



Board Briefs



January 30, 2025 Board Meeting

Minutes from the December 19, 2024, Board Meeting; January 8, 2025, Tax Budget Hearing; January 8, 2025, Organizational Meeting; and the January 8, 2025, Special Meeting were approved.

The following Finance/Audit recommendations were approved:

- ❖ Approval of the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for December, 2024.
- ❖ Approval of a revision to the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2025.
- ❖ Approval of the 2024 annual credit card reward report.
- ❖ Approval of a proposal from the Law Offices of John Podgurski, LLC for legal counsel services for various matters on an as needed basis.
- ❖ Approval of a purchase order to AI For All LLC in the amount of \$60,000.00 for two artificial intelligence trainings for District staff. Once completed the District will be reimbursed the full amount of the training through the Ohio TechCred program.
- ❖ Approval of Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 1. to Effective Leadership Academy in the amount of \$6,055.00 for the Pathways of Success program at LaMuth.
 2. to 4-H Camp Whitewood in the amount of \$6,032.50 for the final 2024 6th grade camp payment.
- ❖ Approval of to accept the following donations:
 1. \$400.00 from the Mentor Rotary Club to Riverside Drama.
 2. \$3,272.16 from the Riverside Campus PTA to the Riverside Campus PTA Close-Out Activity Fund.
 3. \$1,000.00 from SSC Controls Company to the RAVE Program.
 4. Nine Chromebooks from Jeremy Simco and National Enterprise Systems to Melridge Elementary School.

The following Personnel recommendations were approved:

- ❖ Approval of the following Contracts for the Second Semester of the 2024-2025 School year.
 1. Michelle Proud, Math & ELA Tutor, Title Fund at Melridge Elementary
- ❖ Approval of Charles Schlick, Assistant Superintendent, to be compensated for an additional fifteen (15) days of paid vacation leave in lieu of using such vacation leave at his per diem rate of pay effective only for the 2024-2025 contract year.

Retirement

- ❖ Kim Walczak, Fourth Grade Teacher at Melridge Elementary, effective July 31, 2025.
- ❖ Jeffrey Cobb, Health/PE Teacher at Riverside Campus, effective July 31, 2025.
- ❖ Susan Erickson, Special Needs Assistant at LaMuth Middle School, effective July 31, 2025.
- ❖ Melinda Nicholson, Transportation Assistant, effective July 31, 2025.
- ❖ Sandra Kennedy, Vocational Job Coach, effective July 31, 2025.

Resignation

- ❖ Lori Clark, Educational Assistant at Melridge Elementary, effective December 13, 2024.
- ❖ Rebecca Knapp, Special Needs Assistant at Parkside Elementary, effective January 10, 2025.
- ❖ Crystal Bailey, Special Needs Assistant at Riverview Elementary, effective January 17, 2025.
- ❖ Jennifer Kilgore, 8th Grade Trip Chaperone, effective November 21, 2024.
- ❖ Amber Harpster, Educational Assistant at Riverview Elementary, effective January 24, 2025.
- ❖ Danielle Cawrse, Special Needs Assistant at Parkside Elementary, effective January 24, 2025.

Transfer

- ❖ Paige Burkhammer, from Educational Assistant at Riverview Elementary to Special Needs Assistant at Riverview Elementary, Step-0, effective January 16, 2025.
- ❖ Tabitha Lette, from AM and PM Latchkey Coordinator at Parkside Elementary to Special Needs Assistant at Riverview Elementary, Step-1, effective February 3, 2025.

Employment

- ❖ Alayna Solly, Transportation Assistant, One-Year limited contract, Step-1, effective January 13, 2025.
- ❖ Morgan Fleischer, Special Needs Assistant at Parkside Elementary, One-Year limited contract, Step-0, effective February 3, 2025.
- ❖ Delaney Leichtman, Special Needs Substitute, correction to hourly rate, effective January 9, 2025.
- ❖ Delaney Leichtman, Special Needs Assistant at Buckeye Elementary, One-Year limited contract, Step-2, effective February 3, 2025.
- ❖ Ayreen Lugo, AM Latchkey Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year limited contract, effective February 3, 2025.
- ❖ Karen Bidlack, Educational Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year limited contract, Step-0, effective February 3, 2025.
- ❖ Bobby Johnson, PM Latchkey Coordinator at Parkside Elementary, One-Year limited contract, effective February 3, 2025. Pending background check and Rapback enrollment.
- ❖ Melissa Simpson, Educational Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year limited contract, Step-0, effective February 3, 2025.

Classified Substitutes

- ❖ Amber Harpster Educational Assistant
- ❖ Melissa Simpson Latchkey Assistant
- ❖ Wesley Overall Latchkey Coordinator
- ❖ Rebecca Knapp Special Needs Assistant
- ❖ Jessica Rauch Special Needs Assistant
- ❖ Kerri Sweda Special Needs Assistant
- ❖ Charles Gustavus Transportation Assistant, pending background check

Supplemental Contracts

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| ❖ Kristen McDevitt | Outdoor Education Program Director | \$835.00 | Split |
| ❖ Kelly Puhalsky | Outdoor Education Program Director | \$835.00 | Split |
| ❖ Kristen McDevitt | Outdoor Education Program Assistant | \$625.00 | Split |
| ❖ Kelly Puhalsky | Outdoor Education Program Assistant | \$625.00 | Split |
| ❖ Tom Reilly | Outdoor Education Program | \$838.00 | Both Sessions |
| ❖ Mark Tinney | Outdoor Education Program | \$838.00 | Both Sessions |
| ❖ Edward Hoynes | Outdoor Education Program | \$838.00 | Both Sessions |

❖ Gina Cireddu	Outdoor Education Program	\$838.00	Both Sessions
❖ Cathy Valaitis	Outdoor Education Program	\$838.00	Both Sessions
❖ Barb Dostal	Outdoor Education Program	\$838.00	Both Sessions
❖ Vanessa Neilsen	Outdoor Education Program	\$838.00	Both Sessions
❖ Monica Vernon	Outdoor Education Program	\$838.00	Both Sessions
❖ David Shook	8th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$628.00	
❖ Daniel Adair	Lacrosse-Boys Head Coach	\$6,689.00	
❖ Michael Swank	Lacrosse-Boys Varsity Assistant	\$4,177.00	
❖ Kyle Rebenock	Lacrosse-Boys Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
❖ Rachel Victor	Lacrosse-Girls Head Coach	\$5,014.00	
❖ Amanda Tressler	Lacrosse-Girls Varsity Assistant	\$1,672.00	Split
❖ Jaclyn Napier	Lacrosse - Girls Varsity Assistant	\$1,672.00	Split
❖ Rick Warner	Lacrosse-Girls Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
❖ John Wakim	Baseball-Head Coach	\$8,363.00	
❖ Zachary Hammonds	Baseball-Varsity Assistant	\$6,689.00	
❖ John Brown	Baseball-Varsity Assistant	\$6,689.00	
❖ Bill Ross	Softball-Head Coach	\$8,363.00	
❖ Carrie Erjavec	Softball- Varsity Assistant (JV)	\$6,689.00	
❖ Scott Binkiewicz	Softball-Varsity Assistant	\$6,689.00	
❖ Allie Binkiewicz	Softball-Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
❖ Kathy Babcock	Track-Boys Head Coach	\$8,363.00	
❖ Lisa Wade	Track-Girls Head Coach	\$8,363.00	
❖ Jacob McDonald	Track-Varsity Assistant	\$6,689.00	
❖ Alyssa Keim	Track-Varsity Assistant	\$5,851.00	
❖ Jamel White	Track-Varsity Assistant	\$6,689.00	
❖ Robyn Selent	Track-Varsity Assistant	\$5,014.00	
❖ Richard Marinelli	Track-Varsity Assistant	\$6,689.00	
❖ Marcus McCaleb	Track-Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
❖ Geoffrey Noreika	Track - Seventh and Eighth Grade	\$2,926.00	
❖ Kevin Weirich	Track - Seventh and Eighth Grade	\$2,926.00	
❖ Alex Kyer	Track - Seventh and Eighth Grade	Volunteer	
❖ Christina Smalley	Girls Flag Football	Volunteer	
❖ Nathaniel Freeman	Cello - Spring Musical	\$350.00	

The following Curriculum & Programming recommendations were approved

- ❖ Approval of the Riverside High School Drama Club to attend the Ohio Educational Theatre Association: Ohio Chapter 2025 State Thespian Conference at Westerville Central High School in Westerville, Ohio. The event is scheduled for March 21 - 23, 2025. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- ❖ Approval of the Riverside High School Band trip to Florida, March 19-25, 2026. The cost of the trip will be shared by band students and the Riverside Band Boosters. There will be no cost to the Riverside Local Board of Education.
- ❖ Approval Girls Flag Football as a club for the 2024-2025 school year.
- ❖ Approval of the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding with Kent State University for the 2025-2026 school year.
- ❖ Approval of a purchase order with Benchmark Education Company to purchase English Language Arts instructional programs and materials for grades 3 through 6 at a total cost of \$230,793.32.

The following Buildings and Grounds/Operations recommendations were approved

- ❖ Approval of a purchase order to Gardiner for a new heat exchanger on the boiler at Parkside Elementary School at a cost of \$30,914.00.
- ❖ Approval of an agreement from ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) for design services related to the Buckeye Elementary School Expansion and Improvement Project plus MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) improvements at Melridge Elementary School in the amount of \$785,000.00.

- ❖ Approval of an Agreement between Cleveland Construction, Inc. and the Riverside Local School District Board of Education for Cleveland Construction, Inc. to serve as the construction manager at risk for the Buckeye Elementary School Expansion and Improvement Project and hereby authorizes the Board President and Treasurer/CFO to sign this agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.
- ❖ Approval of an amendment to a consultant agreement for owner representative services with RFC Contracting, LLC for various projects to extend the agreement through August 31, 2027 at a revised monthly rate of \$14,000.00 effective March 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027.

Board of Education Business

- ❖ Approval authorizing the Treasurer/CFO to work with the district's bond counsel and municipal advisor to secure an underwriter and secure financing for the Buckeye Elementary Expansion Project and other improvements.

This ends all official action by the Board of Education.

Next Meeting: Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - February 3, 2025 8:00 a.m.
 Curriculum and Programming Committee Meeting - February 18, 2025 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Education Work Session - February 19, 2025 6:00 p.m.
 Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting - February 20, 2025 8:00 a.m.
 Board of Education Meeting - February 27, 2025 6:00 p.m.