

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

**October 14, 2024  
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**

**ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Keller called roll call and acknowledgement of receiving and reviewing a copy of tonight's agenda, background material, and any other pertinent information prior to being in attendance, with the following members present: Ben Albright, Colonel Beineke, Don Rengert, Nathan Smith, and Bob Stump.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA**

**Res. 102-24** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve adoption of the agenda as presented without the use of either of the executive sessions.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Res. 103-24** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: None

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

Colonel Beineke abstained due to being absent at the September 12, 2024, board meeting.

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President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**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. 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

- A. Introduction of Visitors
- B. Comments from Visitors

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**  
**Superintendent Shares Oral / Written Correspondence / Communications:**

Mr. Wickham shared updates on the bond projects, including that the roofing project at Heritage is nearly complete with only punch list items such as walking pads remaining, that Liberty's roofing project will begin soon, the HS roofing project masonry is almost completed, the MS masonry for the roofing project is underway and they've already started tearing off some of the shingles, and that the HVAC values and estimates have been received and the custom units will be ordered soon.

Mr. Wickham also shared information regarding the CTE Equipment Grant. American Steele will be building the pre-engineered metal building (PEMB). The project is estimated to start in January or February now that the expansion plans have been finalized.

The Community Eligibility Provision seems to be going well so far, and Mr. Wickham and Mrs. Keller will continue to provide the Board with updates as the year progresses and we compare prior year data to current year data to track the hopeful continued and long-term success of this new program.

**River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates:** At this time, we would like to have building and staff updates.

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Mrs. Comstock provided the Board with an update regarding Heritage Elementary. RIMP and dyslexia notifications have been sent out, iReady testing was happening, there is new legislation for reading requirements, the elementaries have new math curriculum this year, parent teacher conferences are coming up, as well as fall festival, and the PTO will be doing a raffle basket fundraiser to help fund field trips and other activities for the students this year.

Mr. Dutt provided the Board with an update regarding Liberty Elementary. Fall festival will be November 1<sup>st</sup>, Veterans Day assembly will be November 7<sup>th</sup>, the PTO will be hosting a movie night October 17<sup>th</sup>, the third grade Ohio State Tests are underway, and parent teacher conferences are coming up.

Mr. Bower presented the Board with an update regarding River Valley Middle School. The building has implemented team time Tuesdays this year, are continuing PBIS rewards, Veterans Day assembly is coming up, and the monster mash celebration will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Stout presented the Board with an update regarding River Valley High School. The building is focusing on positivity and improving attendance, HS staff will be working the concession stand at the upcoming football game, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol will be coming and doing a safe driving presentation before homecoming. The OhioHealth to discuss future collaboration opportunities with the district went well.

Student Council Representative, Jocelynn Cummins, shared information about the boys' soccer team winning the MOAC, tennis season has come to an end, the students are appreciative of the new communication tools being used this year by administration, first concerts of the season are happening, and senior night for cheer, and football, and band members are coming up. The Tri-M honors society is inducting new members, and October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the pass the torch event with seniors and kindergarteners.

MS/HS Activities Director, Sage Brannon, shared information about league voting coming up, and the boys' soccer team being MOAC champs.

Director of Educational Technology & Communication, Tad Douce, shared information regarding new legislation, SB29, which will take effect October 24<sup>th</sup>. The district has been using Parent Square and Office Vibe this year and both seem to be going well. Office vibe has allowed staff members to send each other "good vibes" and asks weekly questions, which allows for feedback and follow up communication with administrators.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Keller shared information with the board about the semi-annual benefits newsletter going out to staff as the district prepares for open enrollment, which will take place November 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. The process to determine whether a student qualifies for free or reduced school fees has changed this year since we are no longer using the free and reduced forms since we are operating under the CEP program. Parents are now completing a household income survey in final forms. The completion of this form assists the district with determining whether a student/family qualifies based on federal poverty levels. If a student/family does qualify, we are then waiving the student's school fees, and if applicable, reducing their extracurricular fees as well.

**Res. 104-24** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the following information:

**A. Treasurer's Report:**

1. **Acceptance of Financial Reports:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of September 2024:

Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data  
Appropriation Summary  
Revenue Summary

2. **Donations:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
9/18/24	Jams for Jim (Scott Cameron)	\$975.00	Bass for Orchestra
9/18/24	Peak Family	valued at \$2,000.00	Bass for Orchestra

**Rebates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
9/6/24	HR Imaging	\$153.00	LES 018 Fund
9/10/24	Kroger	\$116.41	General Fund
		\$207.02	Class of 2027
9/11/24	HR Imaging	\$499.80	HES 018 Fund
9/18/24	HR Imaging	\$170.15	Athletics
9/19/24	GFS/Meta	\$10,038.16	Food Service
9/20/24	HR Imaging	\$435.20	LES 018 Fund
9/20/24	HR Imaging	\$52.22	MS 018 Fund
9/23/24	OASBO Easy Procure	\$2,698.14	General Fund

3. **Certificated Personnel – Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of Substitute Teacher List for October 2024 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in

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your background material.

4. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Dawn Wickham as the Long-Term Intervention Specialist Substitute for Heritage Elementary School, effective August 26, 2024. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and per the information in your background materials.
5. **Appropriation Modification:** Board approval of the following appropriation modifications:

Increase Fund 599 appropriations by \$800.00

Discussion: Mrs. Keller shared that the appropriation adjustment was needed to spend down the remainder of the USDA Farm to School Grant.

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

Mr. Smith abstained due to his spouse being on the substitute teacher list.

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Superintendent Reports / Recommendations:**

**Executive Session – Not needed**

**Res. 105-24** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the following information:

1. **Agreements/ Resolutions:**
  - a. **Resolution: Agreement of Shared Transportation Services:** Board approval of the Shared Transportation Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Elgin Local Schools, Pleasant Local Schools and Ridgedale Local Schools to provide shared transportation of students to and from events. Effective September 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and as outlined in the background materials.
  - b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the North Central Ohio Educational Center (NCOESC):** Board approval to enter into a Service Agreement for education services with NCOESC for the fiscal year 2025, as presented in your background materials.
  - c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the North Central Ohio Educational Center (NCOESC):** Board approval of the one year

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agreement for the 2024-2025 school year between RVLSD and the NCOESC for Ancillary Services Costs at the North Central Ohio Rehabilitation Center, as presented in your background materials.

- d. **Resolution: Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Cardinal Trucking:** Board approval of the sale of Bus #5 and #10 to Cardinal Trucking for \$5,000.00.
- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local School District and North Central Ohio Education Service Center:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools, North Central Ohio Education Service Center to provide Special Education Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Services for the 2024-25 school year. As outlined in the background materials.
- f. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local School District and North Central Ohio Education Service Center:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools, North Central Ohio Education Service Center and North Central Ohio Rehabilitation Center to collaborate in the operation and management of educational services supported by the Title I-D Grant for the 2024-25 school year. As outlined in the background materials.
- g. **Resolution: 2024-2025 Substitute Salary Schedule:** Board approval of the revised 2024-2025 Substitute Salary Schedule as outlined in the background materials.
- h. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Mays Consulting:** Board approval of the change order with Mays Consulting to increase the cost of contracted services for the roofing scope of work for Capital Improvements. As presented in your background materials.
- i. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local School District and Delta Dental Plan of Ohio, Inc.:** Board approval to enter a contract between River Valley Local School District and Delta Dental Plan of Ohio, Inc., effective for the calendar year 2025, as outlined in agreement in the background materials.
- j. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local School District and VSP Vision Insurance:** Board approval to enter a contract between River Valley Local School District and VSP Vision Insurance, effective for the calendar year 2025, as outlined in agreement in the background materials.

Discussion: None

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

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President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Certificated Personnel**

**Res. 106-24** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Administrative Contract:** Board approval to re-employ Barry Dutt on a one-year limited administrative contract as a retire/rehire Principal at Liberty Elementary School beginning October 1, 2024 and continuing through July 31, 2025, such employment to be at the salary set forth in the administrative salary schedule and subject to such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the written contract documents presented to this Board. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and per the information in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Brea Turner as the Long-Term Music Teacher Substitute for River Valley Elementary Schools, effective August 9, 2024. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification, and per the information in your background materials.
- c. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Sarah Lacher as the Long-Term Substitute Teacher for River Valley Local Schools, effective October 7, 2024. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification, and per the information in your background materials.
- d. **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 2024-2025 school year, as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.

Melanie Holler - River Valley High School

- e. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Debra Tilford, effective October 9, 2024, who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials.
- f. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Tim Chiles, effective October 4, 2024, who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials

Discussion: None

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Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Classified Personnel**

**Res. 107-24** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept the resignation of Marian Segovia as the Support Service Tutor for ELL at River Valley Local Schools. Effective October 9, 2024, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified Personnel - Leave of Absence:** Board approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Mark Mauldin, Bus Driver at River Valley Local Schools, effective October 11, 2024, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Rachel Foster as a Bus Driver for River Valley Local Schools, effective September 26, 2024. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification and as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Shelley Montgomery as an Assistant 3 Hour Cook at River Valley Middle School, effective September 30, 2024. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirement for employment/certification and as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval to employ the following individuals 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.

Mason Snyder - IT Staff Substitute - Effective October 7, 2024-October 18, 2024

- f. **Classified Personnel – Volunteers:** Board approval of Sarah Garrett as a volunteer MicroFarm Technician for the 2024-2025, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment\certification per your background materials.

Discussion: None

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



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President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Supplementals**

**Res. 108-24** Mr. Rengert 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, offered, and accepted such positions,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that coaching positions may be granted to non-licensed individuals for the 2024-2025 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 2023-2024 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:**

Emily Lindsey - High School Softball Coach

Discussion: None

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

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**Students**

**Res. 109-24** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, 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 Art Department on an art tour to Ireland, Scotland and England from approximately Thursday, June 5 through Sunday June 15, 2025, per the information in the background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Board Policies**

**Res. 110-24** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following information:

- a. **First Reading of Recommended New And/Or Revised Board Policies:** Board approval of first reading of the new and/or revised board policies/regulations, as outlined below, and presented in your background materials. If the board desires to waive the second reading and adopt, you may do so.

JEDC - Religious Expression Days - New (Customization)

ACC - Political Commitments - New

EBCE-E - Acknowledgment of Receipt of Auditor of State Fraud - Reporting System  
Information - New Exhibit

EBCE-E-1 - Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers) –  
Remove Exhibits

EBCE-E-2 - Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers) -  
Remove Exhibits

BDDG - Minutes - Revised (Customization)

DJC - Bidding Requirements (Customization)

IGD - Co Curricular and Extracurricular Activities (Customization)

IGDJ - Interscholastic Athletics (Customization)

JECBC - Admission of Students From Non-Chartered or Home Education  
(Customization)

JED - Student Absences and Excuses (Customization)

DM - Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points) - Revised

EBBA - First Aid - Revised

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EBCE - Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers) - Revised  
EBCE-R - Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers) –  
Revised  
EDE - Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety) - Revised  
GCD - Professional Staff Hiring - Revised  
GDC/GDCA/GDD - Support Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies/Hiring - Revised  
IC/ICA - School Year/School Calendar - Revised  
IGAE - Health Education - Revised  
IGAH/IGAI - Family Life Education/Sex Education - Revised  
JEDA - Truancy - Revised  
JHG - Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training

Discussion: The Board discussed that these changes are mostly legislative revisions to existing policies and that the second reading could therefore be waived, and approval and implementation of these policies could move forward with this month's meeting.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session – Not needed**

**DISCUSSION:** Any items of discussion by the Board.

Mr. Rengert reminded the other Board members that they, along with members of the administrative team, will be volunteering to work the concession stand October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN** - Thank you for coming.

**Res. 111-24** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:05pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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Board President

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Attest