

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverview Elementary School
January 22, 2026
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbTmn_sGBiEvF2c598hBCSg

1. Opening Items

- A. Call to Order at 6:00 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
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:

December 10 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.docx (45 KB)

December 18 2025 Board Minutes.docx (201 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____
Belinda Grassi	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____	Abstain _____

B. **Special Report**

Ryan Schmit from TDA presented options for the Buckeye addition. He showed a proposed twelve classroom single story addition or a two-story addition. Roger Riachi talked about the Riverview and CTE additions and summed up the financing of the additions. He also talked about the cost of adding four additional classrooms to the original plan at Buckeye. Michael Prcela talked about financing options for Buckeye. He will provide analysis of financing with Tax Anticipation Notices (TANS) and Certificates of Participation (COPS), or financing with all COPS. Dr. Rateno gave an update on the Strategic Plan that was approved from 2022 through 2026. He reviewed the four pillars of the plan and what was accomplished for each pillar. The Strategic Plan will be revised and refreshed this year with plans to incorporate the Portrait of a Riverside Beaver. They will also look at simplifying the mission statement.

4. **Old Business** – Mrs. Grassi talked about the Vouchers for Ohio advocacy group. If the board would like to join this group, she will have more information at the next meeting. There is a cost of \$2.00 per student in the district to join. Mrs. Grassi brought up updates to the Administrative Handbook. Dr. Rateno suggested adding Exempt positions to the handbook. Mr. Vires will bring it to the next Personnel Committee meeting. Mrs. Krenisky talked about mid-year evaluations for Dr. Rateno and Dr. Thompson.
5. **New Business** – Mrs. Krenisky talked about having a board retreat in February. She would like to address the Board Handbook, ethics and boardmanship training, goal setting, and fiscal report reading and school funding. Mrs. Grassi talked about having open office hours with board members so that the public can talk to them without a three-minute limit and can have a conversation. There could be a schedule set up to rotate who is there. Mrs. Grassi said she would like to see new committees for staff, community engagement, and student engagement. Dr. Rateno said they could be Superintendent’s committees with a board liaison. Mrs. Krenisky would like to address levy readiness and staff controls. She would like Dr. Rateno and Dr. Thompson to gather information so they are looking at the right things to plan for the levy. She would like to look at a staff baseline and controls, cost containment options and levy planning. Mr. Audino said he would like to review the board policy concerning the public comment section of meetings. Mr. Audino would like to look at logistics of the audio and visual of the meetings and the possibility of a microphone for each board member.
6. **Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**
 - A. Belinda Grassi – Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Strategic Plan Liaison – The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on January 13. Mr. Arlesic talked about the power outage on January 29. Heating and air conditioning was installed in the Lecture Room at the high school by maintenance staff. Mid-day custodial staffing at Riverview was discussed. The new scoreboard was installed at the softball field. Mr. Arlesic is reviewing the vehicle fleet to determine our future needs. CTE and Riverview additions are wrapping up. They talked about plans for updating the Lecture Room. No Strategic Plan update.
 - B. Joseph Audino – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Booster Organizations Liaison – The Curriculum and Programming Committee met on January 12. They talked about the February 9 professional development day. They talked about student experience interviews for focus groups. They would like to get feedback from 100 students per grade to shape student learning going forward. Our Special Education unit received a meets rating from the state, which is the best they

can get. Preschool registration begins on February 9 with priority registration for existing families.
No Booster update.

C. Denise Brewster – Policy Committee; Legislative Liaison – The Policy Committee will plan a meeting to talk about new and revised policies from NEOLA and to discuss our public comment policy. Mrs. Brewster talked about various actions taken by the House and Senate.

D. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent’s Business Advisory Liaison – The Business Advisory Council met and toured the new CTE space. They have created some grade level activities for the spring. Second graders will have Check Out the Truck with trucks from the Painesville Township Service Department. Fifth graders will begin career exploration. Ninth graders will have Future Forward, tenth graders will have a Reality Tour, and twelfth graders are working on the Senior Capstone.

7. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Rateno gave an update on the CTE room. They are exploring using virtual reality software for some classes. Four student athletes signed their letter of intent to continue their athletic and academic careers in college. Halls of Holly and the Holiday Market were held in December. Preschool registration will begin on February 9. The age requirement has changed due to HB114 and is based on age on the first day of instruction. Dr. Rateno said the new scoreboard has been installed at the softball field and he thanked the Alumni Association for their generous donation toward the purchase. Riverside High School was recognized for the AP School Honor Roll. The district leadership team met on January 22. The spring musical will be held March 12-14, with the Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner on March 12. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4. January is Board Appreciation Month, so Dr. Rateno presented the board with gifts of a t-shirt (design chosen by the board) and a vest from Beaver Nation. He thanked them for their dedication.

8. Treasurer’s Report and Committee Update

A. Jimmielee Vires – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – The Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee met on January 20. They talked about the health insurance switch and an uptick in voluntary life insurance. They talked about Girls Flag Football and Boys Volleyball as new club sports. Mrs. Aliff presented a list of resignations and retirements for this year. Three non-CDL drivers are currently training to become bus drivers. No Alumni Association update.

B. Dr. Thompson talked about the new building budget process. A handbook has been prepared for principals and department heads detailing their roles and responsibilities in developing their building or department budget. They will be responsible for staying within that budget. He talked about changes to the credit card and Amazon programs and blanket POs. He presented the monthly financial report for December.

9. Public Participation

A. Public Comment – None

10. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

A. Resolution to approve the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for December 2025.

File Attachment:

Monthly Board Reports – Dec-2025.pdf (857 KB)

- B. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 - 1. Weston Hurd in the amount of \$12,640.47 for special education legal services.
 - 2. GEM, Inc. in the amount of \$4,956.41 for a November service call.
 - 3. Brindza McIntyre & Seed LLP in the amount of \$15,592.50 for non-retainer legal services provided in December.
- C. Resolution to approve two purchase orders to Dell Marketing, L.P.:
 - 1. in the amount of \$55,413.87 for notebook computers to be used in the Career Tech addition at Riverside.
 - 2. in the amount of \$17,913.26 for the purchase of two camera servers. Attorney General Safety Grant funds will be used to purchase these two servers.
- D. Resolution to approve a purchase order to the Samaritan Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for enrollment in their program on behalf of a District staff member.
- E. Resolution to accept the following donations:
 - 1. \$300.00 from Scaffco Scaffolding & Supply Co Inc to the Care Closet.
 - 2. \$2,000.00 from Assembly Specialist Inc to Riverside Choir.
 - 3. An electromagnetic etching power unit – M-150E valued at \$1,261.97 from Monode Marketing Products, Inc. to the LaMuth Fab Lab.
- F. Motion to approve the items listed on the Finance/Audit Consent Agenda as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion: Vires

Second: Krenisky

Vote:

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

President declares the motion: carried 012226-4

11. Consent Agenda: Personnel

- A. Resolution to approve the following Certified Personnel:

Retirement

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Effective Date
David	Schwartz	Teacher	Riverside Campus	5/29/2026

Change in Days per Week

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Current Days Per Week	Current Salary	New Days Per Week	New Salary	Effective Date
Anne	Krauss	Tutor	LaMuth Middle School	5	\$27.61 per hour	4	\$27.61 per hour	1/13/2026

- B. Resolution to approve the following Classified/Exempt Personnel:

Employment

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Pay	Step	Hours	Effective Date	Contract Duration	Contracted Days
Amber	Crawley	Nutrition Services	Fairport	\$18.66	0	3	1/26/2026	Limited, One-year	180
Lonna	Meeks	Special Needs Assistant	Parkside Elementary	\$17.56	2	7	1/26/2026	Limited, One-year	182

Retirement

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Effective Date	Notes
Kelly	Brewster	Transportation Operator	Transportation	5/29/2026	Correction to retirement date
Tina	Brooks	Custodian	Parkside Elementary	5/29/2026	
Beth	Thomas	Nutrition Services Manager	Riverview	5/29/2026	

Resignation

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Effective Date
Carlee	Griebe	Educational Assistant	LaMuth Middle School	1/16/2026
Mandy	Novak	Latchkey Assistant	Riverview Elementary	1/30/2026
Donna	Ristau	Latchkey Assistant	Parkside Elementary	12/8/2025
Deanna	Russell	Educational Assistant	Riverview Elementary	12/19/2025

Pay Increase

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Current Step	Current Hourly Rate	New Step	New Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Notes:
Brita	Palo	10-Month Secretary	Riverside Campus	0	\$20.66	4	\$22.13	1/5/2026	Pay and step increase per verified experience form received.

C. Resolution to approve the following supplemental contracts:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Miles	Anderson	8 th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	NA	
Kathy	Babcock	8 th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	NA	
Kyle	Rebenock	8 th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	NA	
Jill	Schar	8 th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	NA	
David	Shook	8 th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	NA	
Lisa	Wade	8 th Grade Class Trip Chaperone	\$647.00	NA	
Cameron	Ruff	8 th Grade Class Trip Director	\$1,289.00	NA	
Tom	Fuhrman	Baseball-Freshman	\$3,445.00	1	
John	Wakim	Baseball-Head Coach	\$8,614.00	6+	
Jeremy	Goecke	Baseball-Varsity Assistant	\$5,165.00	1	
Zachary	Hammonds	Baseball-Varsity Assistant	\$6,889.00	8	
Stephen	Heestand	Baseball-Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	0	Pending PAP
Seth	Scoville	Baseball-Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	0	Pending PAP
Daniel	Adair	Lacrosse-Boys Head Coach	\$6,889.00	6+	
Jake	Lopez	Lacrosse-Boys Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	0	Pending PAP and background check
Michael	Swank	Lacrosse-Boys Varsity Assistant	\$5,165.00	6	
Kyle	Rebenock	Lacrosse-Boys Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	4	
Rachel	Victor	Lacrosse-Girls Head Coach	\$5,165.00	2.5	
Jaclyn	Napier	Lacrosse-Girls Varsity Assistant	\$1,722.00	1	
Marina	Scafidi	Lacrosse-Girls Varsity Assistant	\$1,722.00	0	
Kelley	Hixson	Piano Accompanist	\$330.00	NA	Piano accompanist for December 11 JRW Winter Choir Concert and rehearsals @ \$30 an hour
Bill	Ross	Softball-Head Coach	\$8,614.00	6+	
Allie	Binkiewicz	Softball-Varsity Assistant	Volunteer	2	
Scott	Binkiewicz	Softball-Varsity Assistant	\$6,889.00	6+	
Carrie	Erjavec	Softball-Varsity Assistant (JV)	\$6,889.00	6+	

D. Resolution to approve the following Classified/Exempt Substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Position	First Name	Last Name
Educational Assistant	Penelope	Radvansky
Non CDL Transportation Operator/Trainee	Daniel	Chuba
Non CDL Transportation Operator/Trainee	Christine	Sutch

14. Executive Session

A. The Riverside Local School District Board of Education (“Board”) hereby recessed into an executive session at 9:35 p.m. for the purposes of:

- (1) considering the appointment, employment, discipline, and compensation of public employees 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 subject of pending or imminent court action under R.C. 122.22 (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.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Audino

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

President declares the motion: carried 012226-7

B. Return to regular session at 10:58 p.m.

15. Next Meeting Announcement

A. Next Meeting Announcement

Curriculum and Programming Committee	February 18, 2026	7:30 a.m.
Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee	February 19, 2026	7:00 a.m.
Buildings and Grounds/Operations Committee	February 24, 2026	7:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	February 26, 2026	6:00 p.m.

16. Closing Items

A. Motion to adjourn at 11:04 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

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

