

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

Mr. Rengert called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mrs. Keller called roll call with the following members present: Mr. Albright, Mr. Rengert and Mr. Stump. Colonel Beineke and Mr. Smith were absent. Board members present at the meeting acknowledged receiving and reviewing a copy of the board meeting agenda, background material, and any other pertinent information prior to being in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA**

**Res. 061-25** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve adoption of the agenda as presented, except for the removal of the first executive session.

Discussion: Mr. Rengert shared that the Board would not need the first executive session, but that they would be using the second executive session. The Board will not be taking any action at the conclusion of executive session once they are reconvened into regular session.

Vote:    Ayes: Stump, Albright, Rengert  
          Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Res. 062-25** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve adoption of the minutes from the May 8, 2025, Regular Session Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote:    Ayes: Rengert, Albright, Stump  
          Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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**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

Dianna Collins requested to address the board regarding who owns the old school buildings on State Route 98 and why the buildings have not yet been demolished. The Board shared that the district no longer owns the land or the buildings at it is at the discretion of the new owners whether the buildings are to be demolished or not.

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

Mr. Wickham provided the Board with an update regarding installing seatbelts on 12 of the district's buses using Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) funds. We are not projected to need to use local taxpayer dollars to fund this initiative. On the agenda there is a cell phone policy, which the board will need to adopt to be ahead of the required deadline. We have the substantial completion certificate for the elementary roofing project, and we should receive the high school/middle school substantial completion within 1-2 weeks. The HVAC project will be taking place this summer with the RTUs and controls replacements taking place at Heritage and Liberty mid-June and the chiller at the middle school following soon after. The district is getting the district office, concession building, complex building, and ticket booth roofs replaced through an insurance claim following storm damage that occurred in April. The press box siding is also being replaced through the same claim.

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

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Heritage Elementary School Principal, Melanie Comstock, shared that the summer program through Boys and Girls Club at Heritage is full and seems to be going very well. The District was able to provide a 50% discount on tuition with Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid state funds, which has proven to be a great benefit to our families and likely assisted with the successful enrollment.

Middle School Principal, Tom Bower, shared that the building is wrapping up summer school, reviewing data from the 24-25 school year, and that there are three new teachers on the agenda for the board's approval.

High School Principal, Travis Stout, shared that graduation went well, the high school is doing summer school in person versus at home as it was done in the past and it seems to be a successful change. Mr. Stout also shared that the building is preparing for next year and making adjustments to continue improving.

MS/HS Activities Director, Sage Brannon, shared that we had two students place at the state track meet, Emily Lindsey got central district coach of the year, and the district hosting the D2 track meet went very well with a lot of community members, parents, staff, and students stepping up to help.

Director of Instruction and Assessment, Don Gliebe, testing season will be finalized with third grade reading and high school assessments within the next few weeks. Between Labor Day and this summer the district has provided 12,000 assessments to students.

Director of Educational Technology & Communication, Tad Douce, shared that this is a busy time of year for his department as they prepare for next year. Mr. Douce also shared that he is working on getting the furniture ordered and things ready for the CTE Expansion to be finished. On the agenda is an AI policy that the board needs to approve.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Keller shared that the Treasurer's Office is working through fiscal year-end procedures, keeping a close eye on HB96 and HB335 as we near the end of budget discussions at the state level, and the reasoning behind having the establishment of the capital projects fund and transfers on the agenda.

**Res. 063-25** Mr. Rengert approved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the following information:

#### **A. Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:**

1. **Acknowledge Receipt:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of May, 2025:
  - a. Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
  - b. Appropriation Summary

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c. Revenue Summary

**2. Acceptance of Donations:**

**Donations:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
4/2/25	Premier Optometry	\$100.00	2025 Musical
4/11/25	Ludus LLC Musical	\$47.75	2025 Musical
4/23/25	Create Healthy Communities	\$15,000.00	Food Service Grant
4/23/25	American Legion	\$1,000.00	MS Speaker
5/19/25	American Legion 162	\$1,000.00	Golf Team

**Rebates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
5/14/25	Box Tops	\$45.10	MS
5/28/25	HR Imaging	\$314.11	MS

**3. Resolution: Establishing the Capital Projects Fund and Establishing Termination Benefits Fund:** Board approval of River Valley Local Schools to establish a capital projects fund and authorizing a termination benefits fund as outlined in your background materials.

**4. Approval of temporary appropriations at Fund Level for Fiscal Year 2026:**  
Board approval of the following:

RIVER VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS  
TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FY26

Board Approved at Fund Level on 06/12/2025  
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

**Governmental Fund Types**

General Fund	001	\$	24,582,425.00
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**Special Revenue Funds**

Public School Support	018	\$	40,000.00
Other Grants	019	\$	15,000.00
Classroom Facilities Maint	034	\$	0.00
Student Activities	200	\$	210,000.00
District Managed	300	\$	630,000.00

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Early Childhood	439	\$	40,000.00
Data Communications	451	\$	7,200.00
Vocational Enhancement	461	\$	0.00
Student Wellness and Success	467	\$	0.00
Misc. State Grants	499	\$	0.00
ESSER Funds	507	\$	0.00
21st Century Grant	509	\$	0.00
CRF Funding	510	\$	0.00
IDEA Part B Grant	516	\$	431,018.67
Limited English Proficiency	551	\$	2,400.00
Title I Federal Grant	572	\$	313,418.43
Title IV-A	584	\$	24,638.85
Early Childhood Education	587	\$	10,000.00
Title II-A Federal Grant	590	\$	47,577.25
Misc. Federal Grants	599	\$	0.00
		\$	<u>1,771,253.20</u>

**Debt Service Funds**

Bond Retirement	002	\$	924,700.00
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**Capital Projects Funds**

Permanent Improvement	003	\$	930,000.00
Building Fund	004	\$	91,627.52
Classroom Facilities	010	\$	0.00
Capital Project Fund	070	\$	<u>1,600,000.00</u>
Total			2,621,627.52

**Enterprise Funds**

Food Service	006	\$	2,000,000.00
Uniform School Supplies	009	\$	35,000.00
Daycare Fund	020	\$	75,000.00
District Agency	022	\$	<u>5,000.00</u>

Total			2,115,000.00
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**Agency Funds**

**Trust Funds**

Special Trust	007	\$	2,500.00
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**Internal Service Fund**

Self-Insurance Fund	024	\$	0.00
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<b>TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FY2026</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>32,017,505.72</b>
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**5. Transfers:**

From: Self Insurance Fund 0240000: \$333,926.32  
To: Capital Project Fund: \$333,926.32

From: General Fund 0010000: \$4,060,390.37  
To: District Managed Activities Fund 3009500: \$160,000.00  
To: Capital Project Fund 0700000: \$3,900,000.00  
To: ESSER Fund 5070000: \$390.37

**6. Approval of Final Appropriations at Fund Level for Fiscal Year 2025:**  
Board approval of the following:

Adjustments Made to FY 2025 appropriations:

Fund	Account	Transaction	Amount
001	General Fund	Increase appropriations	4,326,492.00
002	Bond Retirement Permanent	Increase appropriations	1,110.91
003	Improvement	Increase appropriations	113,196.00
018	Public School Support	Increase appropriations	1,300.00
019	Other Grants	Decrease appropriations	(9,000.00)
006	Food Service	Increase appropriations	130,000.00
007	Special Trust	Decrease appropriations	(2,100.00)
022	Playoff	Increase appropriations	15,936.00
200	Student Activities	Increase appropriations	24,650.00
300	District Managed	Decrease appropriations	(100,033.03)
451	Data Communication	Increase appropriations	1,554.68
499	Misc. State Grants	Increase appropriations	8,269.92
551	Title III	Decrease appropriations	(127.94)
070	Capital Project	Increase appropriations	1,400,000.00

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Board Approved at Fund Level on 06/12/2025  
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<b>Governmental Fund Types</b>			Final Appropriations
General Fund	001	\$	27,800,000.00
 <b>Special Revenue Funds</b>			
Public School Support	018	\$	43,000.00
Other Grants	019	\$	6,000.00
Classroom Facilities Maint	034	\$	0.00
Student Activities	200	\$	230,000.00
District Managed	300	\$	515,000.00
Early Childhood	439	\$	34,829.80
Data Communications	451	\$	8,754.68
Vocational Enhancement	461	\$	5,020.92
Student Wellness Success Funds	467	\$	0.00
Misc. State Grants	499	\$	2,278,226.02
ESSER	507	\$	0.00
21st Century Grant	509	\$	0.00
CRF	510	\$	0.00
IDEA Part B Grant	516	\$	456,731.53
Limited English Proficiency	551	\$	2,365.93
Title I Federal Grant	572	\$	393,801.50

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Title IV-A	584	\$	40,324.84
Early Childhood Education	587	\$	10,658.40
Title II-A Federal Grant	590	\$	97,899.33
Misc. Federal Grant	599	\$	<u>1,245.61</u>
Total		\$	4,123,858.56

**Debt Service Funds**

Bond Retirement	002	\$	1,033,000.00
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**Capital Projects Funds**

Permanent Improvement	003	\$	1,450,000.00
Building Fund	004	\$	8,000,000.00
Classroom Facilities	010	\$	-
Capital Project Fund	070	\$	<u>1,400,000.00</u>
Total		\$	10,850,000.00

**Enterprise Funds**

Food Service	006	\$	2,130,000.00
Uniform School Supplies	009	\$	94,500.00
SACC Fund	020	\$	68,532.74
District Agency	022	\$	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total		\$	2,313,032.74

**Agency Funds**

**Trust Funds**

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Special Trust	007	\$	400.00
<b>Internal Service Fund</b>			
Self-Insurance Fund	024	\$	475,805.32
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY2025</b>		<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<b>\$ 46,596,096.62</b>

Discussion: Mrs. Keller referred the board to Appendix A, the district’s capital improvement plan, that was created in March 2023 and is continuously updated, to support the establishment of the capital project fund, as well as the transfer that is on the board agenda from the general fund to the capital project fund. The board members discussed the creation of this plan, how important it is to the district’s long-term planning, and Mrs. Keller and Mr. Wickham commented on the various components of the plan to help the district manage its assets and purchasing rotations of items, such as school buses, over the term of the plan.

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Albright  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Superintendent’s Reports/Recommendations**

**Res. 064-25** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the following information:

**1. Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Specialized Education of Ohio:** Board approval of the Master Services Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and the Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc. that owns and operates the High Road School of Marion County to serve our students for the Summer ESY 2024-2025 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
  
- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Specialized Education of Ohio:** Board approval of the Master Services Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and the Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc. that owns and operates the High Road School of Marion County to serve our students for the Summer ESY 2024-2025 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
  
- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Specialized Education of Ohio:** Board approval of the Master Services Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and the Specialized

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Education of Ohio, Inc., owns and operates the High Road School of Marion County to serve our students for the Summer ESY 2024-2025 school year, as outlined in your background materials.

- d. **Resolution: Service Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Morrow County Seniors on Center:** Board approval of a one-year Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools for the Food Service Department employed by River Valley to assist Seniors on Center with providing their Meals on Wheels Program, effective August 1, 2025, for a period of one year ending July 31, 2026. As outlined in your background materials.
  
- e. **Resolution: Technical Services Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA):** Board approval of a one-year Technical Service Agreement between NWOCA and River Valley Local Schools for the 2025-2026 school year as outlined in your background materials.
  
- f. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the Ohio Attorney General:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and the Ohio Attorney General which oversees the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) regarding the National WebCheck (WebCheck) program as outlined in your background materials.
  
- g. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and EASE Therapy:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and EASE Therapy to provide virtual speech therapy services for the 2025-2026 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
  
- h. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and EASE Therapy: Board** approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and EASE Therapy to provide Speech/Language Pathologist services for the 2025-2026 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
  
- i. **Resolution: Adopting a Online Learning Day Alternative Make-up Plan:** Board approval of the following resolution regarding calamity days and online learning:

WHEREAS, the River Valley Local School board of education desires that students have learning opportunities even when schools are closed for any of the reasons specified in section 3313.482 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, section 3313.482 authorizes a board of education to file an annual plan with the Ohio Department of Education by August 1 of each year to provide online learning opportunities for students in lieu of attendance on such days of closure;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED that the River Valley Local School Board of Education hereby approves the following plan and authorizes its filing with the Ohio Department of Education.

- j. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Elford, Inc.:** Board approval of the resolution change order No. 5 to Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment No. 2 to the CMR Agreement for the Career Tech Expansion Project. As outlined in your background materials.
  
- k. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) And Bonefish Systems, LLC.:** Board approval of the one-year service agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Bonefish Systems, LLC for the Accounts Payable Monitoring Solution as outlined in your background materials.
  
- l. **Resolution: Approval of Seatbelts on Buses:** Board approval of the installation and use of seatbelts on school buses within the district, as outlined in your background materials.

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the District's students are of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes the potential benefits of seat belts in reducing injuries in the event of an accident; and

WHEREAS, current federal and state regulations provide guidance on seat belt requirements for various types of school buses; and

WHEREAS, the board has carefully considered the potential impacts of implementing seat belt requirements on our transportation budget, student capacity, student safety, and operational efficiency.

Resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the installation and use of seat belts on school buses within this district. This process of converting buses will begin with all route buses in June 2025 and over the course of the 2025-26 School Year and continue with converting a select number of trip and spare buses (depending on age and mileage), potentially into the 2026-27 School Year.

It is projected the cost for this conversion will not use any local taxpayer dollars and will be covered by Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) funds.

- m. **Resolution: 2025-2026 Substitute Rates:** Board approval of the 2025-2026 Substitute Rates as outlined in your background materials.

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Discussion: The board removed the Park National Bank agreement from the agenda due to not having enough board members to approve the agreement without a conflict of interest. The agreement will be placed back on the agenda in July.

Vote: Ayes: Albright, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session – Not needed**

**Certificated Personnel**

**Res. 065-25** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Nick Denino, Choir Director at River Valley High School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, with regrets and best wishes, and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Julie White as an ELL Tutor for students at Heritage Elementary School, on an as needed basis as presented in your background materials, for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.
- c. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Dan Arndt as the Long Term Intervention Specialist Substitute for River Valley High School for the 2025-2026 school year. 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 grant a one (1) year limited contract to Brittany Levering, as the Intervention Specialist at Liberty Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- e. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Rachel Osborne, as the Seventh Grade English Language Arts Teacher at River Valley Middle Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- f. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Jessica Houser, as a Sixth Grade Intervention Specialist at River Valley

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Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per the information in your background materials.

- g. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Mariah Bartlett, as the Eighth Grade English Language Arts Teacher at River Valley Middle Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- h. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Ian Keller, as the 6-12 Vocal Music Teacher at River Valley Local Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- i. **Certificated Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Kayla Krawczyk as a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, for 2025-2026, not to exceed 20 hours per week, or usable within the month, contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and/or requirements for certification/ licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
- j. **Certificated Personnel - Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited administrative contract to Autumn Simpson, as the Board Certified Behavior Analyst at River Valley Local Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- k. **Certificated Personnel - Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited administrative contract to Brooke Harman, as the Speech Pathologist at River Valley Local Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.
- l. **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 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.

Angie Bush - River Valley High School  
Melanie Holler - River Valley High School  
Kyle Kaiser - Heritage Elementary School  
McKayle Miller - Liberty Elementary School  
Kathy Schelb - Liberty Elementary School

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m. **Certificated Personnel – Re- Employment:** Board approval to re-employ Joann Kline as a retire/rehire on a one-year limited contract as a Speech Language Pathologist at Liberty Elementary School, for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and/or requirements for certification/licensure and as presented in your background materials.

n. **Certificated Personnel – Re- Employment:** Board approval to re-employ, LaVone Novotny as a retire/rehire on a one (1) year limited contract as a Fifth Grade Math Teacher at Liberty Elementary School, for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and/or requirements for certification/licensure and as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Albright, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Classified Personnel**

**Res. 066-25** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Resignation:** Board approval to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Deb Croft, Bus Driver at River Valley Local Schools, effective August 1, 2025, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified - Leave of Absence:** Board approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Mark Mauldin, Bus Driver at River Valley Local Schools, Effective for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Classified Personnel - Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a three (3) year administrative contract to Stephen Karrick, Full-time Repair Technician at River Valley Local Schools. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon the completion of necessary requirements for certification/licensure.
- d. **Classified Personnel - Administrative Contract Correction:** Board approval to grant a corrected two (2) year administrative contract to Troy Thrush, Full time Repair Technician at River Valley Local Schools. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon the completion of necessary requirements for certification/licensure.

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- e. **Classified Administrative Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Kelly Garrett on a two (2) year limited contract, as the Family Liaison at River Valley Middle School and River Valley High School. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and or requirements for certification/licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
  
- f. **Classified Administrative Personnel – Employment:** Board approval of a stipend for Kelly Garrett as the Career Navigator (6-12) at River Valley Middle School and and River Valley High School for the 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and or requirements for certification/licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
  
- g. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Kayla Krawczyk as an Educational Aide at Liberty Elementary School, for 2025-2026, 15 hours per week, contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and or requirements for certification/ licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
  
- h. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Teddy VanWay to cover a long-term leave of absence as a bus driver for River Valley Local Schools, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and per the information in your background materials.
  
- i. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Brooke Boyd as a Teacher Aide for River Valley High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and per the information in your background materials.
  
- j. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Katelyn Skidmore as a Teacher Aide for River Valley High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and per the information in your background materials.
  
- k. **Classified Personnel - Limited Contract Recommendations:** Board approval to grant limited contracts to the following individuals beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon completion of necessary requirements for certification/licensure:

**Two Year:**

Jeffrey Jordan - Bus Driver - River Valley Local Schools

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- l. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ the following people as a part-time employee for Wellness Camp Lead Instructors. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirement for employment/certification, per information in your background materials.

Katie Herdman  
Pam Holman  
Katie Isler  
Jen Miley  
Maddie Motes

- m. **Classified Personnel – Substitute:** Board approval to employ the following people 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.

Jake Comstock - Summer Maintenance  
Dominic Elerick - Summer Maintenance  
Dennis Hudnell - Substitute Bus Driver  
James Jordan - Summer Maintenance

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Albright, Stump  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**River Valley Local Schools Daycare Program**

**Res. 067-25** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

- a. **Employment:** Board approval to employ the following individuals as needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification/employment, per the information in your background materials.

Maria Crawford – Daycare Lead Teacher  
Deborah Haas  
Jennifer McClenathan  
Judy Shawver

- b. **Daycare Director - Extended Days - Stipend:** Board approval to pay a stipend to Maria Crawford for extended days as the Daycare Director for the 2024-2025 school year as outlined in your background materials

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Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Albright, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Summer Food Program employment and update**

**Res. 068-25** Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the following information:

- a. **Employment:** Board approval of the following individuals for the 2024-2025 Summer Food Program. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification/employment, per the information in your background materials.

Bonnie Zimmerman - Summer Food Staff - Effective June 2, 2025

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Albright  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Supplementals**

**Res. 069-25** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, 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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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:**

Mel Comstock - River Valley High School Head Volleyball Coach  
Josh Gast - River Valley High School Head Golf Coach  
Justin Hage - River Valley High School Varsity Girls Head Soccer Coach  
Sherry Jenkins - River Valley High School Varsity Girls Head Tennis Coach  
Sherry Jenkins - River Valley High School Varsity Boys Head Tennis Coach  
Ian Keller - River Valley High School Show Choir Director  
Jeremy Lavery - River Valley High School Varsity Assistant Girls Soccer Coach  
Mackenzie Mosher - River Valley High School Junior Varsity Cheer Coach  
Alyssa Newman - River Valley Middle School Head Cheer Coach  
Joel Richards - River Valley High School Varsity Boys Head Soccer Coach  
Makyha Rodgers - River Valley High School Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Coach  
Destini Schwaderer - River Valley High School Varsity Head Cheer Coach  
Aric Smith - River Valley High School Head Cross Country Coach  
Aurel Toska - River Valley High School Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Coach  
Matt Waddle - River Valley High School Varsity Head Football Coach  
Jaden Williams - River Valley High School Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer Coach

b. **Supplemental - Volunteer:**

Gracie Decker - River Valley High School Volunteer Cheer Coach  
Grant Gates - River Valley High School Volunteer Golf Coach

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Albright, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Students**

**Res. 070-25** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

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- a. **Students - Elementary School Handbook:** Board approval of the Heritage Elementary and Liberty Elementary Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Students – Athletic Handbook:** Board approval of the Athletic Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year, 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 River Valley High School Music Department to perform in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday, March 21, 2026, through Tuesday, March 24, 2026. As outlined and presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Albright, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Board Policies– First Reading of Recommended Revised Board Policies**

**Res. 071-25** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to approve a first reading for all policies, except for policy JFCK, which is being approved by the board and waiving the second reading:

BCE - Board Committees - Revised - Requiring District Customization  
DAB - General Revenue Fund Cash Balance - New  
EDEC - Artificial Intelligence - New  
EHC - Cybersecurity - New  
IGBLA - Promoting Parental Involvement - Revised  
IKF - Graduation Requirements - Revised - Requiring District Customization  
JECE - Student Withdrawal from School (Loss of Driving Privileges)  
JED - Student Absences and Excuses - Revised  
JEDA - Truancy – Revised  
JEDA-R - Student Absences and Excuses - Rescind  
JFCJ - Weapons in the School – Revised  
JFCK - Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students – Revised  
Requiring District Customization

Discussion: Board members in attendance agreed that they wanted to approve all policies for a first reading, except that they waived the second reading and were fully approving policy JFCK as this had a strict timeline required for approval. All policies, except JFCK, would be back on the agenda in July for a second reading and approval.

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Votes: Ayes: Albright, Rengert, Stump  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

**Res. 072-25** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to move into executive session at 7:24pm for the purpose of:

**In accordance with ORC 121.22G1** – The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

AND

**In accordance with ORC 121.22G6** – Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Albright, Stump, Rengert  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

**Res. 073-25** Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert to reconvene in Regular Session at 7:58pm and upon a roll call vote the following members were present: Albright, Rengert, Stump.

**Adjourn:** Thank you for coming.

**Res. 074-25** Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert, to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:59pm.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Rengert, Albright  
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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