

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

August 1, 2024

6:00 P.M. Special Meeting (Rescheduled July 25 Regular Meeting)

A recording of this Board of Education meeting is available on the District's YouTube page here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbTmn_sGBiEvF2c598hBCSg

1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order at 6:04 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 in BoardDocs.

B. Roll Call: Krenisky, Grassi, Brewster, Fishel

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office will be administered to the following:

Dennis Keeney

(A copy of the judgement entry is on file in the official minutes binder)

E. 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. Motion to Approve Minutes

A. Motion to approve minutes as attached.

File Attachments:

June 17 2024 Board Minutes.pdf (251 KB)

July 2 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (124 KB)

July 3 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (125 KB)

July 5 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (126 KB)

July 9 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (160 KB)

July 18 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (120 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

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>
Denise Brewster	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> </u>
Scott Fishel	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> </u>
Dennis Keeney	Aye <u> </u>	Nay <u> </u>	Abstain <u> X </u>

President declares the motion: carried 080124-1

3. **Special Reports** – Dr. Rateno thanked Mrs. Harden for her service to the Board of Education. He mentioned some accomplishments in her eleven years of service. He presented her with a thank you gift and cake. Dr. Rateno gave an update on the Facilities Focus Groups and answered questions from the Board.
4. **Old Business** – Mrs. Brewster asked for an update on the bathroom partitions. There will be an update in the Superintendent's Report.
5. **New Business** – Mrs. Krenisky made a formal announcement that Mr. Keeney will take Mrs. Harden's place as Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee Chair, Curriculum and Programming Committee member, and Booster Group Liaison.
6. **Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**
 - A. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent's Business Advisory Liaison – No update.
 - B. Denise Brewster – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Facilities Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee met and talked about the current SAT/ACT testing. The SAT is being revamped into a digital format and a shorter test. The ACT test that is normally given to all juniors in the fall will be replaced by the SAT. Staff is working on the Science of Reading training. The Wit and Wisdom ELA curriculum will be implemented for K-2 this school year. No further facilities update.
 - C. Scott Fishel - Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – The Alumni Association is planning the Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. No Buildings and Grounds/Operations Committee update.
 - D. Belinda Grassi - Policy Committee; Legislative Liaison – No Policy Committee update. Mrs. Grassi talked about various actions that have been taken by the House and the Senate in the past month.
7. **Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Rateno thanked everyone working throughout the summer to get the buildings ready for the new school year. This year, any 10-month staff member who wanted to was invited to work summer maintenance. Restrooms at the Campus have been sterilized and painted and the new partitions will be up in the next week or two. Dr. Rateno gave construction updates on the vestibules and other projects throughout the district. The varsity baseball and softball fields are finished and ready for play. Benches will be installed by the new courts at LaMuth. One of the benches has been donated by the Looman Family Foundation and will be engraved in memory of Kobe Looman. The third annual Job Fair

resulted in three full time and seven part time hires. Ten non-teaching substitutes and twenty teaching substitutes signed up. The Gridiron Tailgate will be on August 23 from 4-7 pm. They are still working on a date for Meet the Teams Night.

8. Treasurer's Report and Committee Update

- A. Denise Brewster – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Booster Organization Liaison – The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met on July 18. They talked about new teacher orientation and vacant supplemental positions. A Benefits Fair will be held on August 19 for staff. A School Safety Officer has resigned and the Sheriff's Office is conducting interviews for a replacement. The district's investments have been very lucrative and Mrs. Brewster thanked Mr. Platko for his expertise. Mr. Platko wrote a letter opposing the RID in Concord, but the Trustees approved it. Concord has proposed three more RIDs. The school will lose significant money as a result of the approval. No Booster update.
- B. Mr. Platko reviewed the June financial report. He compared the fiscal year end results to the May 2024 forecast. A contract for Professional Design Services will be approved and executed at this meeting. Interviews for a Construction Manager will be held on August 6. The OSBA Conference will be held November 10-12. A delegate will be chosen at the August 15 meeting. The Ohio Auditor of State has issued a bulletin requiring Fraud Reporting Training for all employees including Board members.

9. Public Participation

- A. Public comment – A Leroy Township resident said his father graduated from Riverside 72 years ago with a diploma signed by John R. Williams, Superintendent; Henry LaMuth, Principal; Clyde Hadden, Board President; and Evelyn Hazen. Three of these people have had school buildings named after them. He was here last summer when Dr. Kalis retired. As he drives into the school and sees the naming of the driveway, it reminds him of Dr. Kalis but it seems to fall short. Dr. Kalis gave this district the bulk of his three decades of selfless service. He got paid for doing the job, but in so many ways he went above and beyond. He told a story of when his sons started into the school district and began to achieve things in 4-H and Scouts, if there was an article in the paper Dr. Kalis would clip the article and mail it to him. As he got to know the boys, he would call and ask to speak to them to congratulate them. He personally wrote a letter of recommendation to National Honor Society for one of his sons. In keeping with precedent and tradition in the district that we have named buildings after other long-serving administrators, he would like to propose and ask the current administrators and board to give serious consideration to the notion of naming a building after James P. Kalis. There are two elementary schools that he was instrumental in bringing to reality. They already have names, but Auburn Road Junior High School was renamed to LaMuth Middle School. He asks that they consider renaming either Parkside Elementary or Riverview Elementary to James P. Kalis Memorial Elementary School. The nature and length of his service merits such an honorarium to him.

10. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

- A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for June 2024.
File Attachment:
Monthly Board Reports – June 2024.pdf (616 KB)

- B. Resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 report of commercial paper and banker acceptances in accordance with ORC 135.142 and board policy 6144.
File Attachment:
Riverside Local School District Commercial Paper & Bankers Acceptance Reports FY24.pdf (168 KB)
- C. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Rock the House Entertainment Group in the amount of \$23,000.00 for Homecoming Entertainment.
- D. Resolution to approve enrollment in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council or "SWOPEC" Group Retrospective Rating Program of the Bureau of Workers Compensation for 2025.
- E. Resolution to approve a consulting agreement with Signature Health for diagnostic assessment, counseling, and case management services for the 2024-2025 school year.
- F. Resolution to approve a purchase order to the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet) for software licensing, services, support and internet access for the 2024-2025 school year at an estimated cost of \$201,558.40.
- G. Resolution to approve a purchase order to Ciro's Sewer Cleaning, Inc in the amount of \$26,004.00 for multiple services district wide.
- H. Resolution to approve membership in the Alliance for High Quality Education at the annual dues of \$4,000.00 for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- I. Resolution to approve a purchase order to World Fuel Services, Inc. in the amount of \$120,000.00 for fuel for buses.
- J. Resolution to approve a purchase order to Worthington Direct in the amount of \$47,829.70 for furniture for LaMuth 5th grade classrooms.
- K. Resolution to approve a purchase order to Today's Classroom in the amount of \$20,425.24 for furniture for LaMuth 5th grade classrooms.
- L. Resolution to approve a purchase order to Pioneer Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$18,670.30 for track protectors.
- M. Resolution to approve transfers out of the General Fund to the following funds:
From General Fund 001 \$250,000.00 to the Termination Benefits Fund 035
- N. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
1. To Alliance for High Quality Education in the amount of \$4,000.00 for dues from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
 2. To Project Lead the Way in the amount of \$5,050.00 for STEM Curriculum at Riverside, Buckeye and Melridge for the 2024-25 school year
 3. To RAM Construction Services of Cleveland in the amount of \$5,650.00 for additional masonry repair work at the LaMuth Gymnasium.
- O. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Brewster

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 080124-2

11. Consent Agenda: Personnel

A. Resolution to approve the following resignation(s):

1. Abby Plassard, Intervention Specialist at LaMuth Middle School, effective prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Jessica Lewins, Flag Corps Supplemental, effective July 15, 2024.
3. Gale Langham, Special Needs Assistant at Melridge Elementary, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year.
4. Rachel Ritz, Special Needs Assistant at Riverside Campus, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year.
5. Roger Rousch, Field House Supervisor, effective May 31, 2024.
6. Nicholas Orlando, Lunchroom Assistant at LaMuth Middle School, effective July 31, 2024.
7. Julian Poggemeyer, Summer Technology Worker at Riverside Campus, effective July 1, 2024.
8. Jaqueline Frye, Special Needs Assistant at LaMuth Middle School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year.
9. Nancy Kobashi, Special Needs Assistant at Melridge Elementary, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year.

B. Resolution to approve the following Transfers:

1. Carletta (Vicki) Bennett, from Special Needs Assistant to Educational Assistant (Study Hall) at Riverside Campus at the hourly rate of \$18.07 Step-17, effective August 19, 2024.
2. Michelle Ricci, Special Needs Assistant, from Melridge Elementary to Buckeye Elementary, effective August 22, 2024.
3. Janeen Sweeney, Special Needs Assistant, from Parkside Elementary to Buckeye Elementary, effective August 22, 2024.
4. Melissa Wilson, Special Needs Assistant from Parkside Elementary to Buckeye Elementary, effective August 22, 2024.
5. Celeste Napier, Special Needs Assistant from Melridge Elementary to LaMuth Middle School, effective August 22, 2024.
6. Heather Sears, Special Needs Assistant from Parkside Elementary to Riverside Campus, effective August 22, 2024.
7. Lisa Kissig, Special Needs Assistant from LaMuth Middle School to Riverside Campus, effective August 22, 2024.
8. Ann Marie Hamilton, Speech Language Pathologist, split between LaMuth Middle School and Riverside Campus to split between Parkside Elementary and LaMuth Middle School, effective August 19, 2024.
9. Kathlyn Olds, Speech Language Pathologist, from Hale Road Preschool to Riverside Campus and LaMuth Middle School effective August 19, 2024
10. Lora Lavelle, Speech Language Pathologist, split between Melridge Elementary and Parkside Elementary to Melridge Preschool and School age, effective August 19, 2024.
11. Nicholas Orlando, from Building Assistant to Educational Assistant at LaMuth Middle School at the hourly rate of \$16.40 Step-7, 1.5 hours per day, effective August 19, 2024.
12. Bailey Brainard, from First Grade Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher at Riverview Elementary, effective August 19, 2024.

C. Resolution to approve the following:

1. Tanya Puffenbarger, Nutrition Services Manager at Riverside Campus, training and transition to be worked before contract begins on August 22, 2024, paid by a timesheet. Effective July 15, 2024.
2. Kathleen Zimmerman, Transportation Operator, return from unpaid Leave of Absence, at the hourly rate of \$27.77 Step-12, hire effective August 22, 2024 and paid by timesheet August 19, 2024-August 21, 2024 for professional development.
3. Marcus McCaleb, In-School Suspension Teacher at Riverside Campus, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$26.38, effective August 19, 2024 for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Marcus Morant, 12-Month Maintenance, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$23.69 Step-1, effective August 12, 2024. Pending Background Check.
5. Karen Bidlack, PM Latchkey Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$15.50, hire effective August 22, 2024 and paid by timesheet August 19, 2024-August 21, 2024 for professional development.
6. Karen Bidlack, Educational Assistant at Buckeye Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$15.00 Step-0, hire effective August 22, 2024 and paid by timesheet August 19, 2024-August 21, 2024 for professional development.
7. Robert Brooks, 12-Month Evening Custodian at Buckeye Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$20.47 Step-1, effective August 12, 2024.

D. Resolution to approve Tutors for the 2024-2025 School Year: One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$26.38

Jack Cinicola, ELA Tutor General Fund, Riverside Campus

Brock Marur, ELA Tutor General Fund, Riverview Elementary for first semester. Pending Licensure

Michelle Hribar, ELA Tutor, Title Fund, Riverview Elementary

Nicholas Orlando, ELA and Math Tutor, General Fund, LaMuth Middle School, 2.5 hours per day.

Eunique Little, ELA and Math Tutor, General Fund, Buckeye Elementary for first semester.

E. Resolution to approve the following supplemental contracts:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Marcus	McCaleb	Football-Varsity Assistant	\$5,245.00	Paid by Gridiron
Conor	McIntosh	Football-Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	Pending SCA
Logan	Frank	Girls Golf Coach	\$3,344.00	
Carrie	Erjavec	Girls Golf-Assistant Coach	Volunteer	
Camille	Cvengros	Volleyball-8 th Grade	\$3,758.00	Pending Concussion
Judd	Nolan	Soccer-Girls Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
Brock	Marut	Football-7 th Grade	\$2,926.00	Paid by Gridiron
Alexis	Radcliffe	Flag Corps	\$2,626.00	Pending PAP, SCA, Fundamentals of Coaching, CPR, First Aid, Mental Health
Alyson	Mekinda	Assistant Costumer	Volunteer	
Courtney	Patton	Theatre Business Manager	Volunteer	
Glenn	Obergefell	Marching Band-Second Assistant	\$2,089.00	Step Correction
Jennifer	Soots	2023-2024 TBT Lead	\$500.00	1-Math
Scott	Bailis	Guidance Director-10 Days	\$5,277.00	
Karin	Pennock	Guidance RHS Ext. Time-10 Days	\$4,968.00	

Anne	Dalby	Guidance RHS Ext. Time-10 Days	\$3,538.00
Scott	Bailis	Guidance RHS Ext. Time-10 Days	\$5,277.00
Jamie	Clark	Guidance JRW Ext. Time-10 Days	\$4,884.00
Alyssa	Keim	Guidance JRW Ext. Time-10 Days	\$4,813.00
Erin	Falvey	Guidance LMS Ext. Time-10 Days	\$4,456.00
Kathy	Francis	Guidance LMS Ext. Time-10 Days	\$5,039.00
David	Schwartz	Summer Band-RHS Director-5 Days	\$2,579.00
Brad	Allen	Summer Band-RHS Assistant-5 Days	\$2,305.00
Glenn	Obergefell	Summer Band-RHS 2 nd Assistant-5 Days	\$2,603.00

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

Motion: Brewster

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 080124-3

12. Consent Agenda: Buildings & Grounds/Operations

- A. Resolution to declare transportation impractical for certain identified students is presented pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code chapter 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 Schools recommends that the board of education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the identified students have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

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

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code 3327.01 have been considered: (1) the number of pupils to be transported; and (2) the cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration to:

Global Connections Academy
Lake Erie Bilingual Academy

WHEREAS the option of offering payment in lieu of transportation is provided in Revised Code. Therefore, Be It RESOLVED that the Riverside Local Board of Education hereby approves the declaration of impractical to transport for the identified students, and offering them payment in lieu of transportation.

- B. Resolution to approve an agreement from ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) for design services related to the Riverside Career Technical Education Addition and Renovation Project in the amount of \$322,500.00.
- C. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Borgman Athletics Group for a new gym divider curtain for LaMuth Middle School at a total cost of \$18,000.00.
- D. Motion to approve the items listed on the Buildings & Grounds/Operations Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 080124-4

13. Board of Education Update – None

14. Next Meeting Announcement

Buildings and Grounds Committee	August 6, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Curriculum and Programs Committee	August 13, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee	August 13, 2024	8:00 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	August 15, 2024	6:00 p.m.

15. Executive Session

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 7:17 pm to discuss other matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law and the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby designates all matters discussed in this executive session as strictly confidential and finds that this designation is warranted because of the status of these matters and the need to preserve confidentiality to properly conduct the business of this Board of Education.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
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JUDGE MARK BARTOLOTTA
PROBATE COURT
LAKE COUNTY, OHIOIN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE DIVISION
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:)	CASE NO. 01 CV 0196A
)	
THE APPOINTMENT TO)	JUDGE MARK J. BARTOLOTTA
RIVERSIDE LOCAL SCHOOL)	
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION)	<u>JUDGMENT ENTRY</u>
)	
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This matter came before the Court pursuant to a written request by the Riverside Local School District Board of Education (the Board) filed on July 11, 2024 by Board President Lori Krenisky, seeking appointment of a new Board member by this Court. The Court finds that a vacancy on the Board was created due to the resignation of Board member Jennifer Harden, effective June 25, 2024. The Board, through its filing, has advised the Court that the remaining four members cannot reach a majority agreement on a replacement for that position.

R.C. 3313.85 provides that if the board of education fails to fill such a vacancy within a period of thirty days after the vacancy occurs, the probate court, upon being advised and satisfied of that failure, shall act as that board to fill any vacancy as promptly as possible. Here, the Board had until July 25, 2024 to fill its vacancy. The Court finds that it has been advised and is satisfied that, to date, the Board has been unable to achieve a majority vote in favor of a replacement member. Therefore, the Court shall fill said vacancy by appointment herein.

In preparation for this appointment, the Court received from the Board a copy of twenty-two applications it obtained from interested candidates. From that list of twenty-two, through interviews, the Board reduced that list down to four finalists. The Court, at a meeting with the Board to discuss the appointment, was advised that it had narrowed the four remaining candidates down to two. These two candidates were separately interviewed by the Court.

Upon meeting separately with the two finalists, the Court found both to be equally qualified and appropriate to serve as a Board member. They both exhibited the passion and desire necessary to carry out the duties incumbent upon all Board members in efforts to further the best interests of the students of the Riverside Local School District (the District). The Court is confident that either would be a great addition to the Board. However, the task at hand dictates

that one must be chosen over the other.

In distinguishing between the two finalists, the Court looked to the make-up of the current four Board members' background and experience in order to determine which might provide expertise, training, or qualifications distinct from that which the current Board members possess. One member is a career educator, one in finance/accounting, one is a small business owner, and one is a long-time employee of a large corporation who has children in the District.

Based on the well-rounded composition of the Board, this Court then considered the two finalists' credentials to determine which would help with the current needs of the District. It was quite evident upon meeting with Board that the condition of the District's facilities was of immediate concern. The study commissioned by the District regarding the condition and needs of the various school buildings and related structures indicated that tens of millions of dollars would need to be invested in these facilities in the immediate future.

With all other considerations between the two finalists being somewhat equal, the Court finds that the background and experience of Mr. Dennis L. Keeney in commercial real estate and large scale construction projects makes him stand out as the candidate that would best serve the District's needs at this time.

WHEREFORE, it is the order of this Court that Mr. Dennis Lynn Keeney is hereby appointed forthwith to the Riverside Local School District Board of Education for the remainder of the unexpired term of former Board member Jennifer Harden through December 31, 2025, pursuant to R.C. 3313.11.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE MARK J. BARTOLOTTA

cc: Lori Krenisky, Board President
Belinda Grass, Board Vice President
Denise Brewster, Board Member
Scott Fishel, Board Member
Dr. Christopher Rateno, Superintendent
Gary Platko, Treasurer/CFO
Dennis L. Keeney, Newly Appointed Board Member

