

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

March 21, 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, Brewster, Fishel, 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:

February 22 2024 Board Minutes.pdf (225 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Harden

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay <u>      </u>	Abstain <u>      </u>
Belinda Grassi	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay <u>      </u>	Abstain <u>      </u>
Denise Brewster	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay <u>      </u>	Abstain <u>      </u>
Scott Fishel	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay <u>      </u>	Abstain <u>      </u>
Jennifer Harden	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay <u>      </u>	Abstain <u>      </u>

President declares the motion: carried 032124-1

3. **Special Reports** – Mrs. Smolen gave an update on the happenings at Buckeye Elementary. She talked about the PBIS monthly character celebrations, the greenhouse project, the fifth grade Kids Biz school supply store, the fourth-grade recycling club, and the March Madness Tournament of Books. She thanked the Buckeye PTA for their hard work. She also mentioned that the modular units are up and running.

4. **Old Business** – None

5. **New Business** – Mrs. Grassi addressed the \$2.5 million grant and how it fits into the facilities plan. Dr. Rateno said Dr. Mlakar previously applied for the grant and was notified of approval after the last Board meeting. This grant will allow us to add on to the Riverside Campus building and it will give us the opportunity to use the same contractors for this project and the facilities plan. Mrs. Brewster said that a member of the facility committee is an architect and can give suggestions of what to think about when hiring a firm. Mr. Platko said an RFQ was published for an owner's rep now that we have a project in addition to the facility plan. Mrs. Grassi said the Board needs to make sure they are addressing needs at the other buildings as well. Mr. Fishel said he has been researching how to save money on the bus fleet. He found an undercoating product that a company in Pennsylvania will come to the school and apply it to the buses. This product is supposed to increase the life of the buses from twelve years to twenty years. Mr. Fishel has a meeting with North Royalton Schools to see how well this product is working for them. Mrs. Krenisky said to be sure to involve the Transportation Department and the Finance Committee. Mr. Fishel said he and Dr. Rateno met with Mr. Andree. Mr. Andree said there is no place to pull the buses inside to rinse the undercarriage so they do it as weather permits. He said the buses parked on asphalt at Melridge and LaMuth last longer than the ones parked on a gravel lot. Mr. Fishel also talked about the roofing part of Bialosky's report. He said he knows that we can save about \$2 million from the quote that is in their report.

6. **Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**

- A. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent's Business Advisory Liaison – The Business Advisory Committee met on February 29. Dr. Rateno presented the Profile of a Riverside Beaver. He is now revising the document based on feedback from the committee.
- B. Denise Brewster – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Facilities Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee did not meet. Mrs. Brewster met with Mrs. Lanning to get an overview of her responsibilities. No Facilities update.
- C. Scott Fishel - Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – The Buildings and Grounds/Operations Committee met. The modular units at Buckeye are finalized and in use. The water meter has been changed out at the Campus, the rooftop air conditioning unit over the choir room is going to be replaced, basketball and four-square courts are being created at LaMuth in a playground area, roof repair at John R. Williams Jr. High is being worked on, and the LaMuth gym floor replacement is planned for this summer. No Alumni update.
- D. Belinda Grassi - Policy Committee; Legislative Liaison – No Policy Committee update. Mrs. Grassi talked about various bills that have been voted on in the House and the Senate.

7. **Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Rateno said he is excited about the \$2.5 million CTE grant that we received which means we can expand the career elective offerings. He said the modular units at Buckeye are ready to go. He gave an update on the fifth grade move to LaMuth. He gave a special thanks to Mrs. Brandehoff's Principles of Foods class for preparing the food for the Senior Appreciation Dinner. Mr. Carrabine created a

survey for the seniors to complete. He will compile the results. Dr. Rateno congratulated the cast and crew of the musical *Big Fish*. The Lake County Chamber Music Festival was held at Riverside. He talked about the winter sports students who made it to the state competitions. The Academic Decathlon team placed second in the Large School Division. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 23, National Honor Society Carnival will be on April 12, Craft Show on April 20, and Kindergarten Registration will begin on April 2. Spring Break is March 25 through April 1 and there is no school on April 8 for the total solar eclipse.

#### **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 March 20. Departments are starting to hire summer workers. The committee reviewed the Finance agenda items. Mrs. Harden said she is excited that the Easter Egg Hunt is still going on. She started the egg hunt many years ago.
- B. Mr. Platko reviewed the February 2024 Financial Report. He is in the process of attending all of the trustee/council meetings in the district to give a financial update. There will be a tax exemption hearing for the Mentor/Painesville land dispute on May 14. Track bids will be opened on April 10. The Lake County Financing District levy is up for renewal in November. Our board will be voting on a resolution of necessity on April 18 and a resolution to proceed on May 23. There is an item on the agenda to approve filing an income tax complaint on a commercial property in the district. HB126 allows school districts to file a complaint if there is greater than \$500,000 difference in value of the property. This particular property was valued at \$1.9 million and recently sold for \$4 million.

#### **9. Public Participation**

- A. Public comment

A Painesville Township resident thanked Mr. Fishel and Mrs. Brewster for asking about money and looking into ways to save money for the district. Senior citizens in the district are hurting. It is difficult for them to pay taxes. He said the Board should be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars and spend money wisely. Things are very bad financially now. He said to make sure to investigate to see what strings are attached when accepting grants. He is holding each Board member accountable to do what they say they're going to do.

A Concord Township resident with a master's degree in science said the salt in Northeast Ohio is an issue for the buses. Parking the buses on asphalt is better than gravel due to the humidity in the gravel lots. All of the buses should be hosed down occasionally. He feels the Business Advisory Committee is doing a good job. Career planning is very important as the population is aging. As people live longer they will need more support. He also said law enforcement careers need more support.

#### **10. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit**

- A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for February 2024.  
File Attachment:  
Monthly Board Reports – February 2024.pdf (522 KB)
- B. 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 03-21-2024 Meeting.pdf (1,305 KB)

- C. Resolution to approve the following grant applications and awards:
  - 1. Ohio Department of Education and Workforce in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, Ohio Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program, Fund 499
- D. Resolution to approve a proposal with the Ohio Auditor of State – Local Government Services for financial statement compilation for fiscal year 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00.
- E. Resolution to approve a program agreement with the Metropolitan Regional Service Council and participate in the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet) program.  
File Attachment:  
NEOnet Resolution.pdf (15 KB)
- F. Resolution to approve a Master Service Agreement and Internet Access Service Order with the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet) for a five-year period effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.
- G. Resolution to approve a purchase order to Colonial Oil in the amount of \$150,000.00 for fuel for buses.
- H. Resolution to approve an Agreement with Frontline Education for FY25 Absence & Time Solution in the amount of \$30,772.36.
- I. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet) for the purchase of 750 Chromebooks at a total cost of \$178,500.00.
- J. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
  - 1. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$6,843.20 for Interpreter services from 7/26/23 to 2/9/2024
  - 2. To the ESC WR in the amount of \$3,748.50 for Tuition at the Geauga Youth Facility in October, 2023
  - 3. To the ESC NEO in the amount of \$3,909.75 for Audiologist and Hearing Impaired Teaching Services for Nov 2023-Jan 2024
  - 4. To Scholastic Book Fairs in the amount of \$3,654.61 for book fair sales at LaMuth Middle School
  - 5. To Lakeland Community College in the amount of \$14,280.00 for Spring 2024 CCP Textbooks
- K. Resolution to approve the following donations:
  - 1. \$8,230.04 from Riverside Band Boosters toward the purchase of a new computer system.
  - 2. \$500.00 from SSC Controls Company to the RAVE Program.
  - 3. \$2,000.00 from Mentor Nissan to Riverside Softball.
  - 4. \$540.00 from the RBI Club to the Baseball Team for the purchase of hats.
- L. Resolution to approve the course fee for the MATH 180 Pre-Algebra course through the Jefferson County ESC in the amount of \$350.
- M. 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_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

Jennifer Harden      Aye\_\_X\_\_      Nay\_\_\_\_      Abstain\_\_\_\_

President declares the motion: carried 032124-2

- N. Resolution authorizing filing of complaint against the valuation of real property for Tax Year 2023 against permanent parcel number 11-B-064-A-00-019-0.

Motion: Harden    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____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 032124-3

File Attachment:

Riverside LSD Resolution – TY 2023 Complaint – DWG Capital Partners, LLC.pdf (13 KB)

**11. Consent Agenda: Personnel**

- A. Resolution to approve the following resignation(s):
  - 1. Isaiah McQueen, ELA Tutor at Riverside Campus, effective March 8, 2024.
  - 2. Ellen Boulware, Playground Assistant at Parkside Elementary, effective February 28, 2024.
  - 3. Kim Fedakowski, Study Hall Monitor at Riverside Campus, effective March 8, 2024.
  - 4. Jeanette Veselko, Playground Assistant at Parkside Elementary, effective March 22, 2024.
  - 5. Jeanette Veselko, Latchkey Assistant at Riverview Elementary, effective March 22, 2024.
  - 6. Julie Hornstein, Playground Assistant at Melridge Elementary, effective March 22, 2024.
  - 7. Julie Hornstein, AM Latchkey Assistant at Melridge Elementary, effective March 22, 2024.
  - 8. Jennafer Bockhoff, Latchkey Third Assistant & Coordinator at Parkside Elementary, effective April 18, 2024.
- B. Resolution to approve the following:
  - 1. Patricia Hickman. Transportation Operator, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate \$23.88, Step-3, effective March 18, 2024.
  - 2. Emily Graff, ELA Title Tutor at LaMuth Middle School, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective March 18, 2024.
  - 3. Danielle Goff, Transportation Operator, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$23.42, Step-2, effective March 19, 2024.
  - 4. Timothy Wilson, Transportation Operator, Step increase due to employment verification from \$22.57 Step-0 to \$25.17 Step-6, retroactive to March 1, 2024.
  - 5. Abby Plassard, Long Term First Grade Teacher at Buckeye Elementary, pay increase due to confirmation of credit hours from the prorated rate of \$44,025.00 BA+0 Step-1 to the prorated rate of \$45,719.00 BA+15 Step-1.

6. Tabitha Lette, AM/PM Latchkey Coordinator, as needed, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$17.00, effective March 4, 2024.
7. Lilly Wittie, AM/PM Latchkey Coordinator, as needed, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$17.00, effective March 4, 2024.
8. Samantha Leber, Latchkey Third Assistant, up to 2 hours per day, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$13.39, effective May 1, 2024.
9. Allison Buttari, Latchkey Third Assistant, up to 2 hours per day, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$13.39, effective May 1, 2024.
10. Ricardo Velazquez, Maintenance I, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$20.44 Step-5 effective April 2, 2024.
11. Kegan Moore, Latchkey Third Assistant as needed at Buckeye Elementary, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$13.39, effective April 2, 2024.
12. Patricia Hickman, Transportation Assistant, 1.42 hours per day, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$16.55 Step-3, effective March 20, 2024.
13. John Cinicola, ELA Title Tutor at Riverside Campus, One Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective April 2, 2024.
14. Austin Sternberg, Seasonal Technology Worker, at the hourly rate of \$11.50, as needed, paid by timesheet, effective May 13, 2024.

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

1. Michael Bales, from ELA Title Tutor to Long Term Teacher at LaMuth Middle School, for a staff member on leave, at the prorated salary of \$42,322.00 BA+0, Step-0, effective March 18, 2024.
2. Timothy Wilson, from Transportation Operator to 12-Month T-S Evening Float Custodian, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$18.53 Step-3, effective April 2, 2024.

D. Resolution to approve the following supplemental contracts:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Kevin	Weirich	Track – Seventh and Eighth Grade	\$2,840.00	
Ethan	Putney	Track-Varsity Assistant	\$2,434.00	Correction – Split
Clay	Babcock	Track – Varsity Assistant	\$2,434.00	Split
Marcus	McCaleb	Track-Varsity, 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Asst	Volunteer	Pending PAP
Tom	Reilly	Outdoor Education Program	\$812.00	Both Sessions
Mark	Tinney	Outdoor Education Program	\$812.00	Both Sessions
Edward	Hoynes	Outdoor Education Program	\$812.00	Both Sessions
Cathy	Valaitis	Outdoor Education Program	\$812.00	Both Sessions
Amanda	Smith	Outdoor Education Program	\$812.00	Both Sessions
Kelly	Puhalsky	Outdoor Education Program	\$812.00	Both Sessions
Barb	Dostal	Outdoor Education Program	\$406.00	Session A
Tisha	Mochan	Outdoor Education Program	\$406.00	Session A
Vanessa	Neilsen	Outdoor Education Program	\$406.00	Session B
Monica	Vernon	Outdoor Education Program	\$406.00	Session B
Jonathan	Breech	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Director	\$1,215.00	
Cassi	Kallay	Soccer – Boys Head Coach	\$5,014.00	Pending PAP

E. Resolution to approve the following Classified Substitutes:

1. Jessica Rauch, General Substitute, effective March 18, 2024.
2. Julie Hornstein, Substitute Playground Assistant, paid by timesheet at her regular hourly rate of \$13.02, Step-3, effective April 2, 2024.

3. Julie Hornstein, Substitute AM Latchkey Assistant, paid by timesheet at her regular hourly rate of \$13.39, effective April 2, 2024.

- F. Resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Riverside Local Education Association regarding school psychologists.
- G. Motion to approve the items listed on the Personnel Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Harden

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_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032124-4

**12. Consent Agenda: Buildings & Grounds/Operations**

- A. Resolution to approve a purchase order with North Shore Sealcoating/Asphalt for the paving of an outside basketball court and four-square court at LaMuth Middle School at a total cost of \$18,060.00.
- B. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Jacco & Associates for the purchase of a rooftop air handling unit for the choir room at the Riverside Campus at a total cost of \$34,750.00.
- C. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Cincinnati Floor Company for the replacement of the gymnasium floor at LaMuth Middle School at a total cost of \$132,354.00. Pricing is based on cooperative purchase pricing available to Riverside as a member of Sourcwell.
- D. Resolution to approve the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Third Amended & Restated Expedited Local Partnership Program’s Project Agreement and Accept the Third Amended Master Facility Plan.
- E. 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_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 032124-5

**13. Board of Education Update** – Mrs. Krenisky mentioned that after we are done attending the township meetings for updates, maybe they could attend our meetings to give and update on each township. Mrs. Harden wants to encourage seniors to apply for scholarships. She said each year, many scholarships don't have a lot of applicants. Mrs. Brewster said that she picked up some extra surveys at the senior citizen dinner to pass out in the community as another opportunity to get more feedback. She said the senior dinner and the play were fabulous. She appreciates the students and staff who were involved.

**14. Executive Session**

A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School district Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 7:24 pm to discuss negotiations and personnel matters relating to the employment of public officials 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: Harden

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Belinda Grassi	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Denise Brewster	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Scott Fishel	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Jennifer Harden	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

President declares the motion: carried 032124-6

Mr. Fishel left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

B. Motion to return to regular session at 8:33 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Harden

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Belinda Grassi	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Denise Brewster	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Scott Fishel	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Jennifer Harden	Aye <u>  X  </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

President declares the motion: carried 032124-7

**15. Closing Items**

A. Next meeting:

Curriculum and Programs Committee	April 3, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Buildings and Grounds Committee	April 9, 2024	7:30 a.m.



Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee  
Board of Education Meeting

April 11, 2024  
April 18, 2024

7:30 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

B. Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

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"/>
Denise Brewster	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"/>
Jennifer Harden	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>

President declares the motion: carried 032124-8

Attest:

  
Board President

4-18-24  
Date

  
Treasurer

4/18/24  
Date