

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

September 26, 2024

5:00 P.M. Work Session

6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

A recording of this Board of Education meeting is available on the District's YouTube page here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbTmn\\_sGBiEvF2c598hBCSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbTmn_sGBiEvF2c598hBCSg)

**1. Opening Items – 5:00 P.M. Work Session**

**A. Call to Order at 5:00 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.

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

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Work Session – Training**

**A. Work session for the District's legal counsel to provide a presentation on Ohio Ethics Law, Sunshine Law, and Boardsmanship.**

Mr. McIntyre talked about Ethics training provided by the Ohio Ethics Commission. He covered the three sources of conflict of interest. He mentioned the new system for reporting fraud, waste and abuse in government to the Ohio Auditor of State. Mr. McIntyre talked about what constitutes a public record. He also strongly advises against texting about board business on personal devices as this could be difficult in the case of a public records request. He talked about the Sunshine Law, the Public Records Act, and the Open Meetings Act. Board members can gather information between meetings, but cannot have any discussion or deliberation of information outside of an open meeting. Mr. McIntyre talked about Boardsmanship in regards to communications that are sent or received and sharing those communications with the rest of the board, the Superintendent and the Treasurer. He talked about the meeting agenda and the 48 hour rule for changes. He touched on Policy 9150 that talks about visiting buildings or classrooms. This policy requires that arrangements are made in advance for any desired visit. There is an exception if the board member is in the building as a parent. Mr. McIntyre talked about policies and administrative guidelines. Policies are a work of the board. They tell the administrative team, parents, staff, and

the community about the expectation of how the district is to operate. It is the job of the board members not to run the district, but to see that it is run well. Administrative guidelines are developed by the Superintendent or Treasurer and are their interpretation of what is said in the policies.

**3. Opening Items – 6:00 P.M. Business Agenda**

**A. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**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. Resolution to amend the Personnel Consent Agenda to add Item J regarding the payment of Science of Reading stipends to educators who have completed the applicable professional development requirements under Ohio House Bill 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.**

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Brewster

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-1

- 5. Resolution to amend the agenda to remove Item 17 due to not enough information and no discussion held at the table.**

Motion: Grassi

Second: Krenisky

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

Denise Brewster	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: failed 092624-2

**6. Motion to Approve Minutes**

A. Motion to approve minutes as attached.

File Attachments:

August 15 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (224 KB)

September 3 2024 Work Session Minutes.pdf (125 KB)

September 12 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.pdf (194 KB)

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-3

7. **Special Reports** – Mrs. Smolen gave an update on Buckeye Elementary School. She mentioned the new staff members there this year as well as the new Preschool classes and Mrs. Westbrook, the new Assistant Principal and Preschool Director. They have an MTSS team that is looking at test scores and each individual student to make them successful. She presented the September Portrait of a Beaver Students of the Month. She read what the teachers wrote about each student in their nomination. Dr. Rateno talked about the facilities options community feedback. He received 360 responses to the video survey. The survey gave options for solutions to both immediate needs and long-term needs. A majority of the respondents, including many Riverview families, favored adding eight classrooms at LaMuth. He presented all the results and feedback from the survey. Mr. Platko talked about the financials and how this could be paid for.
8. **Old Business** – Mrs. Grassi spoke about the proposed increase in rates for security. This is addressed on the agenda. She asked about additional costs associated with the bus undercoating contract with Armor Linings and the fact that the buses will need to be driven there. Mr. Platko said there will be approximately \$4,000 in payroll and benefits, \$1,700 in fuel plus meal reimbursements for each weekend. She is planning for a Policy Committee meeting in October. Adding the scope of committee responsibilities to the handbook will be included in that meeting.
9. **New Business** – Mrs. Grassi wanted to ensure that they as board members have adequate time to prepare for the meetings. This includes having all the information they think they need to make informed decisions at all meetings. Agenda items should be on the agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting, not added at the table with no time to discuss and consider the item.

#### **10. Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**

- A. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent’s Business Advisory Liaison – The Business Advisory Council met on September 5. They discussed how to implement the Portrait of a Beaver in K-12 classrooms. They talked about a capstone project in connection with the portrait. They talked about how to expand and provide guidance in career choices.
- B. Denise Brewster – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Facilities Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee met on September 23. Dr. Mlakar talked about the effective leadership academy for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They talked about a new law called Erin’s Law and there is a requirement for K-12 students to learn how to identify and report sexual abuse. Parents may opt their child out of the class. K-2 Wit and Wisdom curriculum will be reviewed at the next in-service. The first design meeting was held for the new Career Technical addition. It is planned to be opened in January 2026. Mrs. Lanning talked about the new sensory room at Buckeye, English language learner parent information nights, and the Preschool at Buckeye and Melridge. No facilities update.
- C. Scott Fishel - Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – The All 80’s Reunion and the All Class Potluck were successful. The Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on October 26. The Buildings & Grounds Committee met. They talked about repairs made on the modular units at Melridge. They received pricing for fences around the retention ponds at Parkside and Riverview and the ball fields at LaMuth. Benches donated by the Looman family have arrived and are installed. There is some additional funding for the CTE project, so some improvements will extend into the existing building. They are looking into upgraded signage at the Campus and LaMuth. There has been good feedback from the bathroom stall partition project so they are looking into doing more.
- D. Belinda Grassi - Policy Committee; Legislative Liaison – No Policy Committee update. No Legislative update.

- 11. Superintendent’s Report** – Dr. Rateno said the track replacement and LaMuth gym floor projects are complete. The District Leadership Team met and talked about how to see evidence of competencies within the Portrait of a Beaver and they analyzed the state report card results. He talked about a new visitor screening system and the Quality Profile. He said the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally will be held on October 3.

#### **12. Treasurer’s Report and Committee Update**

- A. Dennis Keeney – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Booster Organization Liaison – The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met on September 23. They talked about the typical turnover of positions, job postings, and anticipated medical and maternity leaves in the coming months. They talked about the increase in security officer rates and a letter from the deputy scheduler recommending that all districts pay \$50 per hour. An energy grant is being explored that can be used to upgrade lighting. PTO/PTA groups are actively seeking volunteers and fundraising opportunities.
- B. Mr. Platko reviewed the August financial report. He talked about the permanent appropriations for this fiscal year.

### **13. Public Participation**

#### **A. Hearing: Allocation of Funds for Federal Programs**

The Riverside Local School District's Student Services Office invites the public to provide input into the District's use of federal funds towards the education of students with disabilities. These funds are known as Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds. The public can provide input via the public portion of the Board of Education meetings or contact the Student Services Office at 440-352-0668.

#### **B. Public Comment**

A Concord resident talked about America 250 and the celebration on July 4, 2026. She spoke of the past and upcoming events celebrating significant parts of history. She is hoping to get some participation from people in the district.

A parent with three students in the district talked about the components of a Portrait of a Beaver and how they apply to the board. He said the ultimate example should be set by the leaders of the district.

A parent in the district wonders why the Riverview addition is being pushed so fast with no collaboration among the board if not for personal benefit. The community overwhelmingly does not want the addition to Riverview, so she wonders why the community that brought them to the board is being ignored. She said she has put a lot of her own time into the facilities committee and to have everything they have put together and the results of the survey to be disregarded is a disgrace to the community. She feels the addition to LaMuth is a more equitable and safer option.

A Leroy Township resident with three adult children who have gone through the district said that he is confused and frustrated by what he is hearing. He feels that more information and transparency is needed. The new agenda item proposing an addition to Riverview is not supported by an overwhelming percentage. The consensus in the community is to add onto LaMuth and move all fifth graders there and continue with a discussion of long-term plans. This agenda item is inconsistent with the consensus. Dr. Rateno gave options meant to serve all, not just some. More needs to be done for the trust and transparency that is necessary for this board to establish.

A business owner and member of the Business Advisory Council said he cares about the schools and each generation has a responsibility to the next one to achieve their full potential. He said by choosing to live in the United States we agree to a representative form of government and we need to respect what our representatives do. He said fiscal responsibility is huge as a business owner and he feels the school is being operated responsibly and is taking the steps needed to be fiscally responsible. He feels that the board cares about the students and there are no personal agendas. The district is facing major challenges in the new developments. This is not a mature district so the board is trying to figure out how to allocate resources to accommodate what is happening. He said what we need to do as a community is support the board and continue to give them support. They are giving their best effort.

A parent in the district said this is a huge issue relative to the future of the district. A lot of people are not on board and the community has been pretty clear on what they want. He said none of the



board members ran on any of these issues, and some actively campaigned against the levy that was put on the ballot for new buildings. He brought up the purchase of the County Home 20+ years ago. The voters said no but the board bought it anyway, and it wrecked the district for at least ten years. This is a big decision, and some board members are going to ram it through, not because they should but because they can, leaving all of us to bear the consequences for years to come. They can pay for it out of the PI fund, but what happens when there are other expenses? Will they start bleeding the General Fund? There is money now, but this is not fiscally responsible.

A parent with a student in the first fifth grade class at Riverview said it has been overcrowded from the beginning and they have done what they need to do to give the students an education in the space that they have so the board can take a little extra time to decide. It was stated that the Riverview addition would be ready by fall 2025, but an addition to LaMuth would take two years. She feels there is time at Riverview for a LaMuth addition to be done and move all of the fifth graders there, which is what 75% of the people want. The general consensus among families all over the district is that they do not want to expand Riverview, so she is not sure why the board is choosing to do that. A board member said they are listening to feedback on bathrooms and signage, so why not on this much bigger issue. So much time has been put into a survey and community meetings. There is not enough parking, no room in the cafeteria. She asked that before they vote, they visit Riverview at lunchtime or at the end of the day pickup to see how it really is. She has a petition signed by 200 people asking them to wait on this vote.

A parent whose son just graduated from Army basic training gave a shout out to the football coaches. His son said they helped to prepare him for the rigors of military service. His son encourages all students to participate in the athletic program and maybe join him in the Army. He apologized to the district and teachers for his participation in fear-mongering regarding Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL). He met with administrators and was convinced that these programs are not being used to indoctrinate students. He said a prior speaker very eloquently stated the consequences of going against what the people want if they go forward with the vote to add on to Riverview.

A Leroy Township resident said she has never agreed 100% with any one board member but she respected their opinion because she knew they considered all information before making a decision. That is not the case at the August 15 board meeting. She is questioning why some board members think they know more about bus maintenance than the Transportation Director, and why they think they know more about the needs of classrooms than the Director of Curriculum or the teachers. She said this shows a lack of interest in doing what is best. She is baffled about how they can approve a \$12,000 contract for bus undercoating but would not approve a \$5.00 per hour raise for security. They should rely on the experts in the field when making decisions. Morale in the district will change if it hasn't already if these experts are disregarded. She feels this will do more harm to the district than anything found in the Responsive Classroom. She expressed disappointment when board members are pushing their personal agenda over the best interest of the district, staff, students, and community.

A parent in the district said she was happy when she saw the survey come out, something was finally happening. She was then appalled to find out that the board is rushing through an addition

to a brand new building when there are two older schools that need severe security measures. Students in trailers have to walk to the main building, sometimes alone, with just a chain link fence that is not a deterrent. Students and teachers should not be forced to be in these conditions. Buckeye has not been looked at except in the long term. They are looking at the potential students in these developments that have not even broken ground yet. They need to look at Buckeye and Melridge and do what is best for safety.

A parent said he also was excited to see the survey. The survey was formed to get input from the community before moving forward. He saw social media blow up with the agenda item that is not supported. Dr. Rateno's deadline was October, but he presented his findings one month early. Forty-eight hours later, something entirely different was put on the agenda. Buckeye felt left out with the new buildings. The Riverview principal said student lunches start at 10:15 and end at 1:30 to accommodate all the students. An addition at LaMuth would check all the boxes.

A grandmother whose children attended Riverside through open enrollment said the district is important to her. She filled out the survey and thought there would be transparency and the board was open to input. It is shocking to her that some board members want to push through an addition to Riverview that the community doesn't want.

A Leroy Township resident said he is talking from a place of frustration, disappointment, and anger. He said it is clear that some board members are more concerned about their personal agenda than in listening to the community or stakeholders. He said a board member does not follow the Ohio School Board Code of Ethics and does not make decisions based on collaboration with those affected by it. Some other board members only support and agree with one and are not there for the greater good.

A parent of Riverview students said he could not be happier with the school and the education they are getting there. He recognizes the challenges Riverview and the district will be facing in the future with overcrowding, but feels this fix will just be a band-aid. He was excited to participate in the survey, then was equally shocked to see a few days later the board chose to charter a different path forward. He asked what information was used to make that decision. He said a board member asked for more information to make a decision on the security rate increase but he can't imagine what information they had to make this decision. They had the opportunity with Mrs. Grassi's motion to delay this vote. He asked what they are hiding by wanting to push this through so fast.

A Grand River resident and parent of a LaMuth student said he is more concerned with consistent malfeasance, misappropriation of funds and misuse of tax dollars to push some board members' personal agendas. The bus undercoating was discussed in Finance Committee meetings, and one member researched a local company that was comparable to the company that was used and had portable applicators. There was no further discussion. One board member received an estimate that was not presented to the rest of the board and the vote was pushed through.

An alumnus and parent of students in the district said that a larger building at Riverview was not approved by the state. Has an addition been approved? If a quick solution is needed, why aren't

trailers being considered for this location as well? Trailers have been used for a long time at other schools. The LaMuth addition is clearly supported but the board has turned a blind eye. There will be additional staffing costs with an expansion of Riverview. This decision has clearly been rushed and is not reflective of Riverside's "One Community" motto nor does it show that the board has done its due diligence. The Five Year Forecast will be coming up in November, so why not wait and make a more informed decision.

A parent in the district said she had emailed the board for help when a woman was stealing from the PTA and received no response. She said if she has questions about the buildings, she goes to the PTA, principal, teachers or parents. Those are the ones who know what is going on. She said the board does not know what is happening at each school. She said people are already asking what is next if this plan goes through.

A parent with three children, two in the district, said she has a vested interest in the district because when her younger two graduate they will be fourth generation Riverside graduates. She said a 3.5 star rating from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is unacceptable. Instead of addressing these concerns through professional development, training and data based decision making, the board is using their position to promote personal agendas that have no impact on education. She said one board member's campaign was focused on family first. She does not understand how they can believe putting families first is ignoring the results of the community survey. She said it sounds like there is a predetermined voting stance prior to viewing agendas, conducting research and participating in discussions. As a result of this behavior, she is asking three board members to resign effective immediately. They have demonstrated that they cannot serve and represent the community.

A parent with two students in the district gave a shout out to administration and teachers for a terrific start to the year for her students. She said that a board member does not listen to the people or teachers. He wanted to get rid of SEL without really knowing what it is. If they want the test scores to improve, teachers have to tune into the students. Some go without food, some have lost a parent, and we had a student die. These kids have a lot of weight on their shoulders and if the teachers can't check in with them, they can't make individual learning plans. A lot has been taken away from these students. It was said at the last meeting that they did not know about the overcrowding when she had previously sent them research about it. They don't listen to the research and just want to push a personal agenda.

A parent of three students in the district shared a Facebook post he wrote in November, 2023, in response to a podcast done by a board member. He said any organization or individual who is attempting to use the school board as a vehicle to promote their own agenda has no place making decisions for the kids. He stands by that statement as some board members don't seem to have any interest in doing the work of a school board member. They just want to talk about hot button issues like CRT and SEL.

A parent of two students talked about trust in the board. He doesn't understand why the board is mystified that there is no trust in them. He feels that is in part because not all board members were elected. People should have faith in representative government, but it's only representative if



they are elected. We also cannot trust them because they are not doing what they said they were going to do. They do not represent the community or the school district. He thinks there may be something shady going on, otherwise why would they choose to do something the community so obviously does not want. They do not respond to questions, so he cannot see any reason for them to be on the board other than personal gain.

A parent with two students at Melridge and one at LaMuth said that Dr. Rateno addressed a facilities plan that decreases disparity between buildings. Pushing forward with the Riverview plan tonight does not do that at all. The board discussed community involvement, input and transparency but pushing this vote through without due diligence goes against all of this. Her kids receive an exceptional education solely because of the teachers and staff despite the failing buildings and lack of resources they have to work with. They can't anticipate the ramifications of issues on the ballot if they move forward with this vote and make a decision that goes against what the community supports.

A parent who is new to the district with one student at Riverview said that her child loves Riverside. It started when Dr. Basich handed him a beaver sticker for the car at the Homecoming parade. She said that Riverview is at capacity but an addition is not needed. The board has to make sure all the other Beavers have something at least close to what they have at Riverview. They need to think about the kids at Melridge and Buckeye and get all the fifth graders together at LaMuth. She is new here and already realizes that there is no trust in the current board.

A parent of a Riverview student said that she loves Riverview, the principal and teachers. She agrees that the addition should not be pushed through tonight. She doesn't think it is in the best interest of the district. The few classrooms that will be added will not encompass the huge allotment that is going to be built. This issue should be put off and consider what everyone wants.

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

- A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for August 2024.  
File Attachment:  
Monthly Board Reports – August 2024.pdf (617 KB)
- B. Resolution to approve permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2025.  
File Attachment:  
Permanent Appropriations – FY25 – 09-26-2024.pdf (16 KB)
- C. Resolution to approve the following grant applications and awards:
  - 1. Cleveland Foundation – The Richard G. Small Memorial Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,000.00, Fund 018
- D. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Rock the House Entertainment Group for stage, audio and video rental for the 2024-2025 Graduation Ceremony at a total cost of \$23,333.75.
- E. Resolution to approve a Transportation Contract with Emmanuel Ventures Limited to provide transportation services for students from the Riverside Local School District effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

- F. Resolution to approve an Agreement for Admission of Tuition Pupils with ESC of Northeast Ohio for Services of Crossroads Day Treatment Center during the 2024-2025 school year for students of the Riverside Local School District.
- G. Resolution to approve an agreement with ABA Outreach Services for Behavioral Services (ABA Therapy) for students from the Riverside Local School District for the 2024-2025 school year.
- H. Resolution to approve a payment agreement with Crossroads Health for the 2024-2025 school year to provide services for students from the Riverside Local School District.
- I. Resolution to approve a contract between the Riverside Local School District and the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for the 2024-2025 school year for placement(s) in the Positive Education Program (PEP).
- J. Resolution to approve a transportation agreement with Hogan Transportation, as needed, for the 2024-2025 school year.
- K. Resolution to approve the Admission/Tuition and one-on-one services agreements with the Mentor Exempted Village Schools/Mentor Cardinal Autism Resource and Education School (CARES) program for the education of students with disabilities from the Riverside Local School District for the 2024-2025 school year.
- L. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
  - 1. To ABV Corporation in the amount of \$10,728.50 for emergency repairs to Buckeye due to water main break
  - 2. To Vitis Technologies in the amount of \$6,194.00 for Securely Pass licensing
  - 3. To Jefferson County ESC Virtual Learning Academy in the amount of \$3,225.00 for Virtual Learning services
- M. Resolution to accept the following donations:
  - 1. \$2,000.00 from OHSAA 2023-24 Athletic Enrichment Fund to Riverside Athletics
  - 2. Six outdoor benches from the Looman Family to LaMuth Middle School.
  - 3. \$719.45 from the Class of 1961 to the Henry F LaMuth Memorial Scholarship Fund.
  - 4. A saxophone from the Harden Family to LaMuth Middle School.
- N. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Keeney

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-4

#### 15. Consent Agenda: Personnel

- A. Resolution to approve the following resignation(s):
  - 1. Alexandria Carle, 12-Month Mid-day Custodian at LaMuth Middle School effective November 1, 2024.

2. Vanessa Neilsen, Student Council-LaMuth Middle School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.
  3. Amanda Smith, Student Council-LaMuth Middle School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.
  4. Claudine Ferry, Special Needs Assistant at Riverside Campus, effective September 13, 2024.
- B. Resolution to approve the following:
1. Crystal Bailey, Special Needs Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$16.59 Step-1, effective September 19, 2024.
  2. Ella Murphy, Temporary/Seasonal Latchkey Assistant at Melridge Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$15.50, effective September 30, 2024.
  3. Shawna Smith, Transportation Assistant, correction to hourly rate from \$17.03 Step-3 to \$17.05 Step-3, effective September 16, 2024.
  4. Jennifer Walker, AM Latchkey Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$15.50, effective October 7, 2024. Pending background check.
  5. Jennifer Walker, PM Latchkey Assistant at Parkside Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$15.50, effective October 7, 2024. Pending background check.
  6. Haylee Murray, Educational Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$15.00 Step-0, effective October 9, 2024. Pending background check.
  7. Paige Burkhammer, Educational Assistant at Riverview Elementary, increase in hours from 3.25 hours per day to 5 hours per day, at the hourly rate of \$15.00 Step-0, effective October 1, 2024.
  8. Abigail Overall, Special Needs Assistant Float at Melridge Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$16.26 Step-0, effective date pending background check and Educational Aide Permit.
  9. Greg Banister, 12-Month Maintenance, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$24.60 Step-3, effective date pending background check and driving abstract.
- C. Resolution to approve the following Transfers:
1. Geoffrey Noreika, Long-Term Science teacher at LaMuth Middle School, One-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$47,090.00 BA+0, Step-2, effective September 16, 2024.
  2. Jack Carbone, from Summer Technology Worker to Technology Support Specialist, One-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$37,500.00, effective October 1, 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>
Camille	Cvengros	Athletic Faculty Manager – Winter	\$1,350.00	Split
William	Ross	Athletic Faculty Manager – Winter	\$1,350.00	Split
Matthew	Grendel	Basketball-Boys Head Coach	\$9,008.00	
Matt	Cardina	Basketball-Boys Varsity Assistant	\$6,082.00	
Drew	Hartmann	Basketball-Boys Varsity Assistant	\$6,902.00	
Jim	Fox	Basketball-Boys Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
Jimmy	Hanlin	Basketball-Boys Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	
Don	Gross	Basketball-Boys 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$4,177.00	
Greg	Perz	Basketball-Boys 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$3,758.00	
Richard	Johnson	Basketball-Boys 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach	\$3,344.00	
Brian	Fulton	Basketball-Girls Head Coach	\$8,171.00	

William	Kidd	Basketball-Girls Varsity Assistant	\$5,245.00	
Lexi	Smith	Basketball-Girls Varsity Asst (JV Coach)	\$5,245.00	
Paul	Smith	Basketball-Girls 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$3,344.00	
James	Field	Basketball-Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$3,344.00	
Kathy	Watson	TBT Leads	\$750.00	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA
Vanessa	Nielsen	TBT Leads	\$1,000.00	6-Math
Gina	Cireddu	Student Council-LaMuth Middle School	\$1,700.00	
Elizabeth	Goodge	National Honor Society	\$1,254.00	split – correction
Benjamin	Chiappone	National Honor Society	\$1,254.00	split – correction

E. Resolution to approve the following:

Staff to Monitor Thursday and Saturday Academy at the hourly rate of \$26.38 per hour:

Julie Peck

Geoffrey Noreika

Staff to Monitor Tuesday and Thursday Academy at the hourly rate of \$26.38 per hour:

Hillary Layman

F. Resolution to approve the following Spanish Interpreters to be paid at the hourly rate of \$26.38, as needed paid by timesheet, effective September 27, 2024:

Karina Baldwin

Matthew Cardina

Norma Gutierrez

Lauren Mates

G. Resolution to approve the following Classified Substitutes effective September 27, 2024:

Latchkey Assistant	Nemecek	Isabella
Latchkey Assistant	Rosemier	Sofia
Latchkey Assistant	Schiele	Kaylee
Latchkey Coordinator	Bidlack	Karen
Latchkey Coordinator	Novak	Mandy

H. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby: 1) reemploys Mr. Gary Platko as the Treasurer/CFO of the Riverside Local School District for a term of three (3) years commencing August 1, 2025 and expiring July 31, 2028, 2) approves and authorizes the attached Employment Agreement with Mr. Platko for a term of three (3) years commencing August 1, 2025 and expiring July 31, 2028, and 3) authorizes the Board President, Lori Krenisky, to sign the attached Employment Agreement with Mr. Platko on behalf of the Riverside Local School District Board of Education.

I. Resolution to approve an hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour for security services by various deputies from the Lake County Sheriff's Office for extracurricular activities and other after hour events effective October 1, 2024.

J. Resolution to approve payment of Science of Reading stipends to educators who have completed the applicable professional development requirements under Ohio House Bill 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup>



General Assembly. The cost of these stipends will be reimbursed to the Riverside Local School District by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
Daniel	Adair	\$400.00
Liz	Amos	\$400.00
Philip	Baoni	\$400.00
Teresa	Baker	\$400.00
Jamie	Barney	\$400.00
Tiffany	Bateman	\$1,200.00
Jessica	Biller	\$400.00
Scott	Binkiewicz	\$400.00
Corey	Blackiston	\$1,200.00
Scott	Blank	\$400.00
Christopher	Bouffard	\$400.00
Michael	Caldwell	\$400.00
Lauren	Cantini	\$1,200.00
Jenny	Cavell	\$400.00
Gina	Cireddu	\$400.00
Lori	Collins	\$1,200.0
Christy	Daugherty	\$1,200.00
Ruth	DeMastry	\$400.00
Michael	Dingman	\$400.00
Julia	Douglas	\$1,200.00
Korene	Engelking	\$1,200.00
Carrie	Erjavec	\$1,200.00
Allison	Etling	\$1,200.00
Lori	Farrar	\$1,200.00
Laura	Feiler	\$1,200.00
James	Field	\$1,200.00
Sharon	Field	\$1,200.00
Julie	Foote (Sutton)	\$1,200.00
Tana	Ford	\$1,200.00
Laura	Fox (Vidmar)	\$1,200.00
Jeff	Franz	\$400.00
Steve	Franz	\$400.00
Nathaniel	Freeman	\$400.00
Kimberly	Fularz	\$1,200.00
Katherine	Gelman	\$1,200.00
Michael	Gisondo	\$400.00
Emily	Graff	\$1,200.00
Matthew	Grendel	\$1,200.00
Jaclyn	Halsey	\$400.00
Zachary	Hammonds	\$400.00
Abby	Hartmann	\$1,200.00
Kristen	Haury	\$400.00

Jessica	Hayden	\$1,200.00
Kathleen	Henderlich	\$1,200.00
Heather	Hopkins	\$1,200.00
Lauren	Howard	\$1,200.00
Edward	Hoynes	\$400.00
Stacey	Huberty	\$1,200.00
Kenneth	Huffman	\$400.00
Stacy	Inbody	\$1,200.00
Jeremy	Ishmael	\$400.00
Kelly	Javorek	\$1,200.00
Carrie	Jenks	\$1,200.00
Jennifer	Johnson	\$1,200.00
Jayne	Juchnowski	\$1,200.00
Shane	Kallay	\$400.00
Lora	Kaserman	\$1,200.00
Amy	Keefer	\$1,200.00
Kenneth	Keller	\$400.00
Megan	Kellhofer	\$1,200.00
Sondra	Kenyon	\$1,200.00
Erin	Kevern	\$1,200.00
Jennifer	Kilgore	\$1,200.00
Melissa	Kleinkinecht	\$1,200.00
Jennifer	Klingenberg	\$1,200.00
Lucia	Knowles	\$1,200.00
Tina	Kolencik	\$400.00
Lisa	Krieger	\$1,200.00
Alexa	Krumpak	\$1,200.00
Jeffrey	Lark	\$400.00
Megan	Layhew	\$1,200.00
Olga	Lehmann	\$1,200.00
Sally	Lehmann	\$1,200.00
Andrea	Lesko	\$1,200.00
Stacey	Lucas	\$1,200.00
Janeese	Mackey	\$1,200.00
Erin	Malchesky	\$1,200.00
Jill	Malloy	\$1,200.00
Nancy	Maltry	\$1,200.00
Kelli	Marks	\$1,200.00
Teresa	Martin	\$1,200.00
Jessica	Marut	\$400.00
Alexa	Matejka	\$1,200.00
Karie	Matejka	\$1,200.00
Lauren	Mates	\$1,200.00
Jennifer	Maynard	\$1,200.00
Kristin	McDevitt	\$400.00

Jacob	McDonald	\$400.00
Jaime	McIntyre	\$1,200.00
Tara	McKnight	\$1,200.00
Amber	McKone	\$1,200.00
Alyson	Mekinda	\$1,200.00
Denise	Meltzer	\$400.00
Sherri	Mercsak	\$1,200.00
Melissa	Milavec	\$1,200.00
Theresa	Miller	\$1,200.00
Erin	Molder	\$1,200.00
Carol	Molnar	\$400.00
Bobbi Jo	Murphy	\$400.00
Erin	Neill	\$1,200.00
Kelly	Newberry	\$1,200.00
Vanessa	Nielsen	\$400.00
Geoffrey	Norieka	\$400.00
Glenn	Obergefell	\$400.00
Matthew	Ozinga	\$400.00
Linda	Parker	\$1,200.00
Christopher	Porostosky	\$1,200.00
John	Potts	\$1,200.00
Michelle	Proud	\$1,200.00
Mary Jo	Przela	\$1,200.00
Kelly	Puhalsky	\$400.00
Beth	Rhomberg	\$1,200.00
Joanna	Rini	\$1,200.00
Sara	Ross	\$400.00
William	Ross	\$400.00
Natalie	Rowles	\$1,200.00
Melissa	Rusnak	\$1,200.00
Ross	Santo	\$1,200.00
Jill	Schar	\$400.00
David	Schwartz	\$400.00
Robyn	Selent	\$400.00
Stacy	Sepelak	\$1,200.00
Rebecca	Sheckler-Schenk	\$400.00
Alexandra	Shockey	\$400.00
Jessica	Sidley (Noll)	\$1,200.00
Patricia	Singh	\$1,200.00
Brittany	Sintic (Funk)	\$1,200.00
Abigail	Siuda	\$1,200.00
Amanda	Smith	\$1,200.00
Noralee	Starr	\$1,200.00
Maria	Stebnicki	\$1,200.00
Dawn	Stephens	\$1,200.00

Teresa	Sternberg	\$1,200.00
Kate	Stewart (Adoryan)	\$400.00
Susan	Stimecz	\$1,200.00
Sarah	Strauser	\$1,200.00
James	Swislocki	\$400.00
Matthew	Terelle	\$400.00
Juliann	Tinney	\$1,200.00
Mark	Tinney	\$400.00
Justin	Toth	\$400.00
Jennifer	Vennis	\$400.00
Sue	Veverka	\$1,200.00
AllieFair	Vitantonio	\$1,200.00
Lisa	Wade	\$400.00
John	Wakim	\$1,200.00
Kimberly	Walczak	\$1,200.00
Katherine	Watson	\$1,200.00
Karen	Weaver	\$1,200.00
Joseph	Weimer	\$400.00
Joyell	Weimer	\$400.00
Kevin	Weirich	\$400.00
Anna Marie	Wood (Fisher)	\$1,200.00
Alexis	Yarshen	\$1,200.00
Christina	York	\$400.00
Gina	Young	\$1,200.00
Joshua	Zeedrich	\$400.00
Monique	Zentgraf	\$1,200.00
Kirsten	Zimmerman	\$1,200.00

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

Motion: Keeney

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-5



**16. Consent Agenda: Curriculum & Programming**

- A. Resolution to approve the Riverside Varsity Softball Team trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina scheduled for March 23-March 28, 2025 during Spring Break. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- B. Resolution to approve the Boys and Girls High School Cross Country Team's overnight trip to Terre Haute, Indiana, for the 2024 Nike Cross Regionals Midwest competition. The trip will take place from Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no cost incurred by the Board of Education.
- C. Resolution to approve the Riverside High School Bands trip to Chicago scheduled for April 13-15, 2025. The cost of the trip will be shared by band students and the Riverside Band Boosters. There will be no cost to the Riverside Local Board of Education.
- D. Resolution to approve the Riverside High School Theatre trip to London, England, from June 7-15, 2027. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- E. Resolution to approve the LaMuth Middle School Trip to Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio scheduled for May 27, 28, and 29, 2025. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
- F. Resolution to formally approve the following Parent Organizations and Support Organizations for the 2024-2025 school year per policies 9210 and 9211 due to the respective organizations complying with board policy and submitting the required documents to the board:

**Parent Organizations:**

LaMuth AMSCO PTO  
Melridge Elementary PTO  
Riverview Elementary PTO  
Parkside Elementary PTO  
Buckeye Elementary PTO

**Support Organizations:**

XC Beaver Boosters  
Riverside Flying R Track Booster Club  
Courtside Club  
Painesville Township Band Boosters (dba Riverside Band Boosters)  
Riverside Gymnastics  
Riverside Volleyball Boosters  
Riverside Swim & Dive Boosters  
Boys Golf Boosters  
Riverside Boys Lacrosse  
Riverside Girls Lacrosse  
Riverside Rebounders  
Riverside Local Wrestling Club  
RHS Gridiron  
Riverside Boys Soccer Club  
RBI Club  
Riverside Girls Soccer Club

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

Motion: Brewster

Second: Krenisky

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-6

#### **17. Board of Education Business**

- A. The Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby approves moving forward with building an eight classroom addition onto Riverview Elementary School and directs the administration to publish a request for qualifications for a design professional and construction manager at risk.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Keeney

Discussion: Mrs. Krenisky went on record saying that this option is not recommended by the district and not recommended by the community. There has not been a chance to vet it out and consider all aspects of the option. Mrs. Grassi agreed, adding that it is not recommended by the administration. Mrs. Brewster said she has spent a lot of time visiting buildings, speaking to administrators and doing her homework. She has worked with the facilities committee and all the conversation has focused on long term planning. LaMuth is a great option for all fifth graders, but it would take two years to move them and Riverview is already overcrowded and has lost Special Education classrooms and the music room to regular education classrooms. With the future development around Riverview, even if the fifth grade is moved out, there will not be enough room. She proposed an addition for preschool that would have private bathrooms and not have an effect on lunch times. This would also help alleviate space at Buckeye and Melridge. Mrs. Grassi said if it will take two years to complete an addition to LaMuth, it will also take two years to complete the addition at Riverview. Since Mrs. Brewster was on the facilities core committee, she had plenty of time to bring this to the board table for discussion. Mr. Keeney said that he had gone through all of the buildings before the school year started. LaMuth is a good building for the future. Melridge and Buckeye need to be updated, and we have to make sure Riverview and Parkside are maintained. This addition would be a step forward because of the development coming and we have to act sooner rather than later. Mr. Fishel said when he came onto the board he spent a lot of time looking at all of the building including the Campus. He looked into the previous actions of the board once the levy failed and there was no other plan. Alleviating the overcrowding will help teachers work better and the students learn better, then we can address Buckeye and Melridge.

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 092624-7

**18. Board Business: OSBA Legislative Platform – Proposed 2025 Changes**

- A. Resolution to approve additional language on lines 688 through 689 of the OSBA Legislative Platform to support legislation that allows districts to charge for labor costs directly associated with receiving and fulfilling a public records request.

File Attachment:

2024 OSBA Official Business.pdf (2,488 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: failed 092624-8

- B. Resolution to approve additional language on lines 964 through 967 of the OSBA Legislative Platform to support legislation that require school tax levy money which has been voted upon to be used for the funding of schools be exempt from tax increment financing ("TIF") allowed under ORC 5709.40 and community reinvestment act ("CRA") abatements.

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-9

- C. Resolution to approve proposing an additional amendment to the OSBA Legislative Platform to be considered at the OSBA Annual Business Meeting in November to support legislation that require school tax levy money which has been voted upon to be used for the funding of schools be exempt from Residential Improvement Districts ("RID") allowed under ORC 5709.73.

File Attachment:

Riverside OSBA Legislative Platform Addition – RIDs.pdf (79 KB)

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-10

**19. Board of Education Update – None**

**20. Closing Items**

**A. Next Meeting Announcement**

Work Session	October 8, 2024	6:00 p.m.
Buildings and Grounds Committee	October 15, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Curriculum and Programs Committee	October 16, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee	October 16, 2024	8:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	October 24, 2024	6:00 p.m.

**B. Motion to adjourn at 9:51 p.m.**

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_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 092624-11

Attest:



Board President

10-24-24

Date



Treasurer

10/24/24

Date