, 2021  
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**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 6:00pm with the following members present: Staci Glenn-Short, Ken Osborne, Cheryl Beineke and Don Rengert.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**Res. 157-21** Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented and the following minutes:

November 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Glenn-Short, Beineke, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mr. Rengert welcomes all visitors.

**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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**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

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

Mr. Wickham presented more information regarding the District's plans to move forward with the Mask to Stay, Test to Play effective January 5, 2021. As of right now, masks will still be required on buses due to the federal mandate in place. Currently, in the state of Ohio, approximately 70.8% of districts are mask optional and 29.2% are mask required.

**River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates:** At this time, we would like to have district administrators and our student council representative provide the board a brief update on each of their respective areas.

Mrs. Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary sharing the Veteran's Day Drive-Thru celebration they had. Heritage has also adopted a few families for the Holiday season, they are collecting for the Christmas Clearing House and the kids are excited for the holiday season and all of the celebrations that go along with it.

Mrs. Richards presented on behalf of Liberty Elementary and shared that she has all of her first semester observations done, which is a huge relief for her and her staff. The holiday cheer in the building is up, they were having "Grinch Day" on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, kids have written letters to Santa and will get handwritten letters back as if Santa wrote them back personally. Liberty has had an influx of new students. Mrs. Richards commented that she feels we are lacking the support of families, so she is working on partnering with Marion Mentors to increase participation, support and involvement between families and the District.

Mr. Davis presented on behalf of the Middle School sharing that the building is also participating in the "12 Days of Christmas" and the kids seem to really be enjoying it. The building is also doing a giving tree for families in need and a food drive. If students participate in the donations (food or gift cards), then they get to put a ticket in a bucket toward getting to pie a teacher in the face. The Middle School Wrestling Invitational was coming up and the winter sports season has started.

Mr. Dutt presented on behalf of the High School sharing that the Family and Consumer Science Class did a food drive for the Christmas Clearing House. The High School also got to have their Veteran's Day Assembly this year. State testing was happening this week, winter sports are off and running and performance season is upon us. FFA fruit was delivered December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kade Ebert, the Student Council Representative, shared that the boys' basketball team plays Pleasant this weekend and that 12/18 the Sounds of the Season will perform.

Mr. Gliebe, the Director of Instruction and Assessment, presented information regarding the District's report card scores and the formatting of a K-12 Gifted Program in accordance with North Central Ohio ESC.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report/Recommendations**

Treasurer, Brittany Keller, shared an update regarding the District's cash balance compared to November 2020, that the five-year forecast for November 2021 has been filed with ODE and calendar year 2022 open enrollment has been completed. The Fair School Funding Plan funding formula should begin implementation in semimonthly foundation reports and payments beginning in January 2022 after multiple delays since the beginning of the biennium, July 1, 2021.

**Res. 158-21** Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

1. **Acceptance of Donations:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
11/9/21	Whetstone General Contracting	\$ 1500.00	HS Wrestling
11/23/21	Cool Kids Resale	\$50.00	HS Cheer

2. **Acceptance of Financial Records:** Board acknowledgement of receipt of the following financial reports for the month of November 2021:

- 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, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022).

Date and Time of 2022 Budget Hearing **January 13, 2022 at 5:30pm**

4. **Organizational Meeting:** Board establishment of time and place for the 2022 Organizational Meeting; tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022 (2022 regular meetings will be set at the organizational meeting).

2022 Organizational Meeting **January 13, 2022 at 6:00pm**

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 the calendar year 2022.

President Pro-Tempore: **Mr. Don Rengert**

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

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Increase fund 300 appropriations by \$24,500

7. **Employee Reimbursement:** Board approval of cell phone reimbursement to be added to Jenny Kitts's administrative contract effective October 11, 2021.

8. **Transfers:**

From: Class of 2024 \$1,939.43

From: Class of 2025 \$391.74

To: Class of 2026 \$2,331.17

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Glenn-Short, Beineke, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations**

**Res. 159-21** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

1. **Resolution:**

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Safehouse Preparatory School:** Board approval to enter into an agreement between River Valley Local School District and Safehouse Preparatory School, for the education of two court placed students, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the North Central Ohio Rehabilitation Center (NCORC):** Board approval of the agreement between RVLSD and the NCORC to provide a Title I Tutor at the Rehabilitation Center for River Valley Students, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. As presented in your background materials.
- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center (NCOESC) and River Valley Local School District (RVLSD) for Braille Services:** Board approval to enter into a contract for 2021-2022 with the NCOESC to provide braille services for River Valley students with vision impairment, effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. As presented in your background materials.

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- d. **Resolution: Agreement Between Park National Bank and River Valley Local School District (RVLSD)**: Board approval of the agreement between Park National Bank and River Valley Local School District for the deposit of public funds, effective December 2, 2021 through December 2, 2026. As presented in your background materials.
- e. **Resolution: 2021-2022 Third Grade Reading Improvement Plan**: Board approval of the 2021-2022 Third Grade Reading Improvement Plan. During the 2021-2022 school year, the River Valley Local Schools will be using Reading Specialists and i-Ready tools and diagnostics at both Liberty Elementary and Heritage Elementary to address reading gaps in the third-grade students. Liberty Elementary will also continue using Title One Reading Tutors as intervention teachers that focus on identified gaps in reading skills.
- f. **Resolution: 2021-2022 Substitute Salary Schedule**: Board approval of the 2021-2022 Substitute Salary Schedule as presented in your background materials.
- g. **Resolution: Emergency Paid Sick Leave Request for RV Staff**: Board approval of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act - Emergency Paid Sick Leave Request, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Glenn-Short, Osborne, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Certificated Personnel**

**Res. 160-21** Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation**: Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Hailey Batross, as a Permanent Substitute at Heritage Elementary School, with regrets and best wishes, effective Thursday, November 28, 2021, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to employ the following individuals as a Permanent Substitute for River Valley Local Schools, on a one year limited contract for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary

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requirements for employment/ certification.

Emiliee McCabe - Heritage Elementary School

- c. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of Substitute Teacher List for December 2021 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background material.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Beineke, Glenn-Short, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Classified Personnel**

**Res. 161-21** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval of the following as classified substitutes on an as needed basis, for 2021-2022, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification or employment, and per your background materials.  
  
Erin Castillo
- b. **Classified Personnel - Continuing Contract:** Board approval to employ Teresa Mitchell on a continuing contract, as a Full Time Cook at River Valley High School, effective November 8, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials. (Previously approved as a two-year contract).
- c. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Jeffrey Williams on a one-year limited contract, as an Educational Aide at River Valley Middle School, effective November 22, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- d. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Jennifer McClenathan on a one-year limited contract, as a 2.5-hour cashier at River Valley Middle School, effective November 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion of necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

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- e. **Classified Personnel – Contract Revision:** Board approval to employ Cindy McClenathan, on a continuing contract as a Custodian at River Valley High School, effective June 7, 2021, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Osborne, Glenn-Short, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Supplementals**

**Res. 162-21** Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke 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 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon completion 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:**  
Laura Carey - Middle School Yearbook Advisor

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Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Beineke, Glenn-Short, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Students**

**Res. 162-21** Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke 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 Archbold Frickers Duals in Defiance, Ohio on Friday, December 17, 2021. As presented in your background materials.
- 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 Nelsonville-York I Tournament in Nelsonville, Ohio on Friday, January 7, 2022. As presented in your background materials.
- 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 Western Brown Wrestling Tournament, in Mt. Orab, Ohio on Friday, January 14, 2022. As presented in your background materials.
- d. **High School Curriculum Guide:** Board approval of the high school curriculum guide changes as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Beineke, Glenn-Short, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session**

**Res. 163-21** Colonel Beineke moved to enter into executive session at 6:54pm for the purpose of:

**In accordance with ORC 121.22G5** – Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Discussion: None



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Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Osborne, Glenn-Short, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board reconvened in Regular Session.

**Res. 164-21** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:57pm and upon roll call vote the following members were present: Mr. Osborne, Mrs. Glenn-Short, Colonel Beineke and Mr. Rengert.

**ADJOURN:** Thank you for coming. The River Valley Board of Education would like to formally thank Mr. Osborne for his service on the River Valley School Board with regret and best wishes in his future endeavors.

Res. 165-21 Mr. Osborne moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:58pm.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Osborne, Glenn-Short, Beineke, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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Board President

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Attest