

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

**JANUARY 13, 2022
5:30 PM
MINUTES**

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

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING - 5:30 p.m.

Brittany Keller, Treasurer, presented the 2022-2023 tax budget.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 6:00 p.m.

President Pro Tempore, Donald Rengert, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led in the pledge of allegiance.

Swearing In Of Newly Appointed Board Members

Treasurer, Britany Keller, administers the Oath of Office to Colonel Beineke and Mr. Stump.

Roll Call

Mrs. Keller called roll call with the following members present: Cheryl Beineke, Staci Glenn-Short, Donald Rengert and Bob Stump.

Election of Board of Education President and Vice President

Colonel Beineke nominated Donald Rengert as River Valley Board President for 2022.

Res. 001-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to close nominations for Board President for 2022.

Discussion: None

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

President Pro Temp Donald Rengert declared the motion carried.

Newly elected president, Donald Rengert, continued presiding over the meeting.

Board Vice President

Donald Rengert nominated Cheryl Beineke as Vice President of the Board for 2022.

Res. 002-22 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to close the nominations for Board Vice President for 2022.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 003-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve adoption of the agenda as presented, except for modification to the third goal listed under item VIII, E.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 004-22 Mrs. Glenn-Short moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve adoption of the minutes for the December 2021 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors

President Donald Rengert welcomes all visitors and gave them the opportunity to speak. No visitors chose to speak.

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.

Regular Session Meetings

Res. 005-22 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to establish the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm as the time for the Board of Education regular board meetings. The location will be at River Valley High School Media Center unless otherwise advertised.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Organizational Items/ Procedures

Establish Board Service Fund:

Res. 006-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short 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 2021 was 1,975.

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 FY23.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Resolution Adopting Standing Authorizations for the Treasurer

Res. 007-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following standing authorizations for the Treasurer for the Calendar Year 2022 as follows:

1. **Authorization for Advances on Tax Settlements**: Authorization for treasurer to request advance draws from the county auditor on River Valley tax settlement as money becomes available.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **Authorization for Expending Public Funds**: The treasurer is hereby authorized to expend public funds to purchase coffee, meals, refreshments or other amenities for professional development/meetings as a means to promote public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity and contentment of all participants.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Resolution Adopting Standing Authorizations for the Superintendent for Calendar Year 2022

Res. 008-22 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following standing authorizations for the Superintendent for the Calendar Year 2022 as follows:

1. **Appointment Of Purchasing Agent/Business Manager:** Appointment of the Superintendent as the purchasing agent/business manager for Calendar Year 2022.
2. **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.
3. **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 record 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.
4. **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 2022.
5. **Authorization for Superintendent to Accept Resignations between Board Meetings:** Authorization for the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session. Such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance. The authorization provided by this Resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by the formal action of this Board.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Special/Subcommittee Assignments Of Board Members: General discussion of Board members' desires and wishes for serving in the following special assignments or subcommittees for 2022.

1. **Special Assignments:**
 - a. OSBA Legislative Liaison- Cheryl Beineke
 - b. OSBA Student Achievement Liaison- Don Rengert
2. **Subcommittee Assignments:**
 - a. Finance Subcommittee- Don Rengert and Staci Glenn-Short
 - b. Policy Subcommittee- Cheryl Beineke and Staci Glenn-Short
 - c. Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee- Bob Stump and Don Rengert

Re-adoption of Board Goals

Res. 009-22 Mr. Rengert 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 2022-2023 school year, with a revision to the third goal as written below:

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 frequency of communication with parents and community members in order to increase involvement in educational activities, 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: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Superintendent Shares Oral/Written Correspondence/Communications

Mr. Wickham presented a Covid-19 update regarding the new quarantine and isolation guidelines from ODH, MPH and the CDC.

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

Mrs. Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary. Mrs. Comstock shared that Heritage had a successful Christmas clearinghouse raising approximately \$1,000. Third grade reading

testing revealed an increase in the number of students that did not pass, which has led to an increase in intervention.

Mrs. Dutt presented on behalf of the High School. Mr. Dutt shared that the high school may be transitioning to a traditional schedule next school year from the current block schedule.

Mr. Douce presented a technology recap of the vast improvements the District has made over the last year and a half. In this time, the District has:

- Gone one-to-one with Chromebooks
- Implemented an inventory and incident management system
- New network
- New website
- Reinstated the Voice of the Valley
- Created brand identity guidelines
- Filed for trademark protection
- Purchased View Boards and TVs for each of the buildings
- Purchased touchscreen Chromebooks
- Installed a network upgrade at the bus garage
- Installed live cameras at the bus garage
- Gone into contract on new copiers

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Res. 010-22 Mrs. Glenn-Short moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following financial information:

1. **Tax Budget:** Approving the 2022-23 Fiscal Year Tax Budget (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.28 requires each school district to approve the tax budget for the next fiscal year, by January 15th, and that the tax budget be filed with the County Auditor no later than January 20th. 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 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm prior to the 2022 organizational/regular board meeting.

It is recommended by the Treasurer that the tax budget for Fiscal Year 2023 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, 2021:

Cash Financial Summary
Appropriation Summary
Revenue Summary

3. **Acceptance of Donations:** Board acceptance of the following donations for December 2021:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
10/31/21	Bethany Crawford	\$ 50.00	HS Cheer
12/20/21	Mathews Ford	\$ 500.00	FFA
12/23/21	Vaughn Industries	\$ 100.00	MS Wrestling

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

Increase Fund 499 by \$9,704.14

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Reports / Recommendations

Res. 011-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following resolutions:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution - Proclamation School Board Recognition Month:** Superintendent announces OSBA's/RV's designation of January, 2022 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 2022 as School Board Recognition Month in the River Valley School District.

- b. **Resolution: Ohio School Board Association Membership:** Board approval to join Ohio School Boards Association for CY 2022 at a total cost of \$5,695 which includes electronic subscriptions to OSBA Briefcase and School Management News, and as presented in your background materials.
- 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 2022 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.
- d. **Resolution: 2021-2022 Substitute Rates:** Board approval of the revised 2021-2022 Substitute Rates as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Resolution: River Valley Local School District Rental Guidelines:** Board approval of the River Valley Local School District Rental Guidelines, as outlined in your background materials.
- f. **Resolution: Agreement between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Perry ProTech:** Board approval of the copier lease agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Perry ProTech. Effective January 1, 2022 for a period of 5 years, as outlined in your background materials.
- g. **Resolution: Club Team Recommendation:**
Board approval to form a River Valley High School Gymnastics Club Sport per the terms and conditions contained in the recommendation letter in your background materials.
- h. **Resolution: Ohio Education Policy Institute Membership:** Board approval to join Ohio Education Policy Institute, as outlined in your background materials.
- i. **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 2022-2023 funding year, and as outlined in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session- Not needed.

Certificated Personnel

Res. 012-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated – Salary Adjustment**: Board approval of a salary adjustment for Anna Rasberry, effective December 20, 2021, who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to employ Jamie Magill as a Kindergarten Permanent Substitute for Liberty Elementary School, on a one year limited contract for the 2021-2022 school year, effective January 5, 2022 as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.
- c. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval**: Board approval of the updated Substitute Teacher List for January 2022 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and as presented in your background material.

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Classified Personnel

Res. 013-22 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Substitute**: Board approval to employ Laura Hoffman as a classified substitute, on an as needed basis, with River Valley Local Schools, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals

Res. 014-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump 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:**

Jessica Bayles - High School Assistant Band Director -

Retroactive to 2020-2021 school year.

Chris Danals - Middle School Wrestling Co-Coach - 50%

Shawn Miracle - Middle School Wrestling Co-Coach - 50%

b. **Supplemental - Volunteer:**

Amanda Willfong - River Valley High School Volunteer Gymnastics Coach

Discussion: None

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

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Students

Res. 015-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump 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 Sectional

Wrestling Tournament in Newark, Ohio on Friday, February 25, 2022 through Saturday, February 26, 2022. 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 District Wrestling Tournament in Wilmington, Ohio on Friday, March 4, 2022 through Saturday, March 5, 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 State Wrestling Tournament in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, March 11, 2022 through Sunday, March 13, 2022. on Friday, January 14, 2022. As presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session- Not Needed.

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 016-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:37 pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board President

Attest