

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School
February 22, 2024
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

1. Opening Items

- A. Call to Order at 6:00 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, Brewster, 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. Motion to Approve Minutes

- A. Motion to approve minutes as attached.

File Attachments:

January 25 2024 Board Minutes.pdf (290 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Harden

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Belinda Grassi	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Fishel	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Denise Brewster	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Harden	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>

President declares the motion: carried 022224-1

3. **Special Reports** – Dr. Rateno said during the Professional Development days on February 12 and 13, ten of the twelve action areas of the Strategic Plan were addressed in meetings with both certified and classified staff. Mr. Hall gave an update on the Riverside Campus. He said that communication with students, staff and community members is very important. He talked about all of the activities that have been going on at the Campus. He introduced three students from the Qualitative Reasoning class. This class is an alternative to Algebra II and Geometry and is taught by Mrs. Goodge and Mrs. Terman. The students gave a presentation about a lesson they did in class called Modeling Cancer Cells with M & M's. They showed how they collected data then analyzed the data using various methods to show how cancer cells multiply.
4. **Old Business** – Mrs. Krenisky said the rules and expectations of each committee will be passed to the Policy Committee to review and place in the handbook. Mr. Fishel talked about the need to hire an Owner's Representative. Bialosky recommended that as the next step and he thinks it would be smart to follow that advice. Mrs. Grassi said the Board approved forming a committee of parents, students and staff to gather ideas on what is wanted at the schools. There is nothing for an Owner's Rep to manage yet. Mr. Fishel said we have not done anything with Bialosky's report and the critical projects should be done now. Mrs. Krenisky said that work has been done including the vestibules and discussions about the bathrooms. She also said the space issues have to be addressed as well. She said we have to determine what the district will look like in five years and that should drive what we do. Mrs. Brewster said the items on the critical list have been going on for some time. Mrs. Krenisky agrees that we need to hire an Owner's Rep or Construction Manager at Risk, but we are not ready for them now. A majority of the Board agrees that they are not at the point that they are ready to hire someone.
5. **New Business** – Mrs. Grassi talked about the review of the Administrator Handbook that was started with the Finance/Personnel Committee. She wants to be sure that continues since she is no longer on the Committee. Mrs. Harden said the committee is still looking at it.
6. **Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**
 - A. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent's Business Advisory Liaison – No Business Advisory Committee update.
 - B. Denise Brewster – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Facilities Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee met on January 31 and February 21. They talked about the current curriculum and student performance. A mentoring program is being implemented at LaMuth. There is ongoing discussion about the fifth grade transition. Mr. Hall talked about block scheduling and high school math. They will be addressing instructional time for eighth graders. No Facilities update.
 - C. Scott Fishel - Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – The Buildings and Grounds/Operations Committee met and talked about the gym floor replacement at LaMuth. Mr. Arlesic had the leaking roof looked at and tested to see what the scope of the project will be. The modular units at Buckeye will be open as soon as possible. The Alumni Association golf outing will be held on June 8. They are set up to accept credit card payments.
 - D. Belinda Grassi - Policy Committee; Legislative Liaison – No Policy Committee update. NEOLA will have their first initial meeting on March 8. OSBA has been providing policies that should be added to the Board Policy Handbook. Mrs. Grassi talked about various bills that have been introduced in the House and the Senate.

7. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Mlakar talked about the programs in place for math and reading intervention. Dr. Rateno talked about the celebrations in the schools for Black History Month. Two informational meetings have been held for parents of fourth graders who will be at LaMuth for fifth grade. There are discussions between Buckeye PTA, Melridge PTO and AMSCO about year end celebrations for those students. The office and second set of doors have been installed in the vestibule area at Melridge. Construction will begin on the vestibules at Buckeye, LaMuth and Riverside in June after school is out. A facilities planning meeting was held on February 21 to talk about different options. It was attended by central office staff, Mrs. Brewster and a parent. National Honor Society held a Parents Night Out/Kids Night In event. The Valentine's Day Dance was attended by over 300 students, staff and volunteers. Riverside hosted the Lake County Choir Festival. He gave an update on the winter sports results. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 23. The Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner will be on March 14, with the musical *Big Fish* performances March 14-16. National Honor Society is holding a Spring Carnival on April 12 and a Craft Fair on April 20. Kindergarten registration will begin on April 2.

8. Treasurer's Report and Committee Update

- A. Jennifer Harden – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Booster Organization Liaison – The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met on February 15. Mrs. Aliff talked about the staffing survey that will be sent out. The district will receive the Auditor of State Award for the ninth consecutive year. They reviewed outstanding debt and retirement and severance funds. They worked on the Administrator Handbook updates. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 23 at noon.
- B. Mr. Platko reviewed the January 2024 Financial Report. Riverside received \$40,000 from the BWC for a School Safety and Security grant to install additional cameras and card readers at the campus. Three new buses have been delivered. When Mr. Platko started working here, he created a bus replacement schedule to replace all buses over twelve years old at a rate of five per year. On that schedule, we were projected to catch up by 2026. As of now, we have replaced all but one bus over twelve years old. The audit results have been released and we received the Auditor of State Award and a four-star rating for Highest Achievement in Open and Transparency in Government. Mr. Platko talked about a land dispute between Mentor and Painesville in the Diamond Center area.

9. Public Participation

- A. Public comment
A resident in the district said there will be a big tax increase for 2024 taxes due to reevaluation. He said this increase will tax seniors and people on fixed incomes out of their homes. Mr. Platko and Dr. Rateno have agreed to meet with him to review the numbers. He said people have been calling him with concerns about the amount of taxes and the amount that is paid to the schools. He said that what we are doing is immoral.

10. Facilities Plan Advancement

- A. Motion to approve the January 25, 2024 Proposal for Advancing Facilities Plan.
File Attachment:
Proposal for Advancing Facilities Plan Jan 2024.pdf (167 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Discussion:

Mr. Fishel feels this proposal is premature, vague and abstract. There is terminology that can be interpreted many different ways. He would like further clarification of words and terms that are used. Mrs. Brewster agrees that it would be helpful to everyone to have more clarity in the proposal.

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-2

11. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

- A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for January 2024.

File Attachment:

Monthly Board Reports – January 2024.pdf (619 KB)

- B. Resolution to approve the following grant applications and awards:

1. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$40,000.00, School Safety and Security Grant, Fund 499
2. The Lakeland Foundation in the amount of \$500.00, Partners in Science Excellence, Robyn Selent, Fund 018
3. The Lakeland Foundation in the amount of \$500.00, Partners in Science Excellence, Sherri Mercsak & Christy Daugherty, Fund 018
4. The Lakeland Foundation in the amount of \$500.00, Partners in Science Excellence, Kristen Haury, Fund 018

- C. Resolution to approve a revision to the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2024.

File Attachment:

Permanent Appropriations – FY24 – 02-22-2024.pdf (22 KB)

- D. Resolution to approve increasing the monthly preschool tuition fee from \$100.00 per month to \$125.00 per month effective for the 2024-2025 school year.
- E. Resolution to approve an amended consulting agreement with Signature Health for diagnostic assessment, counseling, and case management services for the 2023-2024 school year.
- F. Resolution to approve a purchase order with MCPc for district Microsoft licensing third year of three effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 in the amount of \$22,643.67.
- G. Resolution to approve an amendment to an internet access service agreement with Lake Geauga Computer Association to revise the contract end date of June 30, 2024.
- H. Resolution to approve transfers out of the General Fund to the following funds:
From General Fund 001 \$60,000.00 to the Athletic-RHS Fund 300-920F
From General Fund 001 \$15,000.00 to the Athletic-LMS Fund 300-921F
- I. Resolution to approve the establishment of fund 007 Private Purpose Trust Fund as authorized by Ohio Revised Code section 5705.09(H) beginning in Fiscal Year 2024.

- J. Resolution to approve policy and purpose statements for RLEEF activity and scholarship funds for the 2023-2024 school year.
- K. Resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve regarding the Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance School-Based Mentoring Program.
- L. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 - 1. To Crossroads Health in the amount of \$3,300.00 for Student Wellness Counseling Services provided in November 2023.
 - 2. To Searle Enterprises, Inc in the amount of \$9,900.00 for an Online Professional Development Course
 - 3. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$187,997.83 for District Personnel invoices 1-3
 - 4. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$28,279.77 for Visually Impaired Teacher Service invoices 1-6
 - 5. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$13,401.85 for Adapted Phys Ed Teacher Service invoices 1-5
 - 6. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$11,075.30 for various contracted transportation invoices
 - 7. To the ESC NEO in the amount of \$22,854.00 for Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec 2023 Tuition to the Positive Education (PEP) Program
 - 8. To Educational Partnerships Institute, LLC in the amount of \$4,800.00 for coaching meetings
- M. Resolution to approve the following donations:
 - 1. \$18,783.53 from the RHS Gridiron Club for three additional coaches for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - 2. \$2,500.00 from the Armstrong Family Foundation Fund for the Golf Team account.
- N. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Harden

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-3

12. Consent Agenda: Personnel

- A. Resolution to approve the following resignation(s):
 - 1. Alyssa Mikolsky, Intervention Specialist at Riverside Campus, effective February 5, 2024.
 - 2. Joshua Kailburn, 12-Month Maintenance I, effective February 23, 2024.
 - 3. Taylor Valaitis, Long Term Third Grade Teacher at Riverview Elementary for a staff member on leave, effective December 18, 2023.
- B. Resolution to approve the following retirement:
 - 1. Norman Roberts, Transportation Operator, effective February 16, 2024.

C. Resolution to approve the following:

1. Lisa Baluch, Preschool Classroom Assistant, Continuing Contract retroactive to the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Ellen Boulware, Playground Assistant at Parkside Elementary, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$12.29, Step-0, effective February 14, 2024.
3. Ellen Boulware, Latchkey Assistant at Melridge Elementary, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$13.39, paid by timesheet, effective February 14, 2024.
4. Robert Sicker, Temporary 12-month Evening Custodian at Riverview Elementary for a staff member on leave, at the hourly rate of \$17.48 Step-0, effective February 5, 2024.
5. Timothy Wilson, Transportation Operator, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$22.57 Step-0, effective February 22, 2024.
6. Lynette Nowicki, TESOL Teacher at the Riverside Campus, additional hours, at the same rate of pay, paid by timesheet, on a noncontracted day for testing, effective February 23, 2024.
7. Lisa Greico-Kaczmariski, Assistant Cook at Riverview Elementary, increase in hours from 5.25 to 5.50 hours per day at the same rate of pay, effective February 1, 2024.
8. Destinee Schout, Long-Term ELA Title Tutor at Buckeye Elementary at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective March 11, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

D. Resolution to approve the following transfer(s):

1. Abby Plassard, from Title Tutor to Long Term First Grade Teacher at Buckeye Elementary for a staff member on leave, at the prorated rate of \$44,025.00 BA+0, Step-1 effective March 11, 2024.
2. Kevin Weirich, from ELA Tutor to Long-Term Teacher at LaMuth Middle School at the prorated rate of \$49,952.00, BA+9, Step-4, effective February 14, 2024.

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>
Andrew	Susick	Drama Pit Conductor, Spring Production	\$813.00	
Geoffrey	Noreika	Track – Seventh and Eighth Grade	* \$2,840.00	
Jeff	Eckles	Track – Seventh and Eighth Grade	\$2,840.00	
Cameron	Ruff	Track – Seventh and Eighth Grade	\$2,840.00	
Claudine	Ferry	8 th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$610.00	Sp Ed Supp Chaperone; Sp Ed Fund
Kelly	Flenner	Athletic Faculty Manager – Spring	\$750.00	Split

F. Resolution to approve the following:

1. Crystal DiFranco, Administrative Assistant to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, unpaid Leave of Absence from February 21, 2024 through February 1, 2025.

G. Resolution to approve the following Staff for Home Tutoring:

1. Megan Woodward

H. Resolution to approve teachers advancing on the salary schedule retroactive to the second semester of 2023-2024 school year.

TEACHERS ADVANCING ON SALARY SCHEDULE SECOND SEMESTER 2024

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STEP</u>
Ruth	DeMastry	JRW	MA+9	MA+15	14
Carrie	Erjavec	JRW	MA	MA+9	8
Jaime	Hurlbut	Riverview	MA+9	MA+15	13
Christina	Sherwood	JRW	MA+15	MA+30	11
Brittany	Sintic	Campus	BA	BA+15	7

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

Motion: Harden

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-4

13. Consent Agenda: Curriculum & Programming

- A. Resolution to approve the 2024 Summer Latchkey Camp beginning June 3, 2024 through August 9, 2024 at the weekly rate of \$175.00 per student.

File Attachment:

2024 Summer Latchkey Camp.pdf (3,270 KB)

- B. Motion to approve the items listed on the Curriculum & Programming Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Brewster

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-5

14. Consent Agenda: Buildings & Grounds/Operations

- A. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Zenith Systems for additional cameras at the Riverside Campus at a total cost of \$49,960.00.
- B. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Zenith Systems for the addition of six doors to the building access control system at the Riverside Campus at a total cost of \$25,817.00.
- C. Resolution to approve a purchase order with STAN and Associates, Inc for creation and submission of an OFCC Maintenance Plan for Riverview and Parkside elementary schools at a total cost of \$22,000.00.
- 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_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-6

15. **Board of Education Update** – Mrs. Grassi thanked Mrs. Bealko for a great job on summer camp and the awesome things the kids get to do. Mrs. Grassi responded to the public comment by saying that the school is not responsible for the tax valuations. Yes, we ask people to vote for levies, but the schools have nothing to do with how the taxes are assessed. Mrs. Krenisky commented on the work Dr. Rateno and Dr. Basich are doing with the fourth grade transition to LaMuth and the good ideas and excitement surrounding the change. Mrs. Grassi thanked Mr. Platko and Mr. Patrizi for another great audit.

16. **Executive Session**

A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School district Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 8:28 pm to discuss negotiations and personnel matters relating to the employment of public officials, discipline and compensation, 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 this matter and the need to preserve confidentiality to properly conduct the business of this Board of Education.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-7

B. Motion to return to regular session at 9:39 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Vote:

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

Jennifer Harden Aye__X__ Nay____ Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-8

17. Closing Items

A. Next meeting:

Buildings and Grounds Committee	March 12, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee	March 15, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	March 21, 2024	6:00 p.m.

B. Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

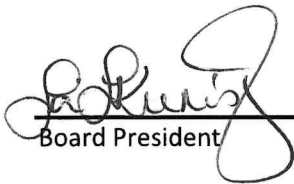
Second: Harden

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 022224-9

Attest:


Board President

3-21-24

Date



Treasurer

3/21/24

Date