

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

**November 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 the following board members acknowledged receiving and reviewing a copy of tonight's agenda, background materials, and any other pertinent information prior to being in attendance, as well as their presence at the meeting: Ben Albright, Colonel Beineke, Don Rengert, and Bob Stump. Nathan Smith was absent.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA**

**Res. 112-24** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke, to approve adoption of the agenda as presented without the use of either of the executive sessions.

Discussion: The Board decided that there was no need for either executive session, so they could be removed from the agenda.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Res. 113-24** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Beineke, Albright, Rengert  
Nays: None

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President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETING:**

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

Mr. Rengert welcomed all visitors. No visitors requested to address the board.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

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

Mr. Wickham shared information regarding levies that were on the ballot in November 2024. New money levies had a low passage rate, while renewals had a higher rate of success. In terms of income tax levies that were on the ballot, traditional income tax levies did better than earned income tax levies. River Valley's current income tax levy is based on earned income.

Mr. Wickham also presented an update on the CEP program where we are seeing participation numbers higher than they have been in years past. The CTE expansion project is at the 60% planning phase, and it is anticipated that the board will see the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the 100% planning phase in December.

**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 with a brief update on each of their respective areas.

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Mr. Dutt presented on behalf of Liberty Elementary. He shared that the building hosted its fall festival on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and its Veterans Day event the week after, as well as Christmas Clearinghouse fundraising. On December 7<sup>th</sup> the Liberty Elementary PTO and Friends of Caledonia will be hosting their annual breakfast with Santa and craft show at Liberty.

Mr. Bower presented on behalf of the Middle School. He shared that the Middle School hosted its annual Veterans Day lunch, the eighth graders visited Tri-Rivers, and that the building would be trying something new this year by having teacher peer observations. Teachers that are interested in observing other teachers can sign up and schedule a time to go in and observe a fellow teacher's classroom instruction methods that they can take back to their own classrooms, respectively.

Mr. Stout presented on behalf of the High School. He shared that the Veterans Day celebration was a great success again this year, that MTC would be meeting with CCP students, juniors were meeting to discuss graduation and next year's coursework, parent teacher conferences will take place November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with over 90 conferences scheduled. Some students in the Allied Health classes will be taking an OhioHealth hospital tour on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Student Council Representative, Jocelyn Cummins, shared that the music department will be hosting tutoring on Tuesdays to help fellow classmates, that students are working on replenishing the sanitary sanctuary locker for students, the NHS induction will be November 26<sup>th</sup>, and the NHS blood drive will be open to the public on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm.

MS/HS Activities Director, Sage Brannon, shared that the MOAC ticket prices are increasing. Non-varsity event adult tickets will be \$6, and students will be \$5. Varsity event adult tickets will be \$8, and students will be \$5. Viking Madness will be Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. One soccer player received All Ohio honors. Molly Thompson received the central district assistant coach of the year. The athletic program also did its annual MOAC exchange with Galion this year.

Director of Instruction and Assessment, Don Gliebe, shared some key overviews from the district's state report card. The district is below the state average spending per pupil but is generally above the state's average in scoring.

Director of Educational Technology & Communication, Tad Douce, provided updates on the district's success with Office Vibe and ParentSquare.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Treasurer's Report:**

Mrs. Keller presented the November five-year forecast to the board and others in attendance. She also shared information regarding the district's insurance open enrollment for calendar year 2025 and

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the 2023-2024 fiscal year audit being underway with the Ohio Auditor of State's office. This audit is the district's annual cash audit. The OCBOA audit for the 2023-2024 school year has already been completed by Julian & Grube.

**Res. 114-24** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the following information:

1. **Presentation of the Five-Year Forecast:** The treasurer will present the five-year forecast for review and discussion. Forecast to be submitted to ODE by November 30, 2024.
2. **Acceptance of Financial Reports:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of October 2024:
  - a. Cash Financial Summary
  - b. Appropriation Summary
  - c. Revenue Summary

3. **Acceptance of Donations:** Board approval of the following donations:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
10/1/24	Mish Muir	\$1572.00	Athletic Building stall value
10/5/24	Lois Huffman	\$30.00	Wrestling
10/9/24	RV 3 Point Club	\$2146.06	Boys Basketball uniforms
10/11/24	Jay Ulsh	\$500.00	Band clarinet value
10/15/24	Peter Youll	\$322.24	Ball cart for MS Volleyball

**Rebates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
10/1/24	Bureau of Workers Comp	\$450.00	General Fund

4. **Acceptance of Five-Year Forecast:** Board approval of the Five-Year Forecast presented by the Treasurer.
5. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of the Substitute Teacher List for November 2024 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background materials.

Discussion: The board thanked Mrs. Keller for the detailed presentation regarding the November forecast. It will be crucial to continue monitoring the Fair School Funding Plan in the next biennium of the state budget and to begin advocating for continued implementation, phase-in, and updates to the base cost calculations.

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Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations**

**Res. 115-24** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke, to approve the following information:

**1. Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and META:** Board approval to enter into an agreement for electric services with META beginning July 2025 not to exceed 5 years, as outlined in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Student Wellness and Success Funds Spending Plan:** Board approval of the 2024-2025 Student Wellness and Success Funds and DPIA spending plan. Student Wellness and Success Funds are used to pay for our school guidance counselors at the High School and Middle School and the Student and Family Support Liaison at Heritage and Liberty Elementary Schools. As presented in your background materials.
- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Omness Design, Inc. and Elford, Inc.:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Omness Design, Inc. and Elford, Inc. for the Career Tech Expansion Project pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) resolution, as outlined in your background materials.
- d. **Resolution: Recommendation of PILOT Resolution:** Board approval of the following PILOT (Payment-in-lieu of transportation) resolution:

***This resolution to declare transportation impractical for certain identified students is presented pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 3327 and the procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Education. The resolution follows careful evaluation of all other available options prior to consideration of impracticality.***

The Superintendent of River Valley Local School District recommends that the board of education adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

**WHEREAS** after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that

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it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected schools(s); and

**WHEREAS** the following factors as identified in Revised Code Section 3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

**WHEREAS** the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code:

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that the River Valley Local School District Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

- e. **Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between River Valley Local School District and the River Valley Teachers Association:** Board approval of the MOU agreement between River Valley Local Schools and the River Valley Teacher's Association for supplemental contract positions. As outlined in your background materials.
- f. **Resolution: Salary Schedule:** Board approval to retroactively approve the wages paid to ticket workers in calendar year 2023 and calendar year 2024 to minimum wage in each year. As outlined in your background materials.
- g. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Kleingers Group:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Kleingers Group for the 15-year Capital Improvement Plan for the district including all school sites, parking lots and driveways. As outlined in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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Nays:

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President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session - Not needed**

**Certificated Personnel**

**Res. 116-24** Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Brea Turner as a Long Term Music Teacher Substitute for River Valley Elementary Schools. Effective August 9, 2024, 43% teaching contract. 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 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.

Lindsey Cox - River Valley Middle School

- c. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for John Wickersham, effective October 25, 2024, who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Classified Personnel**

**Res. 117-24** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval to employ Jeffrey Jordan as a classified substitute bus aide, on an as-needed basis, with River Valley Local Schools, effective October 14, 2024. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for

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employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

- b. **Classified Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to employ Jeffrey Jordan as a Bus Driver for River Valley Local Schools, effective October 21, 2024. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification and as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Classified Personnel - Employment**: Board approval to employ Lupe Geyer as an ELL Tutor for students at Heritage Elementary School, on an as needed basis as presented in your background materials, for the 2024-2025 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.
- d. **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.

Melissa Caldwell - Substitute Custodian

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Supplementals**

**Res. 118-24** Mr. Stump 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 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual(s) listed are employed for the 2024-2025 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:**

Ethan Bell - River Valley High School Freshman Boys Basketball Coach  
Scott Crawford - River Valley High School Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach  
Chris Danals - River Valley Middle School Head Wrestling Co-Coach  
Ryan Daum - River Valley Middle School 7th Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach  
Chuck Deem - River Valley High School Head Swim Coach  
Jonathan Edwards - River Valley High School Varsity Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach  
Cooper Graham - River Valley High School Junior Varsity Boys Wrestling Coach  
Jeremy Lavery - River Valley Middle School 8th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach  
Josh Loyer - River Valley High School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach  
Cheryl Manning - River Valley High School Varsity Bowling Coach  
Rob Manning - River Valley High School Junior Varsity Bowling Coach  
Ed McCants - River Valley Middle School 8th Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach  
Lila Mencer - River Valley High School Assistant Girls Wrestling Co-Coach  
Kyle Miracle - River Valley Middle School Head Wrestling Co-Coach  
Logan Miracle - River Valley Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach  
Rich Mulvaine - River Valley High School Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach  
Emma Nutbrown - River Valley High School Varsity Assistant Girls Wrestling Co-Coach  
Jason Nutbrown - River Valley High School Varsity Girls Head Wrestling Coach  
Marshall Schoenberger - Heritage Elementary Technology Champion  
Mike Smith - River Valley Middle School 7th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach  
Madison Staton - River Valley High School Freshman Girls Basketball Coach  
Joe Ward - River Valley High School Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach  
John Wickersham - Middle School Winter Facilities Manager

**b. Supplemental - Volunteers:**

Matt Axline - River Valley Middle School Volunteer 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach  
Ricky Beechum - River Valley Middle School Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach  
Emma Harvey - River Valley Middle School Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach  
Justin Levois - River Valley High School Volunteer Assistant Swim Coach  
Jarrid Miracle - River Valley Middle School Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach  
Drew Sickmiller - River Valley High School Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach  
Nathan Smith - River Valley Middle School Volunteer 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

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Brian Spires - River Valley High School Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

Discussion: None

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Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session - Not needed**

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

The Board discussed that the River Valley Athletic Boosters would like to begin their fundraising campaign to buy equipment and finish the portion of the high school expansion that will be used as dedicated weight room space. The pre-engineered metal building will primarily be used for the CTE expansion paid for through the CTE Equipment grant, however approximately 3,900 square feet of the expansion will be dedicated for a weight room and future possibilities of expanding the healthcare pathway to include exercise science.

**ADJOURN** - Thank you for coming.

**Res. 119-24** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert, to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:05pm.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.