

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School
April 27, 2023
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 0164B of the Riverside Local Board of Education which was adopted in accordance with Section 1.450 of the O.R.C. and the Ohio Administrative Procedures Act.

The Bylaws of the Board of Education can be found here.

B. Roll Call: Krenisky, Grassi, Fishel, Hach, Harden

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Welcome

On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome all students, staff, parents, and interested community members to tonight's Board of Education meeting. I would like to remind everyone that this is a meeting of the Board of Education held in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public comment during the meeting in the Public Participation section on the agenda.

2. Resolution to amend Personnel Consent Agenda Item D to add the employment of Dmitry Isakov as girls head soccer coach for the 2023-2024 year pending background check.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Harden

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 042723-1

3. Motion to Approve Minutes

A. Motion to approve minutes as attached

File Attachments:

March 23 2023 Board Minutes.pdf (203 KB)

April 13, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (145 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Hach

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 041723-2

4. Special Reports – None

5. **Old Business** – Mr. Fishel read a statement saying he thinks the board can do a better job of serving our constituents of this school district and can do a better job of working together and getting things done. The board has done some good things regarding safety and hiring SROs. He sees forward movement in curriculum. He feels the board has also made some poor decisions around Social Emotional Learning and the new buildings. Discussion followed regarding procedures and expectations of the board and what Mr. Fishel thinks should be involved in working better together.

6. New Business – None

7. Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports

- A. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent’s Business Advisory Liaison – The Business Advisory Council will meet on May 16. They are continuing to work on many tasks including internships for students and the senior-only hiring fair. Outside of meetings, work is continuing on the Profile of a Graduate.
- B. Scott Fishel – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee is looking at a Geodes program for grades K-3. This is similar to the Hooked on Phonics program. Geodes has been tested in one grade and the results have been positive. No Alumni update.
- C. Tom Hach - Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Legislative Liaison – The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on April 9. They are getting ready for baseball season as best they can. Significant work is being planned for the LaMuth parking lot. They reviewed the facility condition assessment proposals that were received. A matrix will be created for a better evaluation. A special board meeting is scheduled for May 11 to review the proposals as a board. No Legislative update.
- D. Jennifer Harden - Policy Committee; Booster Organization Liaison – Spring policy revisions have been received from NEOLA. A meeting will be scheduled to review the revisions. No Boosters update.

8. **Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Kalis recognized student and teacher accomplishments. He mentioned that Stacey Lucas and Sarah Tufts were nominated for the ODE Teacher of the Year. Riverside senior Cameron Simpson won the Franklin B. Walter Award. Parkside fifth grader Nolan Hartmann won the Clean and Green Lake County logo contest. Riverside hosted a senior-only hiring fair. Twenty local businesses interviewed seniors interested in going directly into the workforce after graduation. National Honor Society held a Carnival Family Fun Night. The group hosted several events to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and was able to donate \$4,000.00. Riverside hosted the Ohio State Thespian Conference for the first time. More than 900 people participated. 35 students in the class of 2023 are twins or triplets. Kindergarten registration opens May 1. Graduation will be held in the stadium on June 2 at 7:00 p.m. The Commencement speaker will be Jen Yorko, a Riverside graduate and the current general manager of the Lake County Captains. Prom will be held on May 6 at the American Croatian Hall.

9. **Treasurer's Report and Committee Update**

- A. Belinda Grassi – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Strategic Plan Liaison – The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met on April 13. Open interviews were held for classified positions. Mrs. Aliff attended the Job Fair at the University of Akron for teaching positions. A school safety officer has been hired for Riverview starting in the fall. Preschool and Tech staffing was discussed. No Strategic Plan update.
- B. Mr. Platko has spoken with the Sheriff's office about coverage at the Preschool and possibly splitting the position with the ESC. The ESC is not interested, so we are looking at getting two officers to split the AM and PM preschool sessions. Bids for the vestibule project were too high. The scope was reduced and some adjustments were made and the project will be rebid in May. Lake County Schools Council approved a health care premium holiday in June. The Auditor of State Award was received for the eighth consecutive year. Mr. Platko reviewed the state and federal grant funds.

10. **Public Participation**

A. Public Comment

A Painesville Township resident thanked Mr. Fishel for being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. He encouraged the board to make the best decisions possible for the district and with the taxpayer money.

The president of the Lake/Geauga chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This group builds beds for children who don't have one. They build the bed frame then supply the mattress, bedding and pillows. He requested the district's support for a fundraiser to be held next fall between October 1 and November 30. The fundraiser is a district-wide Pajama Day where the students pay to wear pajamas to school. The money would be used to allow them to keep delivering beds to kids.

A Leroy Township resident said he worked with Mr. Fishel last summer to create materials on the condition of the buildings. These materials consist of a photo archive of approximately 4,400 pictures and over 100 pages of data. He is offering to donate these materials so the firm chosen from the bids can have a jump start on their data collection phase of the project. He informed the board that Mr. Fishel has been breaking the confidence of the executive sessions and has been disclosing information from the sessions to himself and other parties. He also stated that Mr. Fishel

has been involved in a theft of a petition for school board candidacy and a criminal felony complaint has been filed.

A Concord Township resident replied to the previous comment and said that this person has become very adversarial. She said he has been spreading lies and has been seen arguing with and shouting at board members at meetings.

11. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

- A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for March 2023.
File Attachment:
Monthly Board Reports - March 2023.pdf (507 KB)
- B. Resolution to approve a proposal with the Ohio Auditor of State – Local Government Services for financial statement compilation for fiscal year 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$15,300.00.
- C. Resolution to approve a purchase order to EMS Linq in the amount of \$21,026.26 for a renewal of website hosting/maintenance, Instant Connect voice dialing system, and ADA website scanning.
- D. Resolution to approve a client service agreement with the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio acting on behalf of Ohio Substitute Teacher Services for substitute teaching services effective July 1, 2023.
- E. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Friends Office for new furniture for the central office and add-ons for treasurer's office in the amount of \$22,981.31.
- F. Resolution to approve a three year agreement with SysCloud for Backup Services for Google Workspace at an annual cost of \$8,400 per year effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
- G. Resolution to approve an Addendum to the 2022-2024 school year Aligned School District Service Agreement between the Riverside Local School District and the ESC of the Western Reserve for continuation of the 843/845 2-year agreement in place expiring June 2024 with updated terms.
- H. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 - 1. To Transfinder Corporation in the amount of \$9,450.00 for routing software.
 - 2. To Rock the House Entertainment in the amount of \$5,991.75 for prom entertainment.
 - 3. To the ESC of the Western Reserve in the amount of \$13,620.71 for June and July Extended School Year.
 - 4. To Southeast Security Corporation in the amount of \$3,099.44 for fire panel service at Riverside High School.
- I. Resolution to accept the following donations:
 - 1. 30 Gift Cards (\$5 each) from 1922 Coffee and Brew for the senior coffee meeting.
 - 2. \$250.00 from Rotary Club to Riverside Drama.
- J. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Grassi

Second: Krenisky

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 042723-3

12. Consent Agenda: Personnel

- A. The Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the hiring of substitute teachers who are licensed through the State of Ohio without a bachelor's degree, provided the individuals: (1) meet the educational requirements imposed by the Riverside Local School District, (2) are deemed to be of good moral character, (3) pass a criminal background check in accordance with R.C. § 3319.39, and (4) comply with all other applicable requirements and procedures contained in the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code and all other hiring and employment standards set forth by the Riverside Local School District. This resolution shall be in effect immediately for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year and for the entire 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Resolution to accept the following resignation(s):
 - 1. Nicholas Orlando, Principal at LaMuth Middle School, effective August 21, 2023.
 - 2. Joseph Putney, Track – 8th Grade, effective April 25, 2023.
- C. Resolution to accept the following transfer(s):
 - 1. Lauren Brenizer from Tutor at Parkside Elementary at the hourly rate of \$25.11 to Long-Term Preschool Teacher at prorated salary based on BA+9 Step-0, effective April 18, 2023.
 - 2. Deborah Mills from Assistant Cook at JRW at the hourly rate of \$15.83 to Head Cashier/Assistant Cook at JRW at the hourly rate of \$16.53 Step-4 plus \$2.04 per day, effective August 21, 2023.
- D. Resolution to approve the following:
 - 1. Kyle Rebenock, Long-Term In School Suspension Teacher at Riverside Campus, Limited Contract through the end of the 22/23 school year at the hourly rate of \$25.11, effective May 1, 2023.
 - 2. Alan Ward, School Safety Officer at Riverview Elementary, Two-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$52,000.00, effective August 1, 2023.
 - 3. Ryan Paynter, Technology Support Specialist, Two-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$37,000.00, effective July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2025; prorated for the 2022-2023 contract year.
 - 4. Daniel Niederkorn, Technology Support Specialist, Two-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$44,000.00, effective July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2025; prorated for the 2022-2023 contract year.
 - 5. Frank Grunenberg, Technology Support Specialist, Two-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$48,000.00, effective August 1, 2023 pending background check.
 - 6. Dmitriy Isakov, Girls Head Soccer Coach supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year at a salary of \$4,868.00, pending background check.
- E. Resolution to approve the following substitute(s):
 - 1. Cheryl Ross, correction to hourly rate from \$19.02 to \$19.16, paid by a timesheet at the substitute Transportation Operator pay rate.
 - 2. Carol Hale, Substitute Lunch Aide at LaMuth Middle School at the hourly rate of \$11.11, effective April 27, 2023.

3. Lisa Eslinger, Substitute Assistant Cook at Buckeye Elementary at the hourly rate of \$14.70 effective May 4, 2023.
4. Michael Ashington, Substitute Transportation Operator at the hourly rate of \$19.16, effective April 11, 2023.
5. Paul Baptie, Substitute Transportation Operator at the hourly rate of \$19.16, effective April 13, 2023.
6. Salvatore Carotenuto, Substitute Transportation Operator at the hourly rate of \$19.16, effective April 11, 2023.
7. Jon Pettine, Substitute Transportation Operator at the hourly rate of \$19.16, effective April 14, 2023.

F. Resolution to approve the following supplemental contract(s):

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
7 th Grade Class Trip Chaperones	Ferry	Claudine	\$598.00
Softball Volunteer	Binkiewicz	Allie	Volunteer
Track – 7 th /8 th Grade	Cvengros	Camille	\$696.00

G. Motion to approve the items listed on the Personnel Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Grassi

Second: Krenisky

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> </u>
Belinda Grassi	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> </u>
Scott Fishel	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> </u>
Tom Hach	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> </u>
Jennifer Harden	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> </u>

President declares the motion: carried 041723-4

13. Consent Agenda: Curriculum & Programming

- A. Resolution to approve the 2023 Sixth Grade Outdoor Education Program scheduled for May 22-25, 2023 at Camp Whitewood in Windsor, OH.
- B. Resolution to approve the Riverside High School Theatre trip to New York City June 11-15, 2024. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- C. Resolution to approve the Riverside Football Camp for children entering grades 1-6 to be held June 12-15, 2023 at Riverside High School. The cost will be \$60 per child, a discount will be given to families with more than one child attending the camp. The camp is self-funded and will not result in any cost to the Board of Education.
- D. Resolution to approve the Riverside Boys' basketball camp to be held June 12-15, 2023 in the Riverside High School Field House. The cost will be \$60 per registrant. The instructors will include Riverside coaches. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- E. Resolution to approve the Riverside Girls' Basketball camp to be held June 12-15, 2023 in the Riverside High School Field House. The cost will be \$65 per registrant. The instructors will include Riverside coaches. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

- F. Resolution to approve the Riverside High School Volleyball Camp for children entering grades 6-8, to be held July 17 and 18, 2023 at the Riverside Field House. The cost will be \$60 for each child. Coaches will include Riverside coaches. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- G. Resolution to approve the Riverside High School Volleyball Team to attend the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Volleyball Team Camp July 26-28, 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- H. Motion to approve the items listed on the Curriculum & Programming Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 041723-5

- I. Resolution to remove Responsive Classroom and all present materials involving Responsive Classroom from the classrooms and all Riverside Local School District buildings and to cease any further training and or instruction involving Responsive Classroom.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Hach

Discussion: Mr. Hach stated that he regrets his vote to implement Responsive Classroom initially and believes that there are other professional development programs that will allow for continued training for teachers. Even though Riverside is not using the Social Emotional Learning aspect of Responsive Classroom, he does not want to support an organization that includes it in their program. Mrs. Krenisky pointed out that the teachers credit the morning meeting portion of Responsive Classroom to be a big part of the success of the students. If Responsive Classroom is removed, they can no longer have the morning meeting. Mr. Hach said we could pursue other programs that have that element. Dr. Mlakar stated that when you gather the kids and teach them about conflict management or communication skills, it all falls under the Social Emotional Learning umbrella, so it can't be separated as clearly. Mrs. Krenisky said we want to teach critical thinking skills and it is OK to disagree with other people and this is being ruined by a label. Mr. Fishel said that a majority of the community wants this professional development training removed.

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: failed 041723-6

14. Consent Agenda: Buildings & Grounds/Operations

- A. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Logicalis for a campus-wide paging system for the Riverside Campus in the amount of \$52,582.51.
- B. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Zenith Systems for camera system upgrades at the Riverside Campus, LaMuth Middle School, Buckeye Elementary School, and Melridge Elementary School at a total cost of \$181,470.98.
- C. Motion to approve the items listed on the Buildings & Grounds/Operations Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Hach

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 041723-7

- 15. Board of Education Update** – Mrs. Grassi congratulated the teachers nominated for Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Harden congratulated the 90 students who were accepted into Auburn Career Center for next year. Dr. Kalis mentioned the drug awareness program to be held in May.

16. Executive Session

- A. Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss:

☒ Personnel matters (individuals need not be named)

☒ Appointment and/or employment

☐ Dismissal

☒ Discipline

☐ Promotion or demotion

☐ Compensation

☐ Investigation of charges and/or complaints

☐ Purchase or sale of property

☐ Conferences with legal counsel related to pending or imminent court action

☐ Negotiations

☒ Security arrangements

☐ Economic Development

☐ Matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Hach

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 041723-8

B. Motion to return to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Harden

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hack	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 041723-9

17. Closing Items

A. Next meeting:

Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee	May 8, 2023	7:30 a.m.
Finance/Audit & Personnel Committee	May 11, 2023	8:15 a.m.
Business Meeting	May 25, 2023	7:00 p.m.

B. Motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 041723-10

Attest:


Board President

5-25-23

Date Treasurer

5/25/23

Date