

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

**September 10, 2026
8:00 A.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 8:00am

ROLL CALL AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Enders called roll call with the following members present: Mr. Stump, Mr. Smith, Mr. Albright, 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. 115-26 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of the first executive session.

Discussion: The board discussed that they would use the second executive session, and they would remove the first executive session.

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Res 116-26 Mr. Rengert moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the adoption of the minutes from the August 13, 2026 Regular Session Meeting.

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Rengert, Albright, Stump, Smith

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

1. Michaela Burbury - Territory Transfer Request

Michaela Burbury spoke to the board about a territory transfer request she has initiated. She would like to transfer their property from Cardington School District to River Valley School District. Michaela shared that her and her family are Vikings through and through.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

Superintendent Shares Oral / Written Correspondence/ Communications:

Mr. Wickham shared that the district completed the 11 month HVAC warranty walkthrough. All of the Roof Top Units at Liberty and Heritage Elementaries will receive an extra one year warranty running through July 2027. The RTU at Liberty that has had problems will receive an additional year of warranty through July 2028. Mr. Wickham shared that fire inspections are set for October and November. The district is working to address the water intrusion in the Construction lab.

River Valley Local Schools Building Reports/Updates: At this time we would like to have building principals and others give the board a brief update on each of their building programs.

Director of K-5 Teaching and Learning, Mel Comstock, shared that they are working through I Ready diagnostics and getting 3rd grade guarantee kids identified.

Student Council Representative, Abigail Neff, shared that the theme for the River Valley vs. Pleasant football game was going to be Maddox Strong. She also shared that the theme for the homecoming game was going to be midnight, and that they are looking forward to the Pass the Torch this month. Lastly, she shared that the band would be at the Marion Popcorn Festival.

Director of Instruction and Assessment, Don Gliebe, shared that report cards come out this week, and that he is looking forward to reviewing them.

Director of Educational Technology & Communication, Tad Douce, shared that the new Mac Book Neos have been handed out, and they are working through the bugs. He also shared that the numbers in Career Tech are growing.

Tri-Rivers Career Center Board Member, Ben Albright, shared that the First Responder breakfast is going to be held in honor of 9/11. September 21st is the 50th Anniversary Recognition of Outstanding Alumni.

Special Recognition: At this time we would like to recognize Melissa Bollinger and Bridget Barber for their help in saving a choking student at Liberty Elementary School.

NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 117-26 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the following information.

A. Treasurer's Report/Recommendations:

1. **Acceptance of Financial Reports:** Acknowledge receipt of the following financial reports for the month of August 2026:
 - a. Cash Reconciliation and Relevant Data
 - b. Appropriation Summary
 - c. Revenue Summary

2. Acceptance of Donations:

Donations:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
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8/24/2026	Jeannine Tupps	\$250.00	MS Volleyball
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Rebates:

Date	Name	Amount	Reason
8/12/2026	Riverside Vending	\$110.28	HS Principal Fund
8/12/2026	Riverside Vending	\$131.84	MS Principal Fund
8/12/2026	Riverside Vending	\$51.40	HES Principal Fund
8/12/2026	Riverside Vending	\$49.55	LES Principal Fund
8/12/2026	Ohiopyle	\$6.20	HS Athletics
8/12/2026	CLC	\$237.03	HS Athletics
8/12/2026	OHSAA	\$1,250.00	HS Athletics

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

4. **Permanent Appropriations at Fund Level for Fiscal Year:**
Board approval of the following:

RIVER VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS
PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FY2027

Board Approved at Fund Level on 09/10/2026
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

Governmental Fund Types

General Fund	001	\$	25,088,923.000
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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	\$	172,000.00
District Managed	300	\$	650,000.00
Auxiliary Funding	401	\$	30,125.48
Early Childhood	439	\$	40,000.00
Data Communications	451	\$	7,500.00
Vocational Enhancement	461	\$	4,000.00
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	\$	400,000.00
Limited English Proficiency	551	\$	2,200.00

Title I Federal Grant	572	\$	291,000.00
Title IV-A	584	\$	20,000.00
Early Childhood Education	587	\$	10,000.00
Title II-A Federal Grant	590	\$	54,000.00
Misc. Federal Grants	599	\$	2,759.69
		\$	<u>1,738,585.17</u>
Debt Service Funds			
Bond Retirement	002	\$	684,075.00
Capital Projects Funds			
Permanent Improvement	003	\$	850,000.00
Building Fund	004	\$	0.00
Classroom Facilities	010	\$	0.00
Capital Project Fund	070	\$	500,000.00
Total			<u>1,350,000.00</u>
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		5,000.00
			<u>2,115,000.00</u>
Total			2,115,000.00
Agency Funds			
Trust Funds			
Special Trust	007	\$	7,000
Internal Service Fund			
Self-Insurance Fund	024	\$	0.00
TOTAL PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FY2027		\$	<u>30,938,583.17</u>

Discussion:

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

President Rengert declared the motion carried

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendation:

Res 118-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the following information.

1. **Agreements/Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Abraxas School of Ohio:** Board approval of a contract between River Valley Local Schools and Abraxas School of Ohio to serve one of our students for the 2025-2026 school year. As outlined in the background materials.
- b. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Abraxas School of Ohio:** Board approval to enter into an excess cost agreement with Abraxas School of Ohio for a student who received Special Education Services as required by an IEP in a Private Treatment Facility for the 2025-2026 school year. As outlined in the 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 the background materials.
- d. **Resolution: Agreement of Shared Transportation Services:** Board approval of the Shared Transportation Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Elgin Local Schools, Pleasant Local Schools, Ridgedale Local Schools, Marion City, and Tri-Rivers Career Center to provide shared transportation of students to and from events. Effective September 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and as outlined in the background materials.
- e. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD.:** Board approval of the Transportation Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD to provide transportation for children attending High Road. Effective for the 2026-2027 school year, and as outlined in the background materials.
- f. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD.:** Board approval of the Transportation Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD to provide transportation for children attending The Leap. Effective for the 2026-2027 school year, and as outlined in the background materials.
- g. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD.:** Board approval of the Transportation Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD to provide transportation for children attending Liberty Elementary School.

Effective for the 2026-2027 school year, and as outlined in the background materials.

- h. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD.:** Board approval of the Transportation Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and Ohio Specialty Services, LTD to provide transportation for children attending Reach. Effective for the 2026-2027 school year, and as outlined in the background materials.
- i. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the North Central Ohio Education Service Center (NCOESC):** Board approval to enter into a contract effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 with the NCOESC to provide special education services for River Valley Occupational Therapy Services, as outlined in the background materials.
- j. **Resolution: Agreement Between River Valley Local Schools (RVLSD) and the North Central Ohio Education Service Center (NCOESC):** Board approval of the Transportation Service Agreement between River Valley Local Schools and the North Central Ohio Education Service Center to provide transportation services to students of River Valley Local Schools. Effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, and as outlined in the background materials.

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Smith, Albright, Stump, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

2. **Executive Session – if needed:**

This executive session was not needed.

3. **Certificated Personnel:**

Res. 119-26 Mr. Smith 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.

Angie Bush - River Valley High School

Ryan Murphy - River Valley Middle School - Effective September 1, 2026

- b. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Aurel Toska, Social Studies Teacher at River Valley High School who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective August 25, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- c. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Madison Staton, 7th Grade Intervention Specialist at River Valley Middle School who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective August 17, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- d. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Ainsley Work, Sixth Grade Language Art at River Valley Middle School who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective August 21, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- e. **Certificated Personnel – Education Level Adjustment:** Board approval of an education level adjustment for Ashley Widrig, Seventh Grade Science at River Valley Middle School who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Education level adjustment effective September 8, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- f. **Certificated Personnel — Rescission:** Board approval to rescind the salary correction for Melissa Smith, Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher at River Valley Middle School for the 2023-2026 school years. Salary correction adjustment was approved August 13, 2026, as presented in your background materials.
- g. **Certificated Personnel – Salary Correction Adjustment:** Board approval of a salary correction adjustment for Melissa Smith, Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher at River Valley Middle Schools who has completed the necessary requirements for such an adjustment. Salary adjustment effective for the 2023-2026 school years, as presented in your background materials.
- h. **Certificated Personnel – Personal Service Agreement:** Board approval to employ Dawn McKee on a personal service agreement as the Speech - Language Pathologist Supervisor for the River Valley Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in your background materials.
- i. **Certificated Personnel - Extended Service Days:** Board approval of the following individuals for extended days as indicated below:

Effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Josh Neff - 20 days

Audrey Pinger – 20 days

- j. **Certificated Personnel - Substitute Teacher Approval:** Board approval of Substitute Teacher Revised List for September 2026 as recommended by the North Central Ohio ESC and presented in your background materials.

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Smith, Stump, Albright, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

4. **Classified Personnel:**

Res 120-26 Mr. Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Albright, to approve the following information.

- a. **Classified Personnel - Administrative Contract:** Board approval to grant a one (1) year part-time, administrative contract to Brittany Mantey, MicroFarm Technician at River Valley Local Schools. Effective August 17, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year, contingent upon the completion of necessary requirements for certification/licensure.
- b. **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.

Jackie Blevins - Substitute Assistant Cook - Effective August 18, 2026

Victoria Edler - Substitute Custodian

Lupe Geyer - Substitute Educational Aide

Laurie Hoffman - Substitute Educational Aide

Moriah Morgan - Substitute Educational Aide

Rebecca Pfeiffer - Substitute Assistant Cook - Effective August 13, 2026

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Albright, Smith, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

5. **Supplementals:**

Res. 121-26 Mr. Albright 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. **Basketball:**

Rodney Brown - River Valley High School Varsity Head Boys Basketball Coach

Tim Chiles - River Valley High School Varsity Head Girls Basketball Coach

2. **Bowling:**

Cheryl Manning - River Valley High School Varsity Head Bowling Coach

3. **Football:**

Travis Carr – River Valley Middle School Assistant Football Coach (33%)

Eli Hartman - River Valley Middle School Assistant Football Coach (33%)

Ben Saunders - River Valley Middle School Assistant Football Coach (33%)

4. **Swim:**
Justin LeVois - River Valley High School Varsity Head Swim Coach
5. **Weight Room Coordinator:**
Kade Lang - River Valley High School Weight Room Coordinator
6. **Wrestling:**
Mark McGuire - River Valley High School Varsity Head Boys Wrestling Coach
Jason Nutbrown - River Valley High School Varsity Head Girls Wrestling Coach

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Albright, Stump, Smith, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

6. **Students:**

Res. 122-26 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Stump, to approve the following information.

- a. **River Valley High School Academic Fees:** Board approval of the following Academic Fees at River Valley High School for the 2026-2027 school year as outlined below and 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 FFA Chapter to the 2026 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 through Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Smith, Stump, Albright, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

7. **Executive Session – if needed:**

Res 123-26 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to enter executive session at 8:49am. 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:

Vote: Ayes: Albright, Smith, Stump, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

Res. 124-26 Mr. Albright moved, seconded by Mr. Rengert, to reconvene into Regular Session at 10:00 am. Upon roll call vote the following board members were present: Mr. Stump, Mr. Smith, Mr. Albright, Mr. Rengert.

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Albright, Rengert, Stump, Smith

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried

V. DISCUSSION: Any items of discussion by the Board.

VI. ADJOURN - Thank you for coming.

Res. 125-26 Mr Stump moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting of the River Valley Board of Education at 10:01 am.

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes: Stump, Smith, Albright, Rengert

Nays:

President Rengert declared the motion carried