

**RIVER VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SESSION BOARD MEETING
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Don Rengert called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Keller called roll call and the following members were present: Colonel Beineke Benjamin Albright, Bob Stump and Don Rengert. Mrs. Glenn-Short was absent.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 112-22 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Beineke, Albright, Stump
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Superintendent presentation and board discussion of district-wide safety update and HB99. Mr. Wickham discussed the various layers of safety in our district, weighing safety v. convenience and went into detail regarding the possibility of armed staff.

RECOGNITION OF 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.

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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

Mr. Rengert welcomed all visitors. The following visitors requested to address the board:

Mike Labarge stated that Mr. Wickham's presentation answered most of the questions that he came to the meeting hoping to discuss. Mr. Labarge stated that he feels it is a good thing that he was unaware that the district had armed staff previously. He also feels it is good that we are going to keep the names of potential armed staff private and wants to make sure that there are clear guidelines regarding staff behavior if they are chosen to be armed staff. Understands district's intent with giving access to all rooms, however feels there is really no good answer to this situation as someone may get the "kings to the kingdom." Mr. Labarge feels that security is a big deal in today's world.

Dana Watts stated that she has a son in 8th grade and was thankful that the board invited people to come to the meeting and be able to address the board. Ms. Watts stated that she felt all of her questions were answered during Mr. Wickham's presentation and that everyone has different opinions in these situations, so the best we can do is try to implement this as safely as possible, if we decide to go that route. Ms. Watts shared that she feels more comfortable with the possibility of having armed staff after attending this meeting. One thing Ms. Watts would like for the district to consider is how they plan to conceal/holster weapons on armed staff to make sure they don't fall out or get into the wrong hands.

Melissa Atwell stated that she doesn't know much about guns, but was wondering if the district intended to require armed staff to use a gun with a biometric type lock. Ms. Atwell shared that she has a medical background and feels she can better focus on that in regards to safety and preparedness in our district. Ms. Atwell asked that we have tourniquets available throughout the district and that we provide trainings to students and staff members to prepare us for emergency situations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 113-22 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

A. Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:

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1. Agreements/Resolutions:

- a. **Resolution: Athletic Change Fund:** Board approval of \$500.00 to the Athletic Change Fund the 2022-2023 school year, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Beineke, Albright, Stump, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN: Thank you for coming.

Res. 114-22 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 6:55pm.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Albright, Beineke, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board President

Attest