

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School  
August 17, 2023  
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

**1. Opening Items**

A. Call to Order at 7:00 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, Fishel, Hach, 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:

July 27 2023 Board Minutes.pdf (205 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Hach

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"/>
Scott Fishel	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hach	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 081723-1

3. **Special Reports** – Mr. Carrabine reviewed the results of the communication survey that was sent to parents, students, and community members in June, 2023.
4. **Old Business** – Mrs. Krenisky brought up a video interview that Mr. Fishel made. He spoke about some policies that he would like to change in the district. Mrs. Krenisky asked what he is looking at and what he would like to change. He would not discuss it in detail at the meeting.
5. **New Business** – None
6. **Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**
  - A. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent’s Business Advisory Liaison – The Business Advisory Committee will reconvene this year. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 12.
  - B. Scott Fishel – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee met in August. Mr. Fishel asked how to improve scoring in the district. He said we are 71<sup>st</sup> in the state in the economic rating and 277<sup>th</sup> in the student performance rating. The Alumni Association Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for October 14. The Golf Outing is scheduled for June 8, 2024.
  - C. Tom Hach - Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Legislative Liaison – The Buildings and Grounds Committee met in August. Mr. Arlesic will make a presentation on how the custodians and maintenance staff get the buildings ready for school. They discussed how to move forward on facilities. They reviewed the draft report of Buckeye from Bialosky. The information and format have been approved to move forward with the other schools. No legislative update.
  - D. Jennifer Harden - Policy Committee; Booster Organization Liaison – No policy update. RPTA has a new president this year. Event calendars were requested from all of the PTAs.
7. **Superintendent’s Report** – Mr. Arlesic gave an update on summer cleaning and maintenance. Dr. Rateno talked about Transportation, Latchkey and Technology activities over the summer. A Leadership Retreat was held in August for district administrators at Lakeland. New Teacher Orientation and a bus tour of the district welcomed 16 new certified staff members. Coffee with Chris will take place throughout the district during September and October. Community members will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Dr. Rateno. Meet the Teams Night was held on August 16. All fall athletes in grades 7-12 were introduced. Last year’s state qualifiers were mentioned and the night ended with a performance by the Riverside Regiment. The Gridiron Tailgate party will be held Friday, August 25 from 4-7 pm prior to the football game.
8. **Treasurer’s Report and Committee Update**
  - A. Belinda Grassi – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Strategic Plan Liaison – The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met in August. They talked about the personnel updates on the agenda to be approved before school starts. There are still many positions open in the district. Mr. Platko has attended all of the community trustee meetings except for Leroy. They talked about grant and budget updates and gifted budget changes. No Strategic Plan update.
  - B. Mr. Platko talked about the state funding and the Fair School Funding Plan phase-in. Two special needs buses purchased from Madison are here and in good shape to get us through until the new buses we ordered are in. Painesville Township trustees have approved the preliminary plans for the Casement development. Mr. Platko reviewed the July financial report. OSBA Capital Conference

will be held November. The Board will vote on a delegate and an alternate for the business meeting held during the conference.

**9. Public Participation**

**A. Public Comment**

A Concord resident said the survey results were impressive. She said many other voters and taxpayers would like to provide input. If it's possible, maybe a newsletter could direct more community members to the survey.

A Painesville Township resident thanked the Maintenance and Transportation departments for doing an excellent job. He feels that Riverside is failing its students. People nationwide are talking about remote learning during the pandemic and he doesn't like what he's hearing. As Board members, their job is to make sure students get the best education they can and that is reading, writing and arithmetic and nothing else.

A Concord resident wants to recognize the maintenance crew. She was surprised at some of the things they do that she was not aware of. People in the district should take time to go to the Ohio Department of Education website and look at the proficiency scores for Riverside. She thinks they will be surprised if they take time to look around on the site at different numbers. Our scores are not good. We need something in place to help students move ahead and get where they need to be when they get out of school. She said that in a class of third or fourth graders, only 68% of them can read but all of them are moving on to the next grade. They will only be further behind. They should move ahead in the subjects they are proficient in and be kept back for the subjects they are not.

A student who is in Boy Scout Troop 62 said he is here to listen and get different views on subjects.

A parent with students in the district reminded everyone that this is a public school that is for every child no matter their color, economic status, or if they're gay. She sent a report to the Board in January and has not received any response. Mrs. Harden is the only one to respond to her that she has received the emails. She said she is the only one here with students in the district to talk about scores. Her kids' scores are beautiful and the elementary scores are high. We as a country are far behind in scores because we rely on scores. She said in October it will become easier to homeschool. She said if you're unhappy with what Riverside is doing, then consider homeschooling.

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

A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for July 2023.

File Attachment:

Monthly Board Reports - July 2023.pdf (505 KB)

B. Resolution to approve an Addendum to the 2022-2024 school year Aligned School District Service Agreement between the Riverside Local School District and the ESC of the Western Reserve for additional days for Shyanna Lindberg.

C. Resolution to approve an agreement with ABA Outreach Services for Behavioral Services (ABA Therapy) for students from the Riverside Local School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

- D. Resolution to approve a contract with Brailled on Belvedere, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year services.
- E. Resolution to approve Mr. Hach as delegate and Mrs. Grassi as alternate to the 2023 OSBA Annual Business Meeting at the Capital Conference on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.
- F. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
  - 1. To Vasco in the amount of \$4,267.00 for track repairs.
- G. Resolution to accept the following donations:
  - 1. \$500 from SSC Controls Company to the RAVE Program.
- H. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Grassi

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"/>
Scott Fishel	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hach	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 081723-2

**11. Consent Agenda: Personnel**

- A. Resolution to approve the following resignation(s):
  - 1. Gary Himes, Long-Term Guidance Counselor at Riverside Campus, effective July 17, 2023.
  - 2. Cheryl Bohr, Transportation Operator, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - 3. Suzanne Corsi, Transportation Operator, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- B. Resolution to accept the following transfer(s):
  - 1. Kelly Flenner from 10-Month Secretary at Melridge Elementary at the hourly rate of \$19.03 Step-4 to 12-Month Administrative Assistant to the Human Resource Director at the annual salary of \$41,000.00 effective August 15, 2023.
  - 2. Priscilla Sullivan from 10-Month Attendance Secretary at Riverside Campus to 12-Month Attendance Secretary at Riverside Campus at the same hourly rate, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  - 3. Norman Roberts from 5.75 hours to 4.33 hours, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  - 4. Richard Lemaster from 5.50 hours to 6.25 hours, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  - 5. Caitlin Miracle from Intervention Specialist at Parkside Elementary to Intervention Specialist at Riverview Elementary at the same rate of pay, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  - 6. Cynthia Lette from Special Education Classroom Assistant at Parkside Elementary to Special Education Classroom Assistant at Riverview Elementary at the same rate of pay, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

7. Cynthia Moore from Special Education Classroom Assistant at Parkside Elementary to Special Education Classroom Assistant at Riverview Elementary at the same rate of pay, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

C. Resolution to approve the following:

1. Carla Keller, 12-Month Guidance Secretary at Riverside Campus, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$17.12 step-0, effective August 7, 2023.
2. Lily Wittie, AM/PM Latchkey Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$13.39, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Melissa Gray, PM Latchkey Coordinator at Parkside Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$17.00, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Kari Price, Title Tutor ELA at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Payton Brownlee, Title Tutor ELA at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Victoria Short, Title Math Tutor at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
7. Jordan Steiner, General Fund ELA Tutor at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
8. Abby Plassard, Title Tutor ELA at Buckeye Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2034 school year.
9. John Timko, General Fund Math Tutor at Buckeye Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
10. Geoffrey Noreika, Title Math Tutor at LaMuth Middle School, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
11. Kevin Weirich, Title Tutor ELA at LaMuth Middle School, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
12. Gina Young, General Fund Tutor ELA at Parkside Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year pending background check.
13. Anne Dalby, Long-Term School Guidance Counselor at Riverside Campus, One-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$60,323.00 MA+30 Step 5, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year pending background check.
14. Krysten Studer, Kindergarten Teacher at Parkside Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the annual salary of \$45,719.00 BA step-2, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
15. Misty Nocera, Lunchroom Assistant at Parkside Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$11.92 step-0, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year pending background check.
16. Alexandra Hauxhurst, Lunchroom Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$12.55 step-1, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
17. Shawna Smith, Transportation Assistant for Riverside Local Schools, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$14.47 step-2, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

18. Bunni Weeks, Playground Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$12.29 step-0, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year pending background check.
  19. Cynthia Miller, Playground Assistant at Riverview Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$12.29 step-0, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year pending background check.
  20. Nancy Kobashi, Special Education Classroom Assistant at Melridge Elementary, correction to hourly rate due to employment verification from \$16.11 Step-1 to \$16.55 Step-3, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  21. Michelle Proud, Title Math Tutor at Melridge Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  22. Amber Koubeck, Title ELA Tutor at Melridge Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  23. Stephanie Bodnovich, General Fund ELA Tutor at Melridge Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$25.61, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  24. Sharon Swarzwelder, Transportation Operator additional route 2.5 hours, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
  25. Cheral White, PM Latchkey Coordinator at Parkside Elementary, One-Year Limited Contract at the hourly rate of \$17.00, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year pending background check.
- D. Resolution to approve three extended days in the summer of 2023 for the following School Safety Officers to be paid at their daily rate by a timesheet:
1. Daniel Shaw, Riverside Campus
  2. Michael Bruening, LaMuth Middle School
  3. Christopher Collins, Buckeye Elementary School
  4. Mark Rich, Melridge Elementary School
  5. Carey Warner, Parkside Elementary School
  6. Alan Ward, Riverview Elementary School
- E. Resolution to approve an adjusted salary of \$72,000.00 for Elise Riola, EMIS Coordinator effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- F. Resolution to approve part-time School Safety Officers that work on an as needed basis for athletic events, board meeting security and other duties outside of the regular school work hours, effective 2023-24 school year.

Bryan Bowen	Bob Harps	Justin Nevison	Brandon Savage
Donovan Buchs	Jessica Holt	Robert Niemi	Garrett Stefancin
Jack Cappabianca	Shane Hopp	Andrew Nye	Michael Suschak
Chris Cichon	Bob Izzo	Tony Osap	Taylor Tekavic
Patrick Donaldson	Ryan Kirschner	Bucyrus Palo	Jackie Tracz
David Doughty	Kyle Kulisek	Pat Paterson	Russ Tuttle
Don Durst	Frank Leonbruno	Matt Pepperney	Al Ward
Edwin Figueroa	William Leonello	Matthew Phillips	Jim Wheeler
David Fioritto	Dustin Majewski	Sean Pitrelli	Paul Wilson
James Fogarty	Bryant Matthews	Dale Pohto	Sruly Wolf
Charles Gaylog	Andrew Munk	Joshua Robertson	Taya Workum
Dan Glasier	Samer Musleh	Zak Ropos	Matt Zarbock

Luke Grgic                      Cody Naftzger                      Joe Samac

G. Resolution to approve the following substitutes:

1. Julie Oris, Latchkey Assistant, as needed at Buckeye Elementary at the hourly rate of \$13.39, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Julie Oris, Latchkey Coordinator, as needed at Parkside Elementary at the hourly rate of \$17.00, effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Baczek	Alyson	General Sub
Bader	Sally	General Sub
Barbian	Claudia	General Sub
Binkiewicz	Allie	General Sub
Brewster	Shayla	Transportation Op.
Bush	Tammi	General Sub
Chapek	Jill	General Sub
Corsi	Suzanne	Transportation Op.
Duesing	Sarah	General Sub & Ed. Aide
Fiffick	Kelly	General Sub
Gifford	Hunter	General Sub & Maintenance
Grant	Carol	Transportation Aide
Hansen	Kimberly	General Sub & Ed. Aide
Hedrick	Randy	Transportation Op.
Johncen	Amanda	General Sub
Kalb	Adam	General Sub & Maintenance
Lange	Shirley	Transportation Op.
Murphy	Josephine	General Sub
Murray	Haylee	General Sub
Nameth	Kimberly	General Sub
Nied	Greg	General Sub
Nied	Adam	General Sub
Novak	Mandy	General Sub
Pike	Rosemarie	General Sub & Ed. Aide
Puchan	Valerie	Transportation Op.
Puhajj	Tanya	General Sub
Rabuck	Amanda	General Sub
Rebenock	Kyle	General Sub
Renock	Leslie	General Sub
Telfer	William	Transportation Op.
Veselko	Jeannette	General Sub
Veselko	Paige	General Sub
Wagner	Terri	General Sub
Wheeler	Molly	General Sub
Williams	Megan	General Sub

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

Motion: Grassi

Second: Hach

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 081723-3

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

- A. Resolution to approve the current mathematics course of study documents for the Riverside Local School District.
- B. Motion to approve the items listed on the Curriculum & Programming Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Harden

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 081723-4

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

- A. Resolution to adopt the 2023-2024 School Bus Routes and Stops for the Riverside Local School District as stated in Board Policy and O.R.C. 3301-83-13.
- B. Motion to approve the items listed on the Buildings & Grounds/Operations Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Hach

Second: Grassi

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 081723-5

14. **Board of Education Update** – Mrs. Grassi wanted to remind everyone if there are comments later that the course of study was unanimously approved by the board. She also mentioned the upcoming Tailgate, the first day of school, and the huge Cross Country meet. Mrs. Harden expressed appreciation for Mr. Arlesic and how passionate he is about his employee’s work. Mrs. Grassi said she is amazed by the tenure of the leadership in the district and Mr. Hach said we are blessed to have a great staff.

15. **Executive Session**

A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School district Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 8:19 pm to discuss a personnel matter relating to the employment of a public official, discipline, and investigation of charges and complaints, 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__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 081723-6

B. Motion to return to regular session at 8:43 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Hach

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Tom Hach	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jennifer Harden	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 081723-7

Mr. Hach thanked Dr. Mlakar. He likes the format of the course of study.

16. **Closing Items**

A. Next meeting:

Business Meeting

August 24, 2023

7:00 p.m.

B. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Hach

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 081723-8

Attest:

  
Board President

9-28-23

Date

Treasurer

9/28/23

Date