

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

February 28, 2022

5:00 P.M. Work Sessions

7:00 P.M. Special Meeting (Rescheduled February 24th Regular Meeting)

1. Opening Items – 5:00 P.M. Work Sessions

A. Call to Order at 5:03 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, Hach, Fishel, Grassi, Harden – absent

2. Work Sessions

A. Board of Education Training – 5:00 P.M.

Boardmanship training session for the Board of Education. The board's legal counsel reviewed several legal items that the Board of Education should be aware of and consider when performing their duties. Items of discussion include public records laws, ethics laws, and proper meeting notices.

B. Curriculum Audit Review – 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Education reviewed the results of a curriculum audit that was recently completed by Ashland University. Dr. Mlakar provided an update regarding graduation requirements.

3. Opening Items – 7:00 P.M. Business Agenda

A. Call to Order at 7:06 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.

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

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.

4. Motion to Approve Minutes

- A. Motion to approve minutes as attached

File Attachment:

January 27 2022 Board Minutes.pdf (198 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Hach

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 022822-1

5. Special Reports - None

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – None

8. Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports

- A. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent's Business Advisory Liaison – Business Advisory members met with students from the SIDE Leadership team. They gave advice on career development, how to network and how to promote themselves.
- B. Scott Fishel – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – No Curriculum update. The Alumni Association would like to open a PayPal account so that they can accept credit cards. Members of the Alumni Association will be walking in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13. Fundraisers planned include Party in the Park July 1-3, the Duck Race with Harvey Alumni Association on October 1, and a golf outing with Harvey is being planned. Mr. Fishel gave information about the application and consideration process for the Men of Honor Scholarship. Mr. Fishel read excerpts from two articles with information about Social Emotional Learning.
- C. Tom Hach - Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Legislative Liaison – The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on February 8. They discussed converting the house into space for the Maintenance Department. They talked about building a movable storage building in the overflow parking lot. Mr. Hach said he thought the snow removal contractors worked out well. Mr. Arlesic talked about the water leak at John R. Williams. No legislative update.

- D. Tom Hach - Policy Committee; Booster Organization Liaison – No Policy update. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 9 at 2:00 on the front lawn at the Riverside Campus.

9. **Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Kalis gave an update on the COVID numbers in the district. Since August 26, the first day of school, there have been 802 positive cases among students and staff. Riverside's cases are still the third lowest in Lake County. The CDC rescinded the mask order on public transportation, so as of February 28, we are no longer requiring masks on school buses. Dr. Kalis gave an update on the Strategic Plan. Central Office Administrators will meet with the facilitators to finalize the plan on March 17. There will be a presentation to the Board on March 31 for approval. Dr. Kalis presented a draft of the 2022-2023 school year calendar. Mrs. Aliff published service recognition for all Riverside District employees. Mrs. Lanning spoke about mental health services for students in the district. The district currently contracts with Crossroads and Signature Health for mental health services. Students must be referred by parents, staff or an IEP.

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

- A. Belinda Grassi – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Strategic Plan Liaison – Mrs. Grassi received an update from the Strategic Plan facilitator. She said the process is going well. The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met on February 17. They covered all the items on the agenda. A Permanent Appropriation revision is needed due to additional funding received. The committee also discussed the difficulty they are having finding tech support employees.
- B. Mr. Platko said the boiler replacement project at LaMuth is out for bid. AT&T was added to the cell tower, so we are receiving additional money from American Tower. These proceeds are going into the Turf Replacement fund. We are in the process of purchasing three buses with the State of Ohio School Bus Grant Funding.

11. **Public Participation**

- A. Public Comment – A Painesville Township resident is concerned that there will be cost cutting measures in the new construction. He is also concerned that meetings are being held for the levy without proper public notice. He asked if the board is presenting both sides of the issue at these meetings. He is concerned that the cost of the project is outdated and materials and lead times have increased greatly since then. He cited the Concord Fire Station as an example of a project that is over budget.

Another Painesville Township resident said he believes that the board is not being transparent in their information about the levy. The community has been told the amount of the levy, but not the term. He cited the performance of the district from the state report card and believes that the district is not performing up to the state standards and has not demonstrated that the community should support a levy. Dr. Kalis responded that only Kirtland scored better than Riverside based on the 2021 performance index and overall, Riverside was third in the county on the state report card. Riverside had the most improvement for readers at risk.

A Painesville Township resident with two students in the district is very concerned about mental health and the crisis that is happening at the campus. With permission, she read part of a suicide note left by a student to exemplify the seriousness of the problem. She is concerned about the

fight that are happening in the schools because of racial slurs, harassment and bullying that occur on a daily basis.

A Leroy Township resident brought up the admissions change at Auburn. Districts were not notified of the change. He asked the board if they were going to step in and voice their opinion. He also asked where on social media the meeting notices are posted. He wants more visibility in the postings and feels there needs to be more public representation at the meetings.

A resident with two students in the district does not feel that race is an issue in the district. Critical Race Theory will continue to add to the divisiveness and will put a bigger toll on students' mental health. The district needs to be more focused on helping the students rather than programs that will continue to divide them.

A Leroy Township resident with three students in the district is against Social Emotional Learning, Critical Race Theory and any derivative of them should be completely eliminated. He spoke about dress code violations and the inconsistency of enforcement. This leads to the problem of discipline in the school and the activities that go on in the bathrooms. He brought up the school levy and said he is not opposed to providing students with the best possible resources to learn, but does not support the levy. He would like to see both sides of the issue posted on the website, more visibility of meeting notices, and a public debate to fully inform the district's residents of the ramifications of the levy.

12. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

- A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for January 2022.
File Attachment:
Monthly Board Reports – January 2022.pdf (452 KB)
- B. Resolution to approve a revision to the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2022.
File Attachments:
Permanent Appropriations – FY22 – 02-24-2022.pdf (23 KB)
- C. Resolution to approve a proposal with the Ohio Auditor of State – Local Government Services for financial statement compilation for fiscal year 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.
- D. Resolution to approve the Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation (LEAF) Contracted Services Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
- E. Resolution to approve a purchase order to Colonial Oil in the amount of \$90,000.00 for fuel for buses.
- F. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Worthington Direct for new cafeteria tables for Buckeye Elementary School at a total cost of \$16,776.38
- G. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 - 1. To College Board in the amount of \$3,366.00 for PSAT tests.
 - 2. To Schutt Sports in the amount of \$4,000.00 for football helmets and shoulder pads.
 - 3. To Northedge Steel in the amount of \$4,582.80 for an A-frame shed.
- H. Resolution to accept the following donation(s):
 - 1. \$100 from 1922 Coffee & Brew to Drama
 - 2. \$500 from GCXC (Northern Ohio Volunteers) to Riverside High School National Honor Society

- I. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Grassi

Second: Hach

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 028722-2

13. Consent Agenda: Personnel

- A. Resolution to approve the resignations below:
1. Shawna Smith, Assistant Cook at JRW, effective February 18, 2022.
 2. Dylan Greene, Building Assistant at Riverside Campus, voluntary resignation due to not reporting to work, effective February 16, 2022.
- B. Resolution to approve the following transfer:
1. Lizbeth Lira-Rodriguez from Building Assistant at Riverview Elementary to Building Aide at Melridge Elementary, effective February 14, 2022.
- C. Resolution to approve the following:
1. Josephine Murphy, additional one hour per day to her morning assistant cook duties at Buckeye Elementary, effective March 1, 2022.
- D. Resolution to approve adding \$0.43 an hour Day Custodian Premium to Rick Fatur's current base pay retroactively effective August 23, 2021.
- E. Resolution to approve the following classified Substitute(s):
1. Deborah Dombrowski, Classified Aide Substitute, effective March 1, 2022.
 2. Kim Nameth, Classified Substitute, effective February 9, 2022.
- F. Resolution to approve the following supplemental contract(s):

Supplemental Contracts 21-22

Assignment	Last Name	First Name	Salary	Notes
Baseball-Head Coach	Wakim	John	\$7,284.00	
Baseball-Varsity Assistant	Brown	John	\$5,460.00	Pending CPR & SCA
Baseball-Varsity Assistant	Grendel	Matthew	\$4,679.00	
Baseball-Varsity Assistant	Hejduk	Austin	\$4,679.00	
Baseball-9 th Grade	Hammonds	Zachary	\$3,507.00	Pending CPR & SCA
Softball-Head Coach	Ross	William	\$7,804.00	
Softball-Varsity Assistant	Binkiewicz	Scott	\$6,242.00	
Softball Volunteer	Caldwell	Michael	Volunteer	
Softball- Varsity Assistant	Erjavec	Carrie	\$5,460.00	
Lacrosse-Boys Head Coach	Adair	Daniel	\$6,242.00	
Lacrosse-Boys Assistant	Rebenock	Kyle	Volunteer	
Lacrosse-Boys Assistant	Swank	Michael	\$3,121.00	
Lacrosse-Girls Head Coach	Castner	Randi	\$4,679.00	Pending CPR

Lacrosse-Girls Assistant	Usatch	Pam	\$3,121.00	
Track-Boys Head Coach	Weber	Geoff	\$7,023.00	
Track-Girls Head Coach	Wade	Lisa	\$7,804.00	
Track-Varsity Assistant	Babcock	Kathleen	\$6,242.00	
Track-Varsity Assistant	McDonald	Jacob	\$6,242.00	
Track-Varsity Assistant	Putney	Joseph	\$6,242.00	
Track-Varsity Assistant	White	Jamel	\$5,460.00	
Track – 8 th Grade	Andree	Kyle	\$2,730.00	
Track – 8 th Grade	Ettinger	Dustin	\$3,121.00	
Track – 8 th Grade	Putney	Ethan	Volunteer	
Track – 7 th Grade	McCaleb	Marcus	Volunteer	Pending CPR & SCA
Track – 7 th Grade	Putney	Elliott	\$2,730.00	
Wrestling – 9 th Grade	Rigsby	Guy	\$3,507.00	
Volleyball – Head Coach	Marut	Jessica	\$5,570.00	
Athletic Faculty Mgr.-Spring	Cvengros	Camille	\$750.00	Split
Athletic Faculty Mgr.-Spring	Ishmael	Jeremy	\$750.00	Split
Swimming – Assistant	Andree	Kyle	\$3,120.00	Adjustment ½ Time to Full Time

- G. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Riverside Local School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent to accept the resignation of any employee of the Riverside Local School District by indicating his acceptance in writing on the employee's letter of resignation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Riverside Local School district determines that a resignation shall be final and irrevocable once the Superintendent has accepted it, and that this resolution shall be effective during the period from January 1 through December 31, 2022.

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

Motion: Grassi

Second: Hach

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 022822-3

14. Consent Agenda: Curriculum & Programming

- Resolution to approve the 2022 Summer Latchkey Program beginning June 6, 2022 through August 12, 2022 at the weekly rate of \$160.00 per student.
- Resolution authorizing the Riverside Local School District Board of Education's acceptance of the attached graduation seals as awarded by Auburn Career Center.

- C. Resolution to approve allowing the Riverside High School student athletes to train through the winter months and prepare for the outdoor track season. Along with weekday workouts, athletes will be competing in high level competitions at SPIRE Institute in Geneva and local colleges.
File Attachment
RHS_IndoorTrackClub_Proposal_2022 (1).pdf (438 KB)
- D. Resolution to approve the Riverside Boys and Girls Track Team to participate in an away track invitational at Wheeling Park in West Virginia on Saturday, April 9, 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
File Attachment
RHS_Track_WV 2022 (2).pdf (236 KB)
- E. Motion to approve the items listed on the Curriculum & Programming Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Hach

Second: Fishel

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 022822-4

15. Consent Agenda: Buildings & Grounds/Operations

- A. Resolution authorizing the purchase of three new 78 passenger conventional school buses with diesel engines at a cost of \$89,511 per stock conventional unit from Rush Truck Centers of Ohio, Inc. through the Ohio Schools Council's Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program. Purchase will include three SEON camera systems installed by REM Communications at a cost of \$3,984.50 per bus. Total purchase of \$280,486.50 to be made using \$135,000 of FY2022 School Bus Purchase Program grant funds through the Ohio Department of Education, \$11,953.50 of FY2022 safety grant funds through the Ohio Attorney General, and the remaining balance from the permanent improvement fund (fund 033).
- B. WHEREAS, the Riverside Local (Lake County) Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of three – 77 passenger conventional and five – special needs school bus chassis and bodies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Riverside Local (Lake County) Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of three – 77 passenger conventional and five – special needs school bus chassis and bodies.

- C. Resolution authorizing the maintenance department to occupy the residential home currently located at 485 Riverside Drive, erect a storage building in the asphalt overflow parking lot behind the field house, and incur the necessary costs for establishing offices, storage space, utilities, and internet access.

- D. Resolution to approve a purchase order to WMG Wood & More for a maintenance storage building from Northedge Steel at a cost of \$29,767.50.
- E. Resolution to approve a new Board Bylaw:
0175.2 – PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, AND WORKSHOPS
- F. Motion to approve the items listed on the Buildings & Grounds/Operations Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Hach

Second: Krenisky

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hach	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"/>
Belinda Grassi	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>

President declares the motion: carried 022822-5

16. **Board of Education Update** – Mrs. Grassi would like to invite the public to attend the upcoming drama production.

17. **Executive Session**

- A. Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:19 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: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hach	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"/>
Belinda Grassi	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>

President declares the motion: carried 022822-6

B. Motion to return to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Hach

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 022822-7

18. Closing Items

A. Next meeting:

Business Meeting

March 31, 2022

7:00 p.m.

B. Motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky


Second: Hach

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 022822-8

Attest:

 3-31-2022
Board President Date

 3/31/2022
Treasurer Date