

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

March 20, 2025

6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbTmn_sGBiEvF2c598hBCSg

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: Fishel, Keeney, Brewster, Grassi, Krenisky

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 amend an agenda item to remove the projection of spending \$520,000.00 to purchase buses from the Fiscal Year 2026 PI Forecast.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Brewster

Discussion: Mrs. Grassi questioned this action. Mr. Fishel said that we currently have 58 buses and based on a conversation with Mr. Andree, that is enough for our transportation needs.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-1

3. Motion to add a resolution to remove the projected \$520,000.00 for bus purchases from the FY2026 PI projected forecast.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Brewster

Discussion: Mrs. Grassi does not like what this says because we have facilities in the forecast that we can't afford. Mr. Fishel said that to make the projection as accurate as possible, this should be removed if we're not going to use it. Mr. Platko said this is included in the forecast based on historical purchases.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-2

4. Motion to remove Board of Education Business Item B addition to Buckeye Elementary. She believes the PI forecast will show that we can't afford this addition. She would like to table the item for further conversation after the forecast review

Motion: Grassi

Second: Krenisky

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: failed 032025-3

5. Motion to remove Board of Education Business Item C giving the Owner's Representative authority over school projects.

Motion: Grassi

Second: Krenisky

Discussion: Mrs. Grassi does not feel that this item is appropriate because the Owner's Representative would only be communicating with the Board President and bypassing the administration. His communication should be with the district administrators.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: failed 032025-4

6. Motion to remove Board of Education Business Item D giving the Owner's Representative authority to approve change orders.

Motion: Grassi

Second: Krenisky

Discussion: Mrs. Grassi said it is inappropriate for authorization for change orders to come from someone outside the district. Mr. Riachi said that in reality he will still communicate with the administration and if a change order goes above the GMP, he will have to go back to the Treasurer in that case. There are contingency funds built into the GMP for change orders.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: failed 032025-5

7. Motion to Approve Minutes

- A. Motion to approve minutes as attached.

File Attachments:

February 27 2025 Board Minutes.pdf (384 KB)

Motion: Fishel

Second: Keeney

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 032025-6

8. **Special Reports** – Mrs. Shantery, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Fularz gave updates on personalized learning at Riverview. Dr. Rateno gave an update on the construction projects. He showed a preliminary drawing of the Buckeye Elementary addition with eight classrooms and a full-size gym with a stage. Mr. Riachi talked about updates and a timeline for the CTE and Riverview additions. The GMP will be completed and submitted to the board by the end of May. The two projects will run concurrently with an estimated start date of the first week of June.
9. **Old Business** – Mrs. Grassi asked for a review of the PI forecast. Mr. Platko said he will do that in this Treasurer's Report. She also asked for an update of the LLB contract: scope of work, expected cash outlay and time to complete the work, and the methodology that will be used to collect email addresses. She is concerned about the General Fund deficit and there is no end date for the contract. Dr. Rateno said that LLB will determine when the work is completed.
10. **New Business** – Mrs. Grassi said there has to be ways to curtail spending in the PI fund to create a more balanced budget. Mr. Fishel decided that we do not need new buses with no discussion. The board also has to find ways to curtail spending in the General Fund to lengthen the levy cycle. This will be a long process and needs recommendations from the administration. A work session has been scheduled for April 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for this discussion.
11. **Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**
 - A. Scott Fishel – Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Superintendent's Business Advisory Liaison – The Buildings and Grounds Committee met and talked about the projects in the district. Laminate on windows at Parkside is being repaired. The retention pond fencing is complete at Parkside and is underway at Riverview. Three doors at the house have been replaced with commercial doors. Bathroom stalls and John R. and Riverside will be completed over spring break. Tree removal is set to begin at Riverview. The Business Advisory Council discussed opportunities for graduating students. A senior capstone project is being developed. Dr. Mlakar met with students who are interested in a pilot for next year. Twenty-one students filled out an application.
 - B. Denise Brewster – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Buckeye Elementary Ad Hoc Committee; Strategic Plan Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee met on March 14. A second PD day was held on March 3. Teachers met in the morning to continue discussions from the February PD day and all staff met in the afternoon and had a celebration of successes in the Field House. A new math program has been chosen for grades 6-8. They are working on transition planning for construction. The Buckeye Elementary Ad Hoc Committee is working with the TDA architect to define particulars of the addition. No Strategic Plan update.
 - C. Lori Krenisky - Policy Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – There is a first reading of new and revised policies on tonight's agenda. The committee will meet on April 2. The Alumni Association was involved in the planning of the 75th anniversary celebration. They elected new officers. They are looking at updating the Hall of Fame hallway and possibly making it digital.
 - D. Belinda Grassi – Booster Organizations Liaison – Mrs. Grassi reviewed upcoming activities for each school.

12. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Rateno talked about the OSBA Conference he attended in Columbus. The focus was on the Biennial Budget Bill funding and amendments and a property tax overview. A staff PD day and celebration were held on March 3. Conversations with Chris has been held at Buckeye and Riverview. Melridge and Parkside are upcoming. The senior citizen appreciation dinner and Spongebob the Musical, as well as the 75th anniversary celebration were all a success. Academic Decathlon had four event medalists at the state competition. Mrs. Lange was the Ohio Lottery Teacher of the Month. The Alumni/Community Choir will be performing on April 30.

13. Treasurer's Report and Committee Update

- A. Dennis Keeney – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Insurance Optimization Ad Hoc Committee; Legislative Liaison – The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met on March 13. They talked about personnel turnover and recruitment of teachers. They discussed the finance agenda items. The Insurance Optimization Ad Hoc Committee is finalizing a contract for the transition of services. Property tax changes were the main topic at the OSBA Conference.
- B. Mr. Platko reviewed the February financial report. The House is set to release their version of the state budget on April 1. The FY24 audit results were released on March 18. Mr. Platko was told that we qualify for the Auditor of State Award for the tenth year in a row. Mr. Platko reviewed the PI forecast for the next five years. He also made a projection for ten years.

14. Public Participation

A. Public Comment

A Painesville Township resident said there is a grassroots movement throughout Ohio for a citizen lead initiative to eliminate property taxes throughout the state. He said he attended a budget commission meeting that was attended by all nine Lake County school districts. He got copies of the tax budgets submitted by each CFO. He requested more detail of the General Fund, PI Fund, and the bond fund from Mr. Platko. He said when he hears what is going on tonight he is thankful that the board is going through the General Ledger and looking at expense structures and is anxious to hear what Mr. Keeney has to say about medical insurance. He hopes the board is doing their due diligence to be sure we are not overspending. He said he is confused about all the building that is going on. The district sold Hadden Elementary and it is still being used as a school. He would like details of the sale and if there was a compelling reason to sell it and now are replacing all the classrooms at probably a much greater expense.

A district resident whose children went to Riverside said she is very concerned about the private school vouchers in our state. She would like the Riverside Local School District to join the fight against vouchers by joining the group called Vouchers Hurt Ohio. Almost 300 districts have already joined the fight. Vouchers drain funds from public schools and the students suffer as a result. Anyone who applies for a voucher to a private school is eligible no matter their income. Districts across the state are struggling to pass local levies and things are only going to change if people speak out. She is asking the board to discuss vouchers at their next meeting and to vote to join the Vouchers Hurt Ohio coalition.

A Painesville Township resident with a son at Riverview said she wanted to take a different direction and speak to the taxpayers and administration. She feels that their voices and votes don't matter because the board has made up its mind before any discussion has happened. She said who

is hired for communications or projects or what is put in the board communications does not matter because the only solid decision being made is to bankrupt the district. She would like to ask everyone to look around and realize if these decisions are made today, the district will not be here in five to ten years. The community needs their voice back, and the kids need stability, trust and collaboration to thrive in an already really hard world. She knows the board is not listening but hopes the community and administrative team are. She asked Dr. Rateno and Mr. Platko if they can stand behind the financial decisions made by the board.

15. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

- A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for February 2025.
File Attachment:
Monthly Board Reports – February 2025.pdf (418 KB)
- B. Resolution to approve a revision to the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2025.
File Attachment:
Permanent Appropriations – FY25 – 3-20-25.pdf (77 KB)
- C. Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
File Attachment:
Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates – Riverside for 3-20-25 Meeting.pdf (1,198 KB)
- D. Resolution to approve a purchase order to the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount of \$50,000.00 for additional contracted substitute services for the 2024-2025 school year per a Master Service Agreement dated April 27, 2023.
- E. Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a renewal agreement to the master electric energy sales agreement with ENGIE Resources LLC through the Ohio Schools Council Power4Schools program effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.
File Attachment:
P4S Board Resolution – Riverside.pdf (102 KB)
- F. Resolution to approve a purchase order with MCPc for district Microsoft licensing first year of three effective March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 in the amount of \$22,725.52.
- G. Resolution to approve a purchase order to World Fuel Services, Inc. in the amount of \$120,000.00 for fuel for buses.
- H. Resolution to approve a purchase order to 4-H Camp Whitewood in the amount of \$19,751.24 for Sixth Grade Camp.
- I. Resolution to approve issuing a purchase order to Logicalis for \$26,765.86 for Wi-Fi equipment. The district anticipates that Erate funding will cover approximately 50% of the cost of this equipment.
- J. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 - 1. To Borgman Athletics Group in the amount of \$4,000.00 for preventative maintenance/safety inspections performed in February, 2025.
 - 2. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$4,162.92 for RESA Coordinator services in September, 2024 through February, 2025.
 - 3. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$6,410.12 for OT services for special needs students in December 2024 and January, 2025.

4. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$3,334.48 for PT services for special needs students in December, 2024 and January, 2025.
- K. Resolution to accept the following donations:
1. \$200.00 from the Danaher Foundation to the LaMuth Office Activity Fund.
 2. \$455.00 from Melridge staff to the Riverside/Melridge Cafeteria Angel Fund in memory of Koby Looman.
- L. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Keeney

Second: Fishel

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 032025-7

- M. Resolution authorizing filing of a complaint against the valuation of real property for tax year 2024 against permanent parcel number 08-A-004-A-00-019-0.

File Attachment:

Riverside LSD Resolution – TY 2024 Complaint – CVVF Concord-Big Creek, LLC.pdf (13 KB)

Motion: Keeney

Second: Brewster

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 032025-8

16. Consent Agenda: Personnel

- A. Resolution to approve the following Certified Personnel Recommendations:

RESIGNATION

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Effective Date
Walter	Liningier	Math Tutor	Riverside Campus	3/21/2025
Anne	Krauss	Long-Term Tutor	LaMuth Middle School	2/7/2025

B. Resolution to approve the following Classified and/or Exempt Personnel Recommendations:

TRANSFER

First Name	Last Name	Previous Job Title	Previous Location	New Job Title	New Location	Hours/Day	Pay	Step	Effective Date
Hannah	Bauer	AM Latchkey Assistant	Melridge Elementary	AM Latchkey Assistant	Parkside Elementary	2 hours per day	\$15.50/hour	NA	3/31/2025
Melissa	Gray	AM Latchkey Assistant	Buckeye Elementary	AM Latchkey Assistant	Melridge Elementary	2 hours per day	\$15.50/hour	NA	3/31/2025
Ella	Murphy	PM Latchkey Assistant	Melridge Elementary	PM Latchkey Assistant	Riverview Elementary	2 hours per day	\$15.50/hour	NA	3/31/2025
Wesley	Overall	Latchkey Assistant	Parkside Elementary	Latchkey Coordinator	Parkside Elementary	3 hours per day	\$18.00/hour	NA	3/14/2025

RETIREMENT

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Effective Date
Diane	Brothag	Latchkey Coordinator	Melridge	5/30/2025
Mary	Goodrich	12-Month Secretary	Maintenance	7/31/2025
Patricia	Newman	Transportation Operator	Transportation	7/31/2025

RESIGNATION

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Effective Date
Karen	Bidlack	PM Latchkey Assistant	Riverview Elementary	3/21/2025
Jack	Carbone	Technology Support Specialist	Riverside Campus	3/14/2025
Sharon	Copley	AM Latchkey Coordinator	Parkside Elementary	3/4/2025

C. Resolution to approve the following Supplemental Contracts:

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Salary	Notes
Anne	Battistoni	Track - Seventh and Eighth Grade	\$2,926.00	
Camille	Cvengros	2025-2026 Volleyball-Head Coach	\$7,751.00	
Thomas	Fuhrman	Baseball- Freshman	\$3,344.00	
Jeremy	Goecke	Baseball - Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
Haley	Hord	8th Grade Class Trip Chaperones	\$628.00	Special Needs Assistant
Celeste	Napier	Outdoor Education Program	\$419.00	Special Needs Assistant - One Session

D. Resolution to approve the following Classified Substitutes:

Job Title	First Name	Last Name	Notes
Secretary	Kristen	Matuszewski	effective March 6, 2025
Special Needs Assistant	Melissa	Nickerson	Pending Educational Aide Permit
Educational Assistant	Melissa	Nickerson	Pending Educational Aide Permit
Secretary	Melissa	Nickerson	effective March 21, 2025
Custodian	Lori	Ross	effective March 13, 2025

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

Motion: Keeney

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Scott Fishel

Aye__X__

Nay_____

Abstain_____

Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-9

17. Consent Agenda: Curriculum & Programming

- A. Resolution to approve the Riverside Youth Basketball Camp June 9-12, 2025, in the Riverside High School Field House. The camp will be split into two sessions per day. The first session, 9:00-11:30 a.m., for boys entering grades 4 to 6. The second session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., for boys entering grades 7 to 9. The cost will be \$75 per registrant. The camp instructors will be Riverside Boys Basketball coaches. There will be no cost to the district.

File Attachment:

Basketball Camp Proposal 2025.pdf (43 KB)

- B. Resolution to approve a purchase order with COM Educational Programming to purchase Math instructional programs and materials for grades 6 through Algebra I at a total cost of up to \$171,317.08.
- C. Motion to approve the items listed on the Curriculum & Programming Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Brewster

Second: Fishel

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 032025-10

18. School Calendar Discussion

- A. Discussion of the school district calendar for 2026-2027.

19. Policy Agenda

- A. Resolution to adopt the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's special education model policies and procedures.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-11

B. First Reading of New/Revised Board Policies

Bylaw 0131.1 - Technical Corrections (Revised)
 Bylaw 0171 - Review of Policy (Rescind)
 Policy 1422.01 - Drug-Free Workplace (New)
 Policy 1613 - Student Supervision and Welfare (Revised)
 Policy 2260.02 - Rights of Disabled Students - Old (Rescind)
 Policy 2271 - College Credit Plus Program (Revised)
 Policy 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips (Revised)
 Policy 2430.02 - Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)
 Policy 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics (Revised)
 Policy 2460 - Special Education (Revised)
 Policy 3213 - Student Supervision and Welfare (Revised)
 Policy 4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare (Revised)
 Policy 5113 - Inter-District Open Enrollment (Revised)
 Policy 5120 - Assignment within District (Revised)
 Policy 5131 - Transfer Students (Technical Correction)
 Policy 5223 - Released Time for Religious Instruction (New/Revised)
 Policy 5330 - Use of Medications (Revised)
 Policy 5350 - Student Health, Wellbeing, and Suicide Prevention (Revised)
 Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements (Revised)
 Policy 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students (Revised)
 Policy 5751 - Parental Status of Students (Revised)
 Policy 5780.01 - Parents' Bill of Rights (New)
 Policy 6151 - Insufficient Funds Checks (Revised)
 Policy 7421 - Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Shower Rooms, and Changing Rooms (New)
 Policy 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring (Revised)
 Policy 8142 - Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services (Revised)
 Policy 8452 - Automated External Defibrillators ("AED") and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (Revised)
 Policy 8500 - Food Services (Revised)

20. Board of Education Business

- A. Resolution to approve a consulting agreement between Riverside Local School District Board of Education and LLB Resources, LLC at a cost of \$250.00 per hour effective March 20, 2025 through March 19, 2026.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Keeney

Discussion: Mrs. Krenisky said she had time to look into this company and she found no professional profile, company website, publications or articles, or professional associations. Due to the current financial constraints of the district she cannot back this since we employ a director of communication who does a great job and can perform these services if we tell him what we're looking for. Mrs. Grassi said her concern is there is no stop date, it is whenever she decides she's finished. Mr. Fishel said the board can disengage at any time with seven days' notice. Each service

will be noted on the invoice. We are only reaching about 5,000 of the 26,000 taxpayers in the district and we need to reach all of them. Once she has the email list compiled, Mr. Carrabine will take over communications. Mrs. Grassi requested that Dr. Rateno give weekly updates of the progress.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-12

- B. The Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby approves moving forward with building an eight classroom addition plus a gymnasium addition onto Buckeye Elementary School.

Motion: Fishel _____ Second: Brewster _____

Discussion: Mrs. Grassi said she hopes the taxpayers understand the issuance of COPS bonds, which are unvoted bond financing. The taxpayers will ultimately pay for it when we have to take money from the General Fund. There has been no prior discussion of funding for this project.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-13

- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Riverside Local School District Board of Education that:

Section 1. The Riverside Local School District's duly appointed Owner's Representative (i.e., RFC Contracting / Roger Riachi), and not the Riverside Local School District's administration, is hereby authorized to direct the Riverside Local School District's duly appointed Architect (TDA Architecture) and Construction Manager (Cleveland Construction, Inc.) for the RHS Campus and Riverview building projects regarding scheduling and other matters of general project administration within the scope of the Board-approved contracts with TDA Architecture and Cleveland Construction, Inc. for the RHS Campus and Riverview building projects.

Section 2. The Riverside Local School District's duly appointed Owner's Representative (i.e., RFC Contracting / Roger Riachi) shall consult as needed with the Riverside Local School District Board of Education President regarding scheduling and other matters of general project administration within the scope of the Board-approved contracts with TDA Architecture and Cleveland Construction, Inc. for the RHS Campus and Riverview building projects.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby reserves to itself the sole and exclusive authority to consider and approve amendments and other modifications to the Board-approved contracts with TDA Architecture and Cleveland Construction, Inc. for the RHS Campus and Riverview building projects.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Keeney

Discussion: Mrs. Grassi said she has a problem with the verbiage "and not" instead of "in conjunction with". She feels this shows a lack of respect for the individuals in higher level positions who are hired to do this work. Mr. Keeney said the Owner's Representative is the official voice in the project and it would eliminate the confusion of hearing from him and the administration. Mrs. Grassi said the superintendent should be making these types of decisions.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-14

D. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Riverside Local School District Board of Education that:

Section 1. The Riverside Local School District's duly appointed Owner's Representative (i.e., RFC Contracting / Roger Riachi) is hereby authorized to consider and approve necessary change orders in connection with each building project (i.e., RHS Campus and Riverview) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per change order for each project.

Section 2. Necessary change orders subject to consideration and approval under this Resolution shall not exceed available funds in the contingency fund established in connection with each project and shall comply with any certification of available funds required by law.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby reserves to itself the sole and exclusive authority to consider and approve change orders in the amount of \$50,000 or more per change order for each project.

Section 4. The Riverside Local School District's duly appointed Owner's Representative is authorized to sign any necessary change orders authorized by this Resolution.

Section 5. The Board of Education directs the Treasurer/CFO to include and report any necessary change orders considered and approved by the Riverside Local School District's duly appointed Owner's Representative under this Resolution to the Board of Education in monthly construction budget reports in connection with each project.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Keeney

Discussion: Mrs. Krenisky asked Mr. McIntyre if once the contract is written, if that supersedes this resolution. Mr. McIntyre said that a GMP will be established with a contingency fund. Approval of change orders would have to fall within these limits. This resolution will allow the project to proceed efficiently.

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032025-15

- 21. Board of Education Update** – Mrs. Brewster said she had the opportunity to attend the senior citizen appreciation dinner and performance of the musical. She said all of the students in the play and at the dinner made a great impression. She also attended the 75th anniversary celebration and it was great to see all of the artifacts and displays. She mentioned the loss of a former staff member, Claudia Rolfe. Mrs. Grassi said she will be attending the Network for Public Education in Columbus April 4-6. There will be sessions on Vouchers Hurt Ohio and religious education.

22. Next Meeting Announcement

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Buildings and Grounds Committee	March 31, 2025	7:30 a.m.
Policy Committee	April 2, 2025	7:30 a.m.
Buckeye Ad Hoc Committee	April 2, 2025	8:00 a.m.
Special Meeting	April 7, 2025	5:30 p.m.
Curriculum and Programming Committee	April 15, 2025	7:30 a.m.
Finance and Personnel Committee	April 17, 2025	8:00 a.m.
Buildings and Grounds Committee	April 22, 2025	7:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	April 24, 2025	6:00 p.m.

23. Executive Session

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 9:11 pm to discuss personnel matters relating to the employment of public officials, discipline, negotiations, and security arrangements 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 these matters and the need to preserve confidentiality to properly conduct the business of this Board of Education.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Brewster

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

Date _____