

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School
July 9, 2024
6:00 P.M. Special Meeting

MINUTES

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 in BoardDocs.

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Motion to approve the appointment of Belinda Grassi as Treasurer Pro Tempore.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

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_____

President declares the motion: carried 070924-1

3. Motion to amend the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda to add Item D: Resolution ranking the firms that responded to the district's announcement for design professional services.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

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_____

President declares the motion: carried 070924-2

4. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

- A. Resolution to approve Pay to Participate fees for the following new sports:
Girls Golf 9-12: \$200.00
Girls Gymnastics 9-12: \$200.00
Girls Wrestling 9-12: \$200.00
- B. Resolution to approve a purchase order with the Lake County Sheriff's Office for two district-wide School Resource Officers for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost to Riverside Local Schools of \$214,000.00
- C. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 1. To Concord Youth Baseball League in the amount of \$3,000.00 for reimbursement of 2023 LaMuth baseball field mowing services.
 2. To Branching Minds LLC in the amount of \$11,712.50 for BRM platform licenses and success package for the 2024-2025 school year.
- D. Resolution ranking the firms that responded to the district's announcement for design professional services.
- E. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Brewster

Second: Fishel

There was some discussion of how the design firms were ranked by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

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_____

President declares the motion: carried 070924-3

5. Consent Agenda: Personnel

- A. Resolution to approve the following resignations:
 1. James Richner, Intervention Specialist at Riverside Campus, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
 2. Payton Brownlee, ELA Title Tutor at Riverview Elementary, effective August 19, 2024.
 3. Christopher Collins, School Safety Officer at Buckeye Elementary, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Resolution to approve the following:
 1. Kyle Rebenock, Social Studies Teacher at Riverside Campus, One Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$48,834.00 BA+0, Step-3, effective August 19, 2024. Pending licensure.

2. Richard Marinelli, Long-Term Science Teacher at Riverside Campus, One Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$48,834.00 MA+15, Step-0, effective August 19, 2024. Pending background check.
 3. Conor McIntosh, Long-Term Math Teacher at Riverside Campus, One Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$47,090.00 MA+0, Step-0, effective August 19, 2024. Pending background check and licensure.
 4. Miles Anderson, Intervention Specialist at Riverside Campus, One Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$64,313.00 MA+0 Step-7, effective August 19, 2024. Pending background check.
- C. Resolution to approve the following transfer:
1. Logan Frank, from Long-Term Math Teacher to Math Teacher at Riverside Campus, One Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$45,346.00 BA+0, Step-1, effective August 19, 2024. Pending Licensure.
- D. 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_____

President declares the motion: carried 070924-4

6. Work Session

A. Work Session – Auburn Academy

Dr. Rateno invited Dr. Mlakar to lead the discussion about Auburn Academy. Dr. Mlakar said that we are creating the Auburn Academy because it aligns with the Portrait of a Beaver in the aspects of making kids better communicators and leaders, making kids more self-aware, and creating collaborators and life-long learners. It is addressing feedback from Strategic Plan focus groups made up of students and teachers of what they would like to see in Riverside. Personalized learning is part of the Strategic Plan so moving in that direction aligns with the goals set for the district. Dr. Mlakar presented some research that supports going in this direction. Chronic absenteeism has increased over the years and building strong relationships between students and teachers both improves students' progress and decreases absenteeism. She described some of the supports that will be in place to ensure that students are successful. She presented an example of a tentative schedule for an Auburn Academy student. The teachers are still working on how the program will be structured. It will evolve and become more fluid as the year goes on. The demographics of an Auburn Career Center student have changed and more of them are requesting advanced or AP classes. There will be some classes offered fourth block to accommodate those students. There will be some flexibility within the program so that teachers can give extra instruction to individuals or small groups as needed. Students will be assessed the same way as students in a regular class with end of chapter tests or written exams. Students would most likely

be identified sooner than in a regular class if they are struggling due to the daily check-ins and constant communication between the teachers. Dr. Mlakar presented the communication timeline for the Auburn Academy. Student meetings were held and a letter went home to parents on May 18. The concept was introduced to the board on June 13. Tonight's presentation centered on program clarification for the board. Dr. Rateno and Mr. Hall are making a video that will go to the parents with more clarification for them prior to a meeting for all incoming Auburn Academy students and parents on August 6. This meeting will be repeated at Open House. Frequently Asked Questions will be posted on the district website and will be added to as questions come in. Mr. Fishel asked how we will know if the program is successful. Dr. Mlakar said that test scores and attendance rate will be compared those of juniors in a regular classroom. A climate survey will be done at the beginning of the year and the end of the year that will focus on student learning, engagement, attendance and relationships. A question was asked if the student opts out, can they opt in at a later date. Dr. Mlakar said that for at least this year, they can't. The first few weeks will be spent introducing the students to the content and procedures and building rapport with the students. Dr. Mlakar and Dr. Rateno would eventually like to expand the program to be offered to all students. Dr. Mlakar spoke of a district in southern Ohio that has offered a program of this type for many years. They limit the number of students who can be in the program and the students apply as Freshmen to participate for all four years of high school. They interview for a spot, and the teachers are looking for a certain mindset, not necessarily the "best and brightest". She said students are clamoring to apply.

7. Next Meeting Announcement

Buildings and Grounds Committee	July 16, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee	July 18, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Curriculum and Programming Committee	July 18, 2024	8:30 a.m.
Buildings and Grounds Committee	July 30, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	August 1, 2024	6:00 p.m.

8. Executive Session

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 6:56 pm to discuss personnel matters relating to the appointment and/or employment of a public official 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_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 070924-5

B. Motion to return to regular session at 7:43 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

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____

President declares the motion: carried 070924-6

9. **Closing Items**

A. Motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

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____


President declares the motion: carried 070924-7

Attest:


Board President

8-1-24

Date


Treasurer

8/1/24

Date