

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

January 2, 2026

Immediately Following Organizational Meeting – 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 5:56 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, Brewster-absent, Audino, Vires

2. Executive Session

A. The Riverside Local School District Board of Education ("Board") hereby recesses into an executive session for the purposes of:

(1) considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, and compensation of one or more public employees/officials under R.C. 121.22(G)(1), and

(2) conferring with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action under R.C. 121.22(G)(3).

Upon conclusion of this executive session, 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.

B. Return to regular session at 8:04 p.m.

3. Special Reports

A. Presentation from Treasurer Dr. Stephen Thompson relating to the permanent improvement expenditures in the Riverside Local School District during fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and/or 2025 and the reports presented to the Board of Education by the Briscoe Consulting Group

during the meeting on December 10, 2025 regarding its financial analysis and related work for the Riverside Local School District.

Dr. Thompson reviewed the PI Fund from 2020 through 2025 and the results of the Briscoe report. He vetted Mr. Briscoe and found that he is a Director of Procurement at a school district in Texas. He is not part of their finance department nor does he hold a Treasurers License. His Assistant Superintendent has made a records request to us for the work he did. Dr. Thompson said the Briscoe analysis found 252 transactions that were not permissible in the PI Fund. Dr. Thompson's review of the same records found only one transaction that is not permissible in an amount of \$60,782.00. The amount that Mr. Briscoe recommended we transfer out of the General Fund would put the district in a deficit situation in 2028 instead of 2029 if we did not transfer that money. Dr. Thompson's recommendation is to rescind the report that was accepted in December, 2025 and to transfer \$60,782.00.

4. Public Participation

A senior at Riverside High School extended her gratitude to Mrs. Grassi and Mrs. Krenisky for the actions they have taken to protect our district. They have been professional in their conduct and remained strong willed in the face of bullying and unprofessionalism. They are never afraid to speak up about their beliefs and voice their opinions in a respectful manner. She welcomed Mr. Audino and Mr. Vires and said that she is confident that they will serve well alongside Mrs. Grassi and Mrs. Krenisky. She thanked the four board members as well as Dr. Thompson and the community who stood up for the good of the students.

A resident with three students who went through Riverside said he attended the last meeting and it was a very energetic meeting. What seemed like an arbitrary decision to limit the participation was the trigger for a continued and escalated reaction. He thinks the energy, words and expressions were necessary for the community to express longstanding frustration in the behavior of the board. He thinks that was a cathartic meeting. He congratulated the new board members and said we are all excited to recognize this chapter is moving on and the reestablishment of trust, transparency and collaboration is essential.

5. Board of Education Business

- A. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Rescission of the Resolution Accepting the Reports Prepared and Presented by the Briscoe Consulting Group on December 10, 2025.

File Attachment:

Resolution Regarding Briscoe Consulting Group Reports.pdf (145 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Discussion: Mrs. Grassi read the entire resolution that is linked in the agenda.

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"/>
Joseph Audino	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>
Jimmielee Vires	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>

President declares the motion: carried 010226-10

B. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Termination of Contract with LLB Resources, LLC.

File Attachment:

Resolution Regarding LLB Resources, LLC.pdf (142 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Audino

Discussion: Mr. Audino read the entire resolution that is linked in the agenda. Mrs. Grassi said she doesn't know if we ever received documentation on what her plan, communication strategy and report was and would like to follow up on what happened to her email list. Dr. Thompson said that barring direction from the board, he is holding her last two invoices and intends to hold them until she fulfills the contract. Mrs. Krenisky confirmed that Dr. Thompson will send an email with the termination notice and request for materials that LLB Resources is contractually required to provide.

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Joseph Audino	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jimmielee Vires	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 010226-11

C. Resolution Declaring Certain Prior Board Action Null and Void and Further Declaring That The RoofConnect Proposal Dated December 1, 2025 Is Null and Void.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Vires

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Joseph Audino	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Jimmielee Vires	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 010226-12

D. Mrs. Krenisky said that the board spoke with Dr. Rateno and has started the process of restoring him as Superintendent. The board owes everyone the due diligence to do it the right way and there are a few details to work through. Mrs. Grassi apologized to Dr. Rateno and his family for the headache and heartache they have been put through.

Dr. Rateno thanked the members of the board for their support, trust and action. He appreciates that they are willing to act thoughtfully to make sure this is done correctly. He is grateful and

humbled by everyone in the room. He can't thank his wife and children enough as he could not have weathered this without them. He is deeply grateful to Dr. Thompson for his leadership and to the entire administrative team, past and present, for the support they provided. He said Riverside is special and there is no place he'd rather be so he is thankful for the opportunity to come back and do it correctly. He will carry the kindness and trust with him every day and it has only deepened his commitment to serve the community with humility and gratitude.

6. Closing Items

- A. Next meeting announcement
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January 22, 2026 6:00 p.m.

- B. Motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

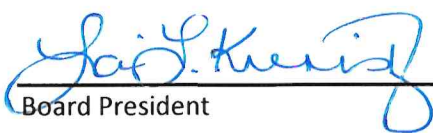
Second: Vires

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 _____
Jimmielee Vires	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

President declares the motion: carried 010226-13

Attest:


Board President

Date


Treasurer

Date 1-22-26