

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

**November 13, 2025
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

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. 118-25 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve adoption of the agenda as presented, except for the removal of the second executive session.

Discussion: The Board discussed that they would need to use the first executive session but would not need to use the second executive session this month. Therefore, the second executive session could be removed from the agenda. The Superintendent Resolution will also be moved under the Treasurer's section of the agenda, as it directly pertains to an authorization for the Treasurer, not the Superintendent.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 119-25 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve adoption of the minutes from the October 9, 2025, Regular Session Board Meeting.

Discussion: None

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

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. Damion Greenawalt requested to address the Board regarding his son's denied open enrollment application at Heritage Elementary School. Mr. Greenawalt shared that his son's sister currently attends Heritage, which is why they wanted his son to attend there as well. Mr. Greenawalt referenced open enrollment applications from prior years for other families, redacted information that he received during public records requests, and how in the past there has only been one intra-district open enrollment request denied. This denied request was for the 2022-2023 school year and the reason for denial was due to capacity concerns. Aside from this denial, Mr. Greenawalt stated that his review of the information furnished through his public records requests indicated that all other intra-district open enrollment applications had been approved since the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Greenawalt also shared he reviewed enrollment information from prior years, and it looks like enrollment is down, so he didn't understand how we were experiencing capacity issues with lower enrollment numbers and less overall intra-district open enrollment requests. Mr. Greenawalt referenced that when he did some research he saw that it was recommended to have class sizes of

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approximately 20 students at the elementary level. Mr. Greenawalt still believed that we had four sections in each grade level at Heritage Elementary.

The Board thanked Mr. Greenawalt for his time and for bringing this situation to the attention of the Board both before this meeting, and here in Open Session. The Board asked Mr. Greenawalt what resolution he was seeking and Mr. Greenawalt shared that he does not want his son moved from Liberty Elementary at this point in the year since he has already established himself, but that he would like the Board to review its policies, procedures, handbooks, and conduct regarding this situation and any possible future situations that may be similar in nature. The Board stated that they would not have a resolution before the end of tonight's meeting, however they would take all this information into consideration moving forward.

Mr. Wickham shared that he would be addressing some of the questions regarding enrollment and capacity concerns that Mr. Greenawalt had during his presentation, which would immediately follow the conclusion of Mr. Greenawalt addressing the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:
Superintendent Shares Oral/Written Correspondence/Communications

Mr. Wickham shared enrollment information regarding the district's two elementary buildings. Heritage kindergarten class sizes for the 2025-2026 school year is approximately 23 students per classroom, whereas Liberty is approximately 18 students per classroom. At the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year the district reduced the number of sections for kindergarten classrooms at Heritage from four to three through attrition, which aligns with the number of sections at Liberty. The goal is to even out class sizes between Heritage and Liberty in the future now that we have the same number of sections at each building.

There are two proposed residential developments, which are anticipated to impact River Valley. The first of which is "The Station," which would be three buildings with 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units. Each building will host 25 apartments, for a total of 75 units. The second of which is an expansion of Harding Village on Likens Chapel and Marion Williamsport.

Mr. Wickham shared that there are a couple of traffic projects in our district that we should be aware of. The 229 proposed project with a timeline of taking place in approximately 2028 currently has a focus of a study on 23. The current proposal includes two roundabouts and a bridge over 23. The US 23 to 71 connector project does not have any funding allocated yet, but the ultimate goal will be to take stress off 23.

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The CTE Ribbon Cutting event was a great success with students leading the tour. We had great speakers and overall attendance. Mr. Wickham thanked the Athletic Boosters for their hard work and support in making the Viking Strength Center a reality.

The rollout of the Open Gate Weapons Detectors will begin in December. Training will begin mid-month with full implementation at the Middle School and High School on December 16th. Implementation at the elementary buildings will take place in April/May once testing has finished.

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.

Heritage Elementary School Principal, John Wickersham, shared that the building had its Veteran's Day Program on November 10th with 75 guests attending; the building will be having a theme week of "Thanks and Giving" the last full week before Thanksgiving Break; they are finalizing the list of volunteers for camp in May; the "Macy's Day Parade" will take place Friday, November 21st; and they will be doing a candy cane and smencils sale as a fundraiser for Christmas Clearinghouse during the "Thanks and Giving" theme week.

Liberty Elementary School Principal, Zachary Burns, shared that much of the things happening at Heritage are also happening at Liberty; Liberty had 64 in attendance at their Veteran's Day Program on November 10th; Students in 1st, 2nd and 5th grade went to the Palace today to see a zoologist, so they are focusing on getting kids out of the building for new learning experiences as well; Liberty PTO will be hosting a movie night tonight; Kindergarten and 1st graders will be having a Thanksgiving feast and preschoolers will have a parade.

Middle School Principal, Tom Bower, shared that the Middle School Musical went well; The Middle School held its Veteran's Day Program on November 12th, and its Christmas Clearinghouse competition ends next week; The building is putting together their plans for the Career Exploration Day that will take place in December.

Student Council Representative, Abigail Neff, shared that the November 7th Veteran's Day Program was great again this year; TriRivers hosted an Open House for Veteran's allowing them to tour the building and various programs; November 18th and November 19th are TriRivers Student Exploration Days.

Director of Instruction and Assessment, Don Gliebe, shared that the CARES Committee has been working on planning the RV Wellness Night for February 24th and updating the district's Wellness Policy with a focus on social, farm to school, and nutrition. Mr. Gliebe also presented

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some of the county comparison data for the district's report card. The goal is to collaborate with other districts that are doing things well that we need work on for overall improvement in our scores.

Director of Educational Technology & Communication, Tad Douce, shared that we had a lot of positive interactions on social media pertaining to the CTE Ribbon Cutting Event and Veteran's Day Program at the High School. Mr. Douce has been working with our Allied Health Pathway Teacher, Heidi Reale, to get her credentialed to be able to certify students as STNAs upon completing various program requirements prior to graduation.

Therapy Dog Proposal Presentation: At this time, we would like Jenn Williams and Olive to present a Therapy Dog Proposal for Liberty Elementary School.

Mrs. Williams introduced the Board and all in attendance to her therapy dog, Olive, who is a 2-year-old Cavalier King Charles. Olive is shy, which is a great attribute when teaching students patience, empathy, and respecting someone else's space. Liberty currently has a therapy support turtle that has had a positive impact on the kids in the building, so Mrs. Williams shared that she can only imagine what a huge difference Olive could make as well as an emotional support animal at Liberty.

Mr. Rengert asked Mrs. Williams how the approval process to ensure parents were comfortable with their student working with Olive would go. Mrs. Williams shared that there would be something brought home, ahead of Olive going into any classrooms, that would allow parents to express whether they'd like their child to work with Olive or not. The details involved in implementing this are still in process, pending whether the Board approves Olive working in the building.

The Board thanked Mrs. Williams for bringing Olive in and presenting her proposal of having Olive as a therapy dog to them. Mr. Stump and Mr. Albright said that they felt this could be a great tool to support our students.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Keller shared information about the four property tax reform bills that were in the Senate Local Government Committee as of November 12th. The district is working on several grant applications, a mix of federal and state, and hope to have these completed by the end of December. The district will also be managing RHEMA Academy's Auxiliary Funds issued by ODEW, so the establishment of this fund, fund 401, is on tonight's agenda. Election results have been released and 74 of the 113 school levies that were on the ballot passed.

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Treasurer's Report

Res. 120-25 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

1. **Acceptance of Financial Reports**: Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of October 2025:

- a. Cash Financial Summary
- b. Appropriation Summary
- c. Revenue Summary

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

Rebates:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
10/6/2025	HR Imaging	\$358.93	HS Sports Pictures
10/15/2025	HR Imaging	\$486.52	Liberty School Pictures
10/20/2025	GFS & Meta Solutions	\$12,090.21	Food Services
10/24/2025	HR Imaging	\$647.35	Heritage School Pictures

3. **Fund Establishment**: Board approval to establish an Auxiliary Services Fund:

USAS Fund # 401: Auxiliary Services Fund

4. **Asset Disposals**: Board approval to dispose of the following assets, per the information presented in your background materials:

- Set of 6 Foldable Risers (Sold on Gov Deals)
- Lot of 17 Black Swivel Chairs (Sold on Gov Deals)
- Technology Device Tag #5301 (Disposed)
- Delta Rockwell 10" Unisaw (Sold on Gov Deals)
- Lot of 12 Tables (Sold on Gov Deals)
- 2014 Exmark Lazer LZDS902KT25 Mower (Traded in to Holmes)
- 2007 Toro ZMaster 7000 Mower (Traded in to Holmes)
- Weight Room Equipment (Sold on GovDeals- See background materials for details)

5. **Approval of Change Funds**: Board approval of the following change funds for FY26:

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Change Funds:
Athletics \$600

6. **Appropriation Adjustments:** Board approval of the following appropriation adjustments due to Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Carryovers:

Fund 572 9026 Title I-A Increase of \$33,471.20
Fund 572 9126 Title I-D Increase of \$52,719.12
Fund 584 9126 Title IV-A Increase of \$5,751.45
Fund 590 9026 Title II-A Increase of \$34,764.69

7. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of the Substitute Teacher List for November 2025 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background materials.

8. **Resolution: Authorization To Process Dock Leave:** Authorization for the treasurer to process dock days taken by an employee's leave, with or without prior approval and to adjust employee's pay to reflect such absences. As outlined in your background materials.

Discussion: The resolution pertaining to processing docked leave is a standing authorization for the Treasurer, so that she does not have to put each individual circumstance that this occurs before the Board.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

Res. 121-25 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to move into Executive Session at 7:20pm 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.

In accordance with ORC 121.22G3- Conferences with an attorney for the public body

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concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Res. 122-25 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to reconvene in Regular Session at 8:22pm and upon a roll call vote the following members were present: Albright, Beineke, Smith, Stump, Rengert.

Certificated Personnel

Res. 123-25 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following information:

- a. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation**: Board approval to accept a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Lisa Hollaway, English Teacher at River Valley High School, with regrets and best wishes. Letter received October 31, 2025, retirement is effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation**: Board approval to accept a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Denise Castle, Second Grade Teacher at Heritage Elementary School, with regrets and best wishes. Letter received November 7, 2025, retirement is effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation**: Board approval to accept a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Randy Leach, Government Teacher at River Valley High School, with regrets and best wishes. Letter received November 10, 2025, retirement is effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Certificated Personnel - Resignation**: Board approval to accept a letter of resignation from Oakford Schalick, Permanent Substitute Teacher at River Valley Middle School, with regrets and best wishes. Effective November 30, 2025, as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Certificated Personnel - Employment**: Board approval to employ Amber Roth as the Long-Term Substitute 7th Grade Math Teacher at River Valley Middle School. Effective November 24, 2025, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Contingent upon

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completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification, and per the information in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Classified Personnel

Res. 124-25 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the following information:

a. **Classified Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept the resignation of Georgetta Crump, Assistant Cook at River Valley Middle School. Effective October 10, 2025, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.

b. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to employ Stefanie Landon as a Head Cook at River Valley High School, effective October 6, 2025. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification and as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Students

Res. 125-25 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, 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 Boys Wrestling team to the Nelsonville York Wrestling Tournament in Nelsonville, Ohio on Friday, January 2, 2026, through Saturday, January 3, 2026.

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- b. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Boys Wrestling team to the Western Brown Wrestling Invitational in Mt. Orab, Ohio on Friday, January 16, 2026, through Saturday, January 17, 2026.
- c. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Boys Wrestling team to the District Wrestling Tournament in Wilmington/Norwalk, Ohio on Friday, March 6, 2026, through Saturday, March 7, 2026.
- d. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Boys Wrestling team to the State Wrestling Tournament in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, March 13, 2026, through Sunday, March 15, 2026.
- e. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Girls Wrestling team to the Women of Ironmen Wrestling Tournament in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on Saturday, December 13, 2025, through Sunday, December 14, 2025.
- f. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Girls Wrestling team to the Rossford/Gibsonburg Wrestling Tournament in Toledo, Ohio on Saturday, February 7, 2026, through Sunday, February 8, 2026.
- g. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the High School Girls Wrestling team to the State Wrestling Tournament in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, March 13, 2026, through Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Discussion: The Board mentioned missing the three Girls Wrestling overnight forms and requesting that these be submitted before the December meeting.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Board Policies

Res. 126-25 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

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a. **Second Reading of Recommended Revised Board Policies**: Board approval of the second reading of the revised board policies/regulations, as outlined below and presented in your background materials:

EEACC-R (also JFCC-R): Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
JEDA - Truancy - Revised

Discussion: Board discussed that these two policies were addressed last month but brought forward for second reading and approval this month.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Any items of discussion by the Board.

The Board discussed the need to appoint someone to the TRCC board when Dr. Haas steps away. River Valley staff members cannot be the River Valley designee, but Board members can and typically are. The Board also requested that we work to dig into curriculum changes that will help with report card scores, specifically focusing on areas that have remained static and unchanged over time.

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 127-25 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:39pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

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