



# Board Briefs



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## March 12, 2026 Work Session & Board Meeting

- ❖ Approval of the agenda as listed with the adjustment of item “F” under personnel to be voted on separately.
- ❖ Overview and discussion regarding the funding options available to the Board as directed by policy po6234.
- ❖ Minutes from the February 26, 2026 Board Meeting and the March 6, 2026 Work Session were approved.

### **The following Finance/Audit recommendations were approved:**

- ❖ Approval of the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for February, 2026.
- ❖ Approval accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
- ❖ Approval of a purchase order to Adler's Sporting Goods in the amount of \$18,163.00 for various sports supplies and equipment.
- ❖ Approval of a purchase order with CDW-G for the purchase of 750 Chromebooks at a total cost of \$198,750.
- ❖ Approval of a purchase order with MCPc for district Microsoft licensing. Second year of three effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 in the amount of \$22,725.52.
- ❖ Approval of a purchase orders to 4-H Camp Whitewood totalling \$26,654.60 for Sixth Grade Camp.
- ❖ Approval of transfers out of the General Fund to the following funds:
  1. \$75,000.00 to the Athletic-RHS Fund (300-920F)
  2. \$25,000.00 to the Athletic-LaMuth Fund (300-921F)
  3. \$900,000.00 to the Termination Benefits Fund (035-0000)

### **The following Personnel recommendations were approved:**

- ❖ Approval to reemploy Dr. Christopher J. Rateno as the Superintendent of Schools of the Riverside Local School District for a term of five (5) years commencing August 1, 2026, and expiring July 31, 2031.

### **Resignation**

- ❖ Richard Marinelli, Varsity Track Assistant at Riverside Campus, effective February 26, 2026.
- ❖ Amber Carlisle, Educational Assistant at LaMuth Middle School, effective February 27, 2026.

### **Retirement**

- ❖ Melissa Mlakar, Assistant Superintendent at Central Office, effective July 31, 2026.

### **Transfers**

- ❖ Alison Hardy, Assistant Principal at LaMuth Middle School to Teacher at Riverside Campus, MA+15, Step-17, effective August 17, 2026.

## **Employment**

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- ❖ Cierra Thomas, Long-Term Preschool Teacher at Melridge Elementary, Prorated, BA+0, Step-0, effective April 1, 2026 until June 2, 2026.

## **Supplemental Contracts**

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❖ Carol Molnar	7th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	
❖ Celeste Napier	7th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	Special Needs Assistant
❖ Sarah Turniski	8th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	
❖ Jeremy Ishmael	Girls Flag Football Head Coach	Volunteer	
❖ Nick Schussler	Girls Flag Football Assistant Coach	Volunteer	
❖ Tom Flenner	Girls Flag Football Assistant Coach	Volunteer	

## **Classified/Exempt Substitutes**

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❖ Amber Carlisle	Special Needs Assistant
❖ Edward Doyak	Non-CDL Transportation Operator
❖ Alyssa Penkowski	Non-CDL Transportation Operator

## **The following Curriculum & Programming recommendations were approved**

- ❖ Approval of an Agreement with NWEA for FY2027 Map Growth assessment in the amount of \$45,876.00.
- ❖ Approval of the SchoolLinks Services Agreement effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$17,396.42 for the 2026-2027 school year.

## **The following Board Policies were approved**

- Policy 2431.6 - Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics (NEW)
- Policy 3440/4440 - Job-Related Expenses (Revised)
- Policy 6423 - Use of District Credit Card (Revised)
- Policy 6424 - Procurement Cards (Revised)
- Policy 6460 - Vendor Relations (Revised)
- Policy 6465 - Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs (NEW)
- Policy 5112 - Entrance Requirements (Revised)
- Policy 6220 - Budget Preparation (Revised)
- Policy 6320 - Purchasing and Bidding (Revised)
- Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)
- Policy 6425 - Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate (NEW)
- Policy 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Replacement)
- Policy 2260.02 - School Nutrition Civil Rights Process for the Riverside Local School District (NEW)

## **The following Board of Education Business**

- ❖ Approval to adopt the Portrait of a Riverside Board Member.
- ❖ Approval of the Riverside Local School District Board of Education Handbook.

## **This ends all official action by the Board of Education.**

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