

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

**FEBRUARY 10, 2022
6:00 P.M.
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

OPENING OF MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT:

Board President Donald Rengert called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and led in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 017-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve adoption of the agenda as presented, except moving the oath of office for Benjamin Albright until after building reports, tabling item number six under the Superintendent's Recommendations until the March board meeting and adding the update from the River Valley Baseball for Youth, per the addendum.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 018-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the adoption of the minutes from the January 13, 2022 Regular and Organizational Meeting.

Discussion: None

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Superintendent Shares Oral/Written Correspondence/Communications

Mr. Wickham provided the board with an update on the statewide and district specific COVID-19 data. He also shared information discussed at our District Leadership Team (DLT) meeting in February and the goals of the DLT for the remainder of this school year and next year.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates: At this time, we would like to have building updates and a report from our student representative.

Mrs. Comstock presented on behalf of Heritage Elementary. Heritage has kindergarten registration open for next year and is participating in the backpack blessings. Mrs. Comstock shared that the i-ready data from the first half of this school year has shown that growth is through the roof based on the data being shared by the i-ready consultant.

Mrs. Richards presented on behalf of Liberty Elementary and agreed with Mrs. Comstock that the i-ready data they are seeing so far is amazing. At this point in the year, they should be seeing 50% growth and Liberty is seeing an average of 75% growth in math alone. Liberty created an i-ready challenge at the building called "Viking Sailing to Success" based on the number of completed assessments each week. So far, the students and the staff are loving the competition and working really hard to continue meeting growth goals.

Mr. Dutt provided an update on the High School schedule for next year. The High School will be converting to a traditional schedule next year rather than the current block schedule we have been on for several years. The junior class will be taking the ACT at Dayspring in March, the musical is coming up at the end of February and graduation will be May 27th.

Mr. Gliebe provided the Board with an update on i-ready and how beneficial of a supplemental tool this has been for our District as a whole this year. Mr. Gliebe showed the Board the data from the assessment in the fall and compared it to the assessment given to students after returning from Christmas Break, which showed a great amount of growth K-12.

Mr. Douce presented a technology and communications update to the Board. Mr. Douce shared information regarding the upcoming professional development day for staff and the Securly Home app available to parents. The app is free of charge to district parents and allows the parents to monitor, set limitations, etc. on district provided devices for their student.

Food Service Presentation: At this time, we would like Brent Herdman, Food Service Coordinator, to provide an update to the board regarding the food service department.

Mr. Herdman shared with the Board the various events that the Food Service Department has taken part in so far this school year: Christmas in the Village in Caledonia, Christmas in Cardington and providing a holiday meal to all staff and students with donated products that the department already had on hand. Mr. Herdman shared that his staff has done an amazing job this year and the department wouldn't be where they are, doing what they are doing for our students, staff and community without them. The Food Service Department has added two cashiers and a Food Service Assistant Director this year. Mr. Herdman is working with Mr. Douce on creating a Facebook page for the Lunch Bunch, our summer food program, to try and get the word out there and boost participation in the program. At this time, it has not been announced that free meals for all students will be extended through next school year, so we are anticipating this to end on June 30, 2022, unless we are notified otherwise by the USDA.

River Valley Baseball for Youth Presentation

Mr. Harbolt presented an update to the Board on the River Valley Baseball for Youth Program. Mr. Harbolt shared the financial status of the program, its anticipated revenues and expenditures for the calendar year and enhancements the program is planning to make to the facilities. Mr. Harbolt thanked the River Valley Baseball for Youth Board and the River Valley Local School District Board for its support and dedication to the program over the years.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Treasurer, Brittany Keller, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Benjamin Albright.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Keller presented updates on the District's cash balance compared to January 2020, the Fair School Funding Plan impact on the District's anticipated revenue for the 2021-2022 school year and two commercial properties that the District's legal team found for filing increase valuation complaints on for tax year 2021 with the Board of Revisions.

Res. 019-22 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following financial information:

1. **Acknowledge Receipt:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of January, 2022:
 - A) Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
 - B) Appropriation Summary
 - C) Revenue Summary

2. **Appropriation Modification:** Approve the following appropriation adjustment:

-Fund 499: Increase by \$115,455 due to being awarded the Innovative

Workforce Incentive Program Grant

3. **Return of Advance:** Approve a return of advance of \$50,000 from the general fund to the classroom facilities maintenance fund, pursuant to HB264 repayment.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Albright, Glenn-Short, Beineke
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, Staci Glenn-Short and Benjamin Albright
 - c. Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee- Bob Stump, Don Rengert and Benjamin Albright

Superintendent Reports / Recommendations

Res. 020-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following resolutions:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

a. **Resolution: Membership in OHSAA for the 2022-2023 School Year:**

WHEREAS River Valley Local Schools, 197 Brocklesby Road, Caledonia, Marion County, Ohio has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education ("Board") and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION that River Valley Local Schools hereby voluntarily renews their membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution and Bylaws of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum student-athlete eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the student-athlete eligibility standards as the Board deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws,

Regulations, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and to cooperate fully and timey with the Commissioner's Office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws and Sports Regulations,

and interpretations and rulings rendered by the Commissioner's Office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension of membership, and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and LearnWell:** Board approval of a contract between River Valley Local Schools and LearnWell to serve one of our students for the 2021-2022 school year, as outlined in your background materials.

- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio:** Board approval of an agreement between River Valley Local School District and Educational Service Center of Central Ohio for the American Rescue Plan - Homeless II Funds, as outlined in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session- Not Needed.

Certificated Personnel

Res. 021-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Jamie Magill, Long Term Kindergarten Substitute at Liberty Elementary School, effective February 18, 2022, with regrets and best wishes, and as presented in your background materials.

- b. **Certificated Personnel - Vacation Balance Payout:** Board approval to pay out Barry Dutt's vacation balance due to being contracted for 220 days instead of 260 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

- c. **Certificated – Salary Adjustment:** Board approval of a salary adjustment for Cailey Lower, effective February 9, 2022, who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials.

- d. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of the updated Substitute Teacher List for February 2022 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and as presented in your background material.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals

Res. 022-22 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Personnel – Supplemental:**

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.

Bill Fegley - High School Varsity Assistant Track Coach
Darren Howard - High School Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
Sherry Jenkins - High School Boys Tennis Head Coach
Katie Jividen - High School Varsity Assistant Softball Coach
Todd Kellogg - High School Junior Varsity Baseball Head Coach
Jordon Mally - High School Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
Brad Morrow - High School Junior Varsity Softball Coach
Lori Peterson - Middle School Assistant Track Coach
Phil Shepler - High School Varsity Softball Head Coach
Aric Smith - High School Boys Track Head Coach
Mark Starrs - High School Varsity Assistant Track Coach
Andy Wheeler - High School Girls Track Head Coach
John Wickersham - High School Varsity Baseball Head Coach

- b. **Personnel – Volunteers:** Board approval of the following individuals as volunteers for the 2021-2021 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification.

Kevin Keller - High School Volunteer Track Coach

Maxine Pittman - High School Volunteer Softball Coach
Corey Niese - High School Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
Scott Ruth - High School Volunteer Track Coach

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Daycare – Employment

Res. 023-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to approve the following information:

- a. **Employment:** Board approval to employ Morgan Dutton for the 2021-2022 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification/employment, per the information in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 024-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mrs. Glenn-Short to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:40pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board President

Attest