

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

**July 10, 2025
6:00 P.M.
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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, Colonel Beineke, Mr. Rengert, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Stump. Board members present at the meeting acknowledged receiving and reviewing a copy of the agenda, background material, and any other pertinent information prior to being in attendance.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 075-25 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke, to approve adoption of the agenda as presented, except for the additional appropriation adjustment to Fund 590 under the Treasurer's agenda, as presented under that section of the agenda, and the removal of both executive sessions.

Discussion: Treasurer, Brittany Keller, noted that she needed to add an appropriation adjustment to Fund 590 under her section of the board agenda. Board President, Don Rengert, shared that the Board would not need to use either executive session, so those could both be removed from the agenda.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 076-25 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve adoption of the minutes from the June 12, 2025, Regular Session Meeting.

Discussion: None

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Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Stump, Albright
Nays:

Colonel Beineke and Mr. Smith abstained due to not attending the June 12th Regular Meeting.

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

President Rengert welcomed visitors. No visitors requested to address the Board.

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 provided the Board with an update on the CTE Expansion, RVHS and RVMS yard remediation following the roofing projects, paving, HVAC, seat belts on buses, and some potential future projects he would like the board to consider.

The CTE Expansion is anticipated to be finished by August 12th, except for the new weight room/exercise science space. The River Valley Athletic Boosters have ordered equipment and flooring for a total cost of \$215,000. The district has requested that Rhythm Architecture and Elford provide us with options, pricing, and permitting for the

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completion of the space, including the block wall, metal stud framing above with drywall, and electrical. Preliminary estimates are around \$150,000. Mr. Wickham proposed that the Board enter into an agreement with the River Valley Athletic Boosters where the district will pay the cost to finish the space upfront and the Boosters will repay the cost over a three-year period beginning August 1, 2026.

The drainage tie-in, final grading and hydroseeding will be completed at the High School/Middle School in August/early September now that the roofing project is completed. This will be completed by ProScape.

The HVAC portion of the bond project is underway. The rooftop units at Liberty were replaced on Wednesday, July 9th; the rooftop units at Heritage were replaced on Wednesday, July 16th; and the chiller at the Middle School was replaced on Monday, July 14th.

Following the board's approval of the resolution at the June 12th meeting, the district will be having seat belts installed on buses. This will take approximately 5 more weeks to get all the seat backs in and a few more weeks to install, so unfortunately it is unlikely that the project will be completed prior to the first day of school.

1. **CEIA OpenGate Presentation:** At this time, we would like a representative from CEIA OpenGate to deliver a presentation regarding CEIA OpenGate Weapons Detectors.

CEIA OpenGate presented to the Board and the visitors in attendance how the system works.

Once the presentation was finished, the Board and visitors in attendance went on a tour through the CTE Expansion with an Elford representative.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Keller shared information regarding the 67 items that Governor DeWine vetoed in the budget bill, HB96. Fiscal year 2025 is closed and processing has begun in fiscal year 2026. Fiscal year 2026 federal grant applications have been completed, however we are waiting for the federal government to release allocations to ODEW before knowing what our federal grant budgets will look like for the 2025-2026 school year.

Res. 077-25 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke, to approve the following information:

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A. Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:

1. **Acknowledge Receipt:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of June 2025:

- a. Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
- b. Appropriation Summary
- c. Revenue Summary

2. **Acceptance of Donations/Rebates:**

Donations:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
6/16/25	Marion Technical College	\$600.00	Girls Soccer
6/18/25	American Legion Post #401	\$2,500.00	MS Football

Rebates:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
6/10/25	Kroger	\$77.96	RV District
	Kroger	\$220.08	Class of 2027
6/25/25	Fireside Vending LLC	\$11.40	Liberty Elementary
	Fireside Vending LLC	\$11.80	Heritage Elementary
	Fireside Vending LLC	\$13.50	Middle School
	Fireside Vending LLC	\$21.00	High School
6/25/25	Pepsi Co.	\$250.00	Middle School
	Pepsi Co.	\$1,027.00	High School

3. **Appropriation Adjustment:** Board approval of the following appropriations adjustments:

\$30,000 Increase to Fund 200
\$15,790.47 Decrease to Fund 590

4. **Transfers:** Board approval of the following transfer:

From: Fund 2009225 Class of 2025 \$5,024.88
To: Fund 0700000 Capital Projects Fund \$1,000 for weight room project

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Fund 2009226 Class of 2026 \$4,024.88

5. **Certificated Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to grant one (1) year limited contract to Dawn Wickham, as a K-5 Reading & Math Intervention Specialist at Heritage Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, per the information in your background materials.

Discussion: The board discussed the timeline for overriding Governor DeWine's vetoes, the items that the House is looking at targeting for overrides, and the impact that any loss in federal funding would have on the district.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations

Res. 078-25 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information, except that Mr. Albright abstained from item E:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local School (RVLSD) and Mays Consulting & Evaluating Services, Inc.:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Mays Consulting & Evaluating Services, Inc. to provide design professional services for the 2025 Roof Replacement Project for the Athletic Building. As presented in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local School (RVLSD) and Mays Consulting & Evaluating Services, Inc.:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Mays Consulting & Evaluating Services, Inc. to provide design professional services for the 2025 Roof Replacement Project for the Administration Building. As presented in your background materials.

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- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and Ohio School Plans:** Board approval to accept the revised Ohio School Plans through Rinehart Insurance Agency for property, liability and fleet insurance for the period July 1, 2025, through July 1, 2026, as presented in your background materials.

- d. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Geotechnical Consultants, Inc.:** Board approval of the resolution selecting and ratifying amendment 1 of the agreement with Geotechnical Consultants, Inc. (GCI) as a consultant for the Career Tech Expansion Project. As presented in your background materials.

- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Park National Bank:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Park National Bank, for sponsorship of River Valley Local Schools. As outlined in your background materials.

- f. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and NetGuard Plus:** Board approval of the agreement between River Valley Local Schools and NetGuard Plus, to provide cyber liability insurance, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: The board discussed that Mays will be assisting the district with designing the roofing specifications for the property insurance claim that is pending on the athletic building, concession stand, administration building and ticket booths. This will ensure that the roof replacement will be done correctly and meet the necessary specifications. GCI is assisting the district with testing related to the CTE Expansion Project (concrete, soils, etc.).

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

Mr. Albright abstained from item E under the Superintendent's section of the agenda.

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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Certificated Personnel

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Res. 079-25 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation**: Board approval to accept the resignation of Hannah Jarvis, Science Teacher at River Valley High School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel – Resignation**: Board approval to accept the resignation of Madeline Elfrink, Ag Science Teacher at River Valley High School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Certificated Personnel – Resignation**: Board approval to accept the resignation of Rachel Hawerlander, 3rd Grade Teacher at Liberty Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Certificated Personnel - Administrative Contract**: Board approval to grant a three (3) year limited administrative contract to Don Gliebe, as the Director of Instruction and Assessment at River Valley Local Schools. Effective at the beginning of the 2024-2025 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 Zoe Parrott, as a CTE Agriscience Teacher at 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.
- f. **Certificated Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Stephen Kraizel, as a Physical Science Teacher at 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. **Certificated Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to the following people as a Permanent Substitute, at River Valley Local Schools, 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.

Lexi Stiverson - River Valley Middle School

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- h. **Certificated Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to grant the following people a one year limited contract as a Title I Tutor at River Valley Local Schools for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials, contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.

Joyce Hughes - Title I Tutor - Liberty Elementary School

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Classified Personnel

Res. 080-25 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel - Resignation**: Board approval to accept the resignation of Shellie Montgomery, Assistant Cook at River Valley Middle Schools, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to amend the current 2-year contract (2024-2025, 2025-2026) to Kortnee Watkins to increase her hours from a 4-hour Part-time cook to a 7 Hour Full-time Cook at River Valley Middle School, for 2025-2026. Contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and or requirements for certification/ licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Classified Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Laurie Hoffman as a Part-time Assistant Cook at River Valley Middle School, for 2025-2026. Contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and or requirements for certification/ licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Classified Personnel - Head Cook Appointments**: Board approval of the following full-time cooks to be appointed as Head Cooks for the 2025-2026 school year:

Heritage Elementary - Keira Kelly
High School - Kerri Ganshorn
Liberty Elementary - Kacey Feliciano
Middle School - Sydney Wolfe

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- e. **Classified Personnel - Head Custodian Appointments:** Board approval of the following full-time custodians to be appointed as Head Custodians for the 2025-2026 school year:

Heritage Elementary - Barry Wallace
High School - Jay Ulsh
Liberty Elementary - Darin Haas
Middle School - Jim McIntire

- f. **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.

Shellie Montgomery - Substitute Cafeteria

- g. **Classified Personnel - Stipend:** Board approval to pay a stipend to the following people for HB 410 Attendance Compliance for the 2025-2026 school year as outlined in your background materials.

Katie Herdman - Heritage Elementary
Jennifer Williams - Liberty Elementary

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals

Res. 081-25 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert, 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

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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.

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 2024-2025:

Christine Bellamy - Middle School Technology Champion - 50% - 2024-2025
Jessica Fabian - High School Technology Champion - 50% - 2024-2025
Shanna Keene - Middle School Technology Champion - 50% - 2024-2025

b. Supplemental - Employment 2025-2026:

Dan Arndt - Middle School Winter Events Coordinator
Dan Arndt - High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach - 50%
Zach Ball - High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach - 50%
Ethan Bell - High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach - 50%
Christine Bellamy - Middle School Technology Champion - 50%
Aaron Blackledge - High School Varsity Assistant Football Coach - 50%
Cody Castline - Middle School Head Football Coach
Jennifer Chiles - High School Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach
Tim Chiles - Middle School Fall Events Coordinator
Matt Collins - Middle School Assistant Football Coach - (33% of two asst. coach contracts)
Kyle Curren - High School Junior Varsity Assistant Football Coach - 50%
Tyler Dorfe - Middle School Assistant Football Coach - (33% of two asst. coach contracts)

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Cody Eurez - High School Junior Varsity Assistant Football Coach - 50%
Jessica Fabian - High School Technology Champion - 50%
Nicole Hummel - High School Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach
Shanna Keene - Middle School Technology Champion - 50%
Kade Lang - High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach - 50%
Ramie Large - High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach - 50%
Hannah Logan - High School Freshman Volleyball Coach
Paula McBeth - Liberty Elementary Technology Champion - 50%
Sarah McNeal - Middle School 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
Joshua Neff - High School Marching Band Director
Morgan Nemeth - Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
Lori Peterson - High School Varsity Assistant Cross Country Coach
Tia Salyer - Liberty Elementary School Technology Champion - 50%
Ben Saunders - Middle School Assistant Football Coach - (33% of two asst.
coach contracts)
Marshall Schoenberger - Heritage Elementary Technology Champion
Mark Starrs - Middle School Cross Country Head Coach

c. **Supplemental - Volunteer:**

Michael Blevins - Middle School Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach
Evie Collins - Middle School/High School Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Students

Res. 082-25 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the following information:

- a. **Students - Elementary School Handbook:** Board approval of the Elementary School Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Students - Transportation Handbook:** Board approval of the Transportation Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board Policies– Second Reading of Recommended Revised Board Policies

Res. 083-25 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

Board approval of second reading of the 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.

BCE - Board Committees - Revised - Requiring District Customization
DAB - General Revenue Fund Cash Balance - New
EDEC - Artificial Intelligence - New
EEBA-R - Use of School-Owned Vehicles
EF/EFB - Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
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
JED-R - Student Absences and Excuses - Rescind
JFCJ - Weapons in the School - Revised

Discussion: The board discussed that most of these revisions are legislative changes, except for EEBA-R and EF/EFB, which are related to items requested by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office to be included in board policy rather than just items included in the district's processes and procedures.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 084-25 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 7:51pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board President

Attest