

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Work Session  
Riverside High School  
February 2, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**1. Opening Items**

- A. Call to Order at 7:01 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.

- B. Roll Call: Krenisky, Grassi, Fishel, Hach, Harden  
C. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Treasurer Pro Tempore**

- A. Motion to approve the appointment of Mike Patrizi as Treasurer Pro Tempore.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Vote:

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| 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 020223-1

**3. Work Session**

Orli Perez from NV5 presented options for the facilities plan to the board. She said that through discussions and surveys, the items agreed upon by the majority of responders are programmatic needs, physical conditions, and operational needs. The top results from an anonymous survey are financial sustainability, safety and security, significant renovations, bus maintenance facility, and reorganization of grade levels. She presented the following five options for the Board to consider:

Option One – Build a new middle school, convert LaMuth to an elementary. This option would involve renovating Riverside to a 9-12 building, building a new middle school for grades 6-8, converting LaMuth to an

elementary school, updating Buckeye to a PreK school and decommissioning Melridge. This would cost \$144,119,745. It would allow for 11% enrollment growth and add 199,009 new square feet of space.

Option Two – Build a new elementary school. This option would involve renovating Riverside to a 9-12 building, renovating and adding on to LaMuth to be a 6-8 building, building a new K-5 elementary school, renovating and adding on to Buckeye as a K-5 building and decommissioning Melridge. This would cost \$160,920,016. It would allow for 14.5% enrollment growth and add 221,424 new square feet of space.

Option Three – Grade shift K-4 and 5-8. This option would involve renovating Riverside to a 9-12 building, renovating and adding on to LaMuth to be a 5-8 building, renovating and adding on to Buckeye as a K-4 building and updating Melridge to a K-4 building. There would also be a possibility to add PreK to Buckeye and Melridge. This would cost \$151,132,179. It would allow for 13% enrollment growth and add 176,124 new square feet of space.

Option Four – Renovate and add on to all schools. This option would involve renovating Riverside to a 9-12 building, renovating and adding on to LaMuth to be a 6-8 building, renovating and adding on to Buckeye and Melridge to K-5 buildings. This would cost \$167,614,951. It would allow for 16% enrollment growth and add 214,495 new square feet of space.

Option Five – New 6-12 campus. This option would involve decommissioning Riverside, building a new 6-12 campus, converting LaMuth to a K-5 elementary building, renovating Buckeye to a K-5 building and decommissioning Melridge. This would cost \$206,442,080. It would allow for 8% enrollment growth and add 508,000 new square feet of space.

All five options include building new athletic fields and a new bus maintenance facility. The cost of the athletic fields would be \$1,480,000. The cost of the bus facility would be \$14,400,000.

Ms. Perez feels that the board has to develop trust in the community. The District needs to spend some of its own money before it asks for money from the community. The previous levy failed, and the District cannot bring these numbers to the voters. She recommends that the first step be to perform a facilities condition assessment. The assessment would lay out everything that needs to be done, then the work can be prioritized. The board has decided to get bids to do an assessment of all the schools, then once an assessment is completed, they can decide which schools to proceed with.

#### 4. Closing Items

##### A. Next meeting announcement

|  |                   |           |
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| Board Special Meeting/Work Session       | February 9, 2023  | 6:00 p.m. |
| Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee | February 13, 2023 | 7:30 a.m. |
| Board Executive Session                  | February 13, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Finance/Audit & Personnel Committee      | February 16, 2023 | 8:15 a.m. |
| Business Meeting                         | February 23, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |

##### B. Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky



Second: Fishel

Vote:

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| 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 020223-2

Attest:

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|  | 2-23-23 |  | 2/23/23 |
| Board President   | Date    | Treasurer  | Date    |