

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

**August 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

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, Mr Albright, 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. 104-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the agenda with the removal of the first executive session.

Discussion:

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 105-26 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the adoption of the minutes from the July 9th, 2026 Regular Session meeting.

Discussion: None

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

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

No visitors were in attendance.

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

Mr. Wickham shared with the board the new staff shirts for this year with the "Row Together Vikings" slogan. He shared that all the buses now have fully illuminated "School Bus" signs on the front and back of all our buses. Mr. Wickham thanked several departments for their work over the summer. He updated the board on the summer food total. In eight weeks, the food service department was able to serve 94,000 meals. The district is also continuing this school year under the Community Eligibility Provision to provide free breakfast and lunch to the students. Lastly, Mr. Wickham explained that two new CTE pathways have been added. The district is now offering a Teaching Professions pathway along with a Coding/Programming pathway.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates:

Heritage Elementary School Principal, John Wickersham, shared that they are getting ready for open house. Over the summer they were able to open up more space for small group activities throughout the building. Lastly, they are getting aligned on the Viking Pride event.

Liberty Elementary School Principal, Zachary Burns, shared that he was happy to see teachers back in the building getting ready for open house. The Teachers whose rooms got new carpet were excited about that update. He also shared that several third graders came back over the summer to take the third grade reading guarantee.

Middle School Principal, Tom Bower, shared that he is excited for the new school year. He was excited about having no new teachers this year. He thanked the Middle School Custodians for their work this summer getting the building ready. He also thanked Mr. Schuster for all his work this summer.

High School Principal, Travis Stout, shared that the building looks great and that he is excited for open house. Mr. Stout discussed their changes for open house to make it easier for those with tight schedules to participate. He also expressed his excitement about sharing some of the Middle School staff members with the High School.

Director of Instruction and Assessment, Don Gliebe, shared the new Guide & Mentor program for all new staff members. He also shared that the district is starting a new math initiative called Invision Math. This will be for grades 6-12. There will also be additional Math Professional Development to strengthen the district's math scores.

Director of Educational Technology & Communication, Tad Douce, also shared the new Guide & Mentor program. This is not only for new teachers but all new staff. He also shared details from the latest version of the "Voice of the Valley".

Tri-Rivers Career Center Board Member, Ben Albright, shared that Tri-Rivers was replacing the hood in the Kitchen, and that there are possibilities to replace the kitchen as a whole in the 2030 strategic plan.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 106-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

A. Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:

Mr. Enders presented the district's required August filing of the financial forecast. Mr. Enders also shared that he has been working with J & G Consulting to prepare the OCBOA report for the district to file in preparation for the FY26 Audit.

1. **Acceptance of Financial Reports:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of July 2026:

- a. Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
 - b. Appropriation Summary
 - c. Revenue Summary
2. **Approval of Five-Year Forecast:** Board approval of the 5-year forecast, as presented in your background material.
3. **Acceptance of Donations:**

Donations:			
Date	Name	Amount	Reason
7/16/26	Viking 3 Point Club	\$831.23	Boys Basketball
4. **Asset Disposals:** Board approval to dispose of the attached obsolete items through auction, per the information presented in your background materials:

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

Res. 107-26 Mr Smith moved, seconded by Colonel Beineke to approve the following information:

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**
 - a. **Resolution: Recommendation of PILOT Resolution:** Board approval of the following PILOT (Payment-in-lieu of transportation) resolution:

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

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

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

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected schools(s); and

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

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

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code: Therefore, be it

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

- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between the Marion County Sheriff's Office and River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD)**: Board approval of the agreement between the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the River Valley Local School District (RVLSD) for the 2026-2027 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 Education of Ohio, Inc. that owns and operates the High Road School of Marion County to serve our students for the 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
- d. **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 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in your background materials.

- e. **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 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
- f. **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 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
- g. **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 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
- h. **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 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in your background materials.

Discussion: None

Vote: Ayes: Smith, Beineke, Stump, Rengert

Nays:

Abstained: Albright

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Certificated Personnel:

Res. 108-26 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to approve the following information:

- a. **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 2026-2027 school year,

as presented in your background materials, and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/certification.

Kayleigh Aiken - River Valley Middle School
Kyle Kaiser - Heritage Elementary School
McKayle Miller - Liberty Elementary School
Dawson Pike - River Valley High School
Kathy Schelb - Liberty Elementary School

- b. **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 2026-2027 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

- c. **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, from August 3, 2026 through May 2026 and contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.
- d. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Lauryn Deweese, Intervention Specialist at River Valley Middle School who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective August 3, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Amy Stauffer, Kindergarten Grade Teacher at Heritage Elementary School who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective July 30, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- f. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Abbey White, Second Grade Teacher at Liberty Elementary School who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective June 14, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- g. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment and salary correction for Melissa Smith, Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher at River Valley Middle Schools who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective June 14, 2026, as presented in your background materials.

- h. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment**: Board approval of an education level adjustment for Kathy McGuirk, Sixth Grade Math Teacher at River Valley Middle Schools who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective July 20, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- i. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment**: Board approval of an education level correction previously approved on the May 7, 2026 board agenda, regarding an education level adjustment for Amber Roth, Seventh Grade Math Teacher at River Valley Middle Schools who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- j. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval**: Board approval of the updated Substitute Teacher List for August 2026 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and as presented in your background material.

Discussion: The board discussed removing Olivia Fogle - Heritage Elementary School from item a. Certificated Personnel - Employment

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Classified Personnel:

Res. 109-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Albright to approve the following information:

- a. **Classified Personnel – Resignation**: Board approval to accept the letter of resignation from Matthew Weidman, MicroFarm Technician at River Valley Local Schools, effective June 9 ,2026, with regrets and best wishes and as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Classified Personnel - Administrative Contract**: Board approval to grant a one year administrative contract to Alexianna Butcher, Student & Family Support Provider with Heritage Elementary School, for the 2026-2027 school year, effective August 11, 2026, contingent upon completion of necessary requirements for certification/licensure.
- c. **Classified Personnel – Employment**: Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Warren Harris as a Bus Driver at River Valley Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Effective August 13, 2026, contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and/or requirements for certification/licensure, and as presented in your background materials.

- d. **Classified Personnel – Employment:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year limited contract to Zebrianne Sanders as an Educational Aide at River Valley Middle Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary coursework and/or requirements for certification/licensure, and as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Classified Personnel - Employment:** Board approval to employ Lupe Geyer as an ELL Tutor for students at Liberty Elementary School, on an as needed basis as presented in your background materials, for the 2026-2027 school year. Contingent upon completion of any necessary requirements for employment/ certification.
- f. **Classified Personnel — Rescission:** Board approval to rescind the following people from the approval of Substitute Summer Maintenance for the 2025-2026 school year, previously approved June 11, 2026, per information in your background materials.

Chris Schertzer - Substitute Summer Maintenance
Chris Tracy - Substitute Summer Maintenance

- g. **Classified Personnel - Substitute:** Board approval to employ the following people as a classified substitute, for the 2026-2027 school year, 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.

Lupe Geyer - Substitute Educational Aide
Pam Graham - Substitute Bus Aide
Chris Schertzer - Substitute Custodian
Chris Tracy - Substitute Custodian

- h. **Classified Personnel - Stipend:** Board approval to pay a stipend to the following people for HB 410 Attendance Compliance for the 2026-2027 school year as outlined in your background materials.

Alexianna Butcher - Heritage Elementary
Kelly Garrett - River Valley Middle & High School
Jennifer Williams - Liberty Elementary

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Supplementals:

Res. 110-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump 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. **Supplemental - Employment:**

1. **Cross Country:**

Lori Peterson - River Valley High School Varsity Assistant Cross Country Coach
Mark Starrs - River Valley Middle School Head Cross Country Coach

2. **Football:**

Travis Carr – River Valley Middle School Assistant Football Coach
Cody Castline - River Valley Middle School Head Football Coach
Eli Hartman - River Valley Middle School Assistant Football Coach

3. **Marching Band:**

Josh Neff - River Valley High School Marching Band Director

4. **Show Choir:**

Natali Lavery - River Valley High School Show Choir Assistant Director

b. **Supplemental - Volunteer:**

1. **Cross Country:**

Michael Blevins - River Valley Middle School Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Students:

Res. 111-26 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the following information:

- a. **Students - High School Handbook:** Board approval of the River Valley High School Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in your background materials.
- b. **Extended Field Trip Preliminary and Final Approval:** Board preliminary and/or final approval of an extended field trip by the River Valley High School Boys Soccer Team to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 through Thursday, August 6, 2026.
- c. **Students - In Lieu of Transportation Resolution:** Board approval of the resolution for the transportation of students to a non-public school as follows:

Section 3327.01 ORC Transportation of Pupils
PROCEDURES FOR” in lieu of transportation...

Where it is impractical to transport a pupil by school conveyance, a board of education may, in lieu of providing such transportation, pay a parent, guardian, or other person in charge of such child, an amount per pupil which shall in no event exceed the average transportation cost per pupil, such average cost to be based on the cost of transportation of children by all boards of education in this state during the next preceding year.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Executive Session:

Res. 112-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 pm. 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: Beineke, Stump, Smith, Albright, Rengert
Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

Res. 113-26 Colonel Beineke moved, seconded by Mr. Stump to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:28 pm. Upon roll call vote, the following board members were present: Colonel Beineke, Mr Stump, Mr. Smith, Mr. Albright, Mr. Rengert

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 114-26 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 8:31 pm.

Discussion: None

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried.