

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School
December 15, 2025
1:00 P.M. Special Meeting

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

1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order at 1:00 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 0164B of the Riverside Local Board of Education which was adopted in accordance with Section 1.450 of the O.R.C. and the Ohio Administrative Procedures Act.

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

- B. Roll Call: Fishel, Keeney, Brewster, Grassi-absent, Krenisky-absent
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Executive Session

A. The Riverside Local School District Board of Education ("Board") hereby recesses into consecutive executive sessions for the purposes of (1) considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, and compensation of a public employee/official; (2) considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, and compensation of a public employee/official; (3) considering the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee/official; (4) considering the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee/official; and (5) conferencing with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of imminent court action pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) and (3). Upon conclusion of these executive sessions, the Board President shall gavel the Board back into open session at this location. All matters discussed in these executive sessions are designated to the public officials and employees as confidential pursuant to R.C. 102.03(B) because of the status of the proceedings and/or the circumstances under which the information will be received, and preserving its confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct of government business.

Motion: Fishel

Second:

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Dennis Keeney	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Denise Brewster	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

President declares the motion: carried 121525-1

B. Return to regular session at 2:15 p.m.

3. New Business

A. RESOLUTION SETTING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR R.C. 3319.16 TERMINATION HEARING:

Pursuant to the December 12, 2025 written demand of Dr. Christopher J. Rateno (“Rateno”), the Riverside Local School District Board of Education (“Board”) hereby sets the date and time of the R.C. 3319.16 hearing before a R.C. 3319.161 referee for January 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., which is not less than twenty days of the instant action of December 15, 2025, and not more than thirty days from the date of receipt of the written demand. The hearing shall be held at the Riverside Local School District, Board Conference Room, 585 Riverside Drive, Painesville, Ohio 44077. The Treasurer is directed to provide Rateno with notice of this date, time, and location on December 15, 2025. The Treasurer is further directed to provide the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce with notice of this date, time, and location on December 15, 2025, and to request the appointment of a referee.

Motion: Fishel

Second:

Vote:

Scott Fishel	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Dennis Keeney	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Denise Brewster	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

President declares the motion: carried 121525-2

B. RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND EMPLOYING INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT: Pursuant to R.C. 3313.845 and all other applicable laws, the Riverside Local School District Board of Education (“Board”) hereby appoints and employs Robert Scott through the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve (“ESCWR”) to serve as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the District. The Interim Superintendent shall be employed at an hourly rate of one hundred fifteen dollars and thirty-four cents (\$115.34), and such rate shall be subject to a six percent (6%) administrative fee in accordance with the Riverside Local School District-Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve Master Agreement (“Master Agreement”). Service shall commence on December 15, 2025, and shall continue until either party notifies the other in writing to terminate this agreement of the Board appoints a permanent superintendent. The authority of the Interim Superintendent is expressly limited to supporting the day-to-day educational and operational functions of the Riverside Local School District and, therefore, shall not make or implement any long-term decisions. All expenses incurred while conducting services as the Interim Superintendent including,

but not limited to, mileage, travel, meals, and other reimbursable costs shall be billed separately and shall constitute an additional cost to the Board subject to applicable Board policies and procedures, ESCWR policies and procedures, and the Master Agreement. This appointment and employment resolution is further subject to the terms and conditions established by the ESCWR. Both the Board and ESCWR retain the right to immediately terminate interim superintendent services upon providing notice to the president of the other party.

Motion: Fishel

Second:

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 121525-3

4. Closing Items

A. Motion to adjourn at 2:19 p.m.

Motion: Fishel

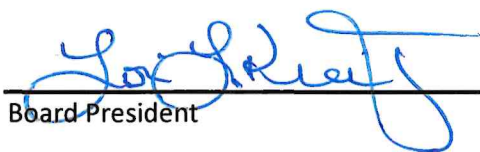
Second: Keeney

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 121525-4

Attest:


Board President

 1-22-26
Date Treasurer Date

