

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

April 9, 2026

5:00 P.M. Work Session

**MINUTES**

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**

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.

The Bylaws of the Board of Education can be found in BoardDocs.

B. Roll Call: Krenisky, Grassi, Audino, Brewster, Vires

C. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Work Session**

A. Discussion of Financial Planning and Levy Options

Mrs. Krenisky said she worked with Dr. Rateno and Dr. Thompson on the questions emailed from the board. The questions were either answered in an email or will be answered in this presentation. She asked the board members to hold their questions until Dr. Rateno and Dr. Thompson present their recommendations for the district vision and direction and their recommendations on how we move forward. This will lead to discussion and other realistic opinions to consider.

Dr. Rateno talked about our systematic structural deficit – our expenses are growing faster than revenue, and our aging infrastructure is not meeting current educational needs. Our first priority is to address our operating funds and second is to address our aging facilities. The feedback he has been receiving is that we need to address our secondary education spaces. New funding will be needed for renovation, replacement, or both. He talked about the vision to reimagine Riverside Campus and funding models. Dr. Thompson talked about our financial position and recommendations. He feels an earned income tax is the fairest and most sustainable option. The administrative recommendation is to consider placing a 1% earned income tax on the November

2026 ballot. The board asked questions of Dr. Rateno and Dr. Thompson and discussed the options of an operating levy, facilities levy or both. Dr. Thompson closed by saying that we need to be on the ballot in November for at least an operating levy and it needs the support of five yes votes from the board members. Dr. Rateno said that he is hearing from the community that facilities are a priority and the Riverside building is important to the community and the design options reflect that.

**3. Executive Session**

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss personnel matters relating to the employment of public officials 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: Krenisky

Second: Vires

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Belinda Grassi	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Joseph Audino	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Denise Brewster	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Jimmielee Vires	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

President declares the motion: carried 040926-1

- B. Return to regular session at 8:28 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Brewster

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Belinda Grassi	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Joseph Audino	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Denise Brewster	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Jimmielee Vires	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

President declares the motion: carried 040926-2

**4. Next Meeting Announcement**

Policy Committee	April 14, 2026	7:00 a.m.
Curriculum and Programming Committee	April 15, 2026	7:30 a.m.
Finance and Personnel Committee	April 16, 2026	7:00 a.m.
Buildings and Grounds Committee	April 21, 2026	7:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	April 23, 2026	6:00 p.m.



