

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

**July 9, 2026
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

President Rengert called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Enders called roll call with the following members present: Mr. Stump, Mr. Smith, Colonel Beineke, and Mr. Rengert. Board members present at the meeting acknowledge receiving and reviewing a copy of the board meeting agenda, background materials, and other pertinent information prior to being in attendance.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Res. 089-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented with the removal of the first executive session.

Discussion: The board discussed using the second executive session and the removal of the first executive session.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 090-26 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the adoption of the minutes from the June 11, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Smith, Stump Beineke

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting. Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the board.

Board Policy BDDH - Adopted October 12, 1999

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

The River Valley Local School District Board of Education will provide an opportunity for the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, to offer comments and input regarding the District's proposed use of IDEA Part B Special Education funds for the 2026-2027 school year.

No visitors were in attendance.

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

Marching Band Presentation: Josh Neff, the Band Director, shared with the board that River Valley partnered with the Marion Open Drum Corps International Show. River Valley is set to host three drum corps on campus. They are using RV's facilities as they get ready for the event. DCI has agreed to donate funds towards the Music Boosters as an appreciation for hosting them. Mr. Neff expressed his appreciation to the school for hosting these drums corps as it is a great experience for the students to gain exposure to DCI.

MS/HS Activities Director, Sage Brannon, shared the need for new Baseball and Softball scoreboards. Through sponsorships, she has raised over thirty-one thousand dollars to go towards the replacement costs of new scoreboards. She also shared with the board the need to do something with the Track. Ms. Brannon shared that the two options could be resurfacing the track or completely redoing the track. The board will keep this in mind for projects in the future.

Mr. Wickham Shared with the board several projects that are currently being completed on campus. Fetter Brothers Construction is replacing the sidewalks at the back of the

High School. As a part of the 15-year capital improvement plan, Iberia Earthworm has been handling several paving projects across the district. The furnaces and AC units in the District Office have also been replaced. Lastly, seven classrooms at both Liberty and Heritage Elementary Schools had their carpets replaced. The goal is to continue replacing the carpet in classrooms over the next three years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 091-26 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke, to approve the following information.

A. Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:

1. **Acknowledge Receipt:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of June 2026

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

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

Donations:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
6/1/26	American Legion Post 605	\$ 500.00	Marching Band
6/15/26	American Legion Post 162	\$1000.00	HS Golf

Rebates:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
6/1/26	Kroger	\$ 90.00	General Account
6/1/26	Kroger	\$ 243.10	Sophomore Class

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

GovDeals:

- 2 Pianos
- 6 Blue folding tables
- Fountas & Pinnel Curriculum
- 12 carts from the curriculum
- 3 Whiteboard carts

4. **Approval of Petty Cash/Change Funds:**

Change Funds:

Admin Office \$100

HS Office	\$100
HS Cafeteria	\$150
MS Cafeteria	\$130
HS Athletic	\$2,000
MS Athletic	\$400

Petty Cash Funds:

Admin Office	\$25
HS Office	\$100
MS Office	\$100
Heritage Office	\$100
Liberty Office	\$100
HS Athletics	\$50

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:
Agreements/Resolutions:

Res. 092-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Earthworm Construction, LLC:** Board approval of the Owner-Contractor Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Earthworm Construction, LLC for the Asphalt Improvements Projects. Agreement is effective as of June 12, 2026 and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Fetter Brothers Construction, LLC:** Board Approval of the Owner-Contractor Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Fetter Brothers Construction, LLC for the sidewalk Improvements Projects. Agreement is effective as of June 12, 2026 and as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the Class of 2026:** Board approval of the River Valley Local Schools distribute the remaining balance, from the Class of 2026, after all encumbrances have been paid to the Class of 2027 and as presented in your background materials.

- d. **Resolution: Revised Administrative Handbook:** Board approval of the revised Administrator & Administrative Handbook. As presented in your background materials.
- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE):** Board approval of the agreement between the River Valley Local Schools and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (“ODHE”) and Local Educational Agency (“LEA”) to establish the terms under which the LEA will participate in the Ohio Direct Admissions Pilot Program. As presented in your background materials.
- f. **Resolution: Adoption of the Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment report for the 2026-27 School Year:** Board approval of the adoption of the Semi-Annual Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment Report for the 2026-2027 school year. As outlined in your background materials.
- g. **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, 2026, through July 1, 2027, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Certificated Personnel:

Res. 093-26 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following information:

- B. **Certificated Personnel – Contract Hours:** Board approval to grant contract hours to Emily Bruskotter, Physical Therapist, for 2026-2027 school year, up to 26 hours per week, hours are flexible within the month to accommodate peak times, contingent upon completion of any necessary course work and/or requirements for certification/ licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Brooke Scheff, effective June 16, 2026, who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment, as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried

Classified Personnel:

Res. 094-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke, to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel - Resignation:** Board approval to accept the resignation of Katie Herdman, Student and Family Support Provider at Heritage Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to revise the current contract for Susan Schuler, Educational Aide for River Valley Local Schools, effective August 13, 2026. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification and as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to revise the current contract for Victoria Lovell, Educational Aide for River Valley Local Schools, effective August 13, 2026. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification and as presented in your background materials.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

River Valley Local Schools Summer Food Program:

Res 095-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the following information:

- a. **Summer Food Program Employment Adjustment:** Board approval of the following individuals for the 2025-2026 Summer Food Program. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for certification/employment, per the information in your background materials.

Summer Foods:
Tessa Spriggs

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

Supplementals:

Res 096-26 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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. **Personnel - Volunteer:**

1. **Weight Room:**

Eyan Axline - Volunteer Weight Room Coordinator

b. **Personnel – Employment**

1. **Color Guard** – River Valley High School
Madaline Kissner

2. **Drumline** – River Valley High School
Brandan Morgan

3. **Events Coordinator**

Dan Arndt - River Valley Middle School Winter Events Coordinator
Tim Chiles – River Valley Middle School Fall Events Coordinator

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

Students:

Res. 097-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke, 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 River Valley High School Volleyball Team to the Spiketacular Volleyball Tournament in Sandusky, Ohio on Thursday, July 16, 2026 through Saturday, July 18, 2026.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

Board Policies

Res 098-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following information:

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

DJH -Credit Cards - Revised

JECB - Admission of Nonresident Students - Revised

JED - Student Absences and Excuses - Revised

JEDA - Truancy - Revised

JHCD - Administering Medicines to Students - Revised

JHCD-R-3 - Administering Medicines to Students (Use of Epinephrine Delivery Systems) - Revised

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

Executive Session:

Res. 099-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to move into Executive Session at 7:11pm for the purpose of:

- a. **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

- e. **In accordance with ORC 121.22G5** – Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

Res. 100-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Smith. To reconvene into Regular Session at 8:12pm and upon roll call vote the following board members were present: Colonel Beineke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stump, Mr. Rengert.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

Board Action:

Res 101-26 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following information:

- a. **Administrative Contract:** Board approval of an addendum to the administrative contract of Adam Wickham, Superintendent of River Valley Local Schools, as presented in your background materials with revisions.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert Declared the motion carried.

Discussion: The board discussed options for cleaning out the vegetation from the creeks to help with water shed.

ADJOURN – Thank you for coming.

Res 102-26 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:26pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried