# Board Briefs

**October 22, 2026 Board Meeting**

- Approval of the agenda as listed.
- Minutes from the September 22, 2026 Board Meeting and October 3, 2026 Board Retreat were approved.

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

- Approval of the monthly financial reports and check payment register report for September, 2026.
- Approval of a new LaMuth Theatre Activity Account for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of an addendum to the 2026-2027 School District Service Agreement between the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve and Riverside Local School District for participation in the Crossroads Program.
- Approval of Then and Now Certificates over $3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
  - ESC NEO in the amount of $5,808.00 for special education tuition in July 2026.
  - ESC NEO in the amount of $9,561.20 for Crossroads tuition payments 1 and 2 of 9.
  - Lakeland Community College in the amount of $30,575.00 for Fall 2026 CCP books.
- Approval to accept the following donations:
  - $10,000.00 from the Painesville Area Senior Citizens Center to be used for the next 10 Senior Citizen Appreciation Night dinners at $1,000.00 per dinner.
  - $55.00 from John Weiss to the Riverside Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

**The following Personnel recommendations were approved:**

- Approval of Employment:
  - Cheyanne Gochneaur, Transportation Assistant, Transportation, Step 0, 6.23 hrs, effective 10/5/2026, Limited 1-Year Contract.
  - William Hosmer, Special Needs Assistant - Part Time, LaMuth Middle School, Step 0, 5.00 hrs, effective 10/19/2026, Limited 1-Year Contract.
  - Reilly Kunz, Transportation Assistant - Float, Transportation, Step 0, 6.15 hrs, effective 11/2/2026, Limited 1-Year Contract.
- Approval of Transfers:
  - Andrea Osborne, from Educational Assistant at Riverview Elementary to Special Needs Assistant at Riverview Elementary, Step 0, 7.00 hrs/day, effective 9/29/2026.
  - Alyssa Penkowski, from Temporary Transportation Operator to Transportation Operator, Step 0, 6.16 hrs/day, effective 9/28/2026.
- Approval of Retirements & Resignations:
  - Jean (Cathy) Powell, AM/PM Latchkey Coordinator, Riverview Elementary, Retirement effective 12/31/2026.
  - Paytra Diffenbacher, Transportation Operator, Transportation, Resignation effective 11/6/2026.
  - Molly Llamas, Special Needs Assistant, LaMuth Middle School, Resignation effective 10/18/2026.
  - David Sanford, Basketball Boys 9th Grade Coach, Riverside Campus, Resignation effective Winter 2026.
  - John Potts, Learning Team Lead, LaMuth Middle School, Resignation effective 8/17/2026.
  - Susan Stimecz, Teacher, Buckeye Elementary, Retirement effective 5/27/2027.

- John Renwick, Technology Director, Districtwide, Retirement effective 7/31/2027.

- Approval of Change in Hours:
  - Molly Llamas, Transportation Assistant, Transportation, from 3.75 hrs to 6.25 hrs, effective 10/19/2026.
  - Alyssa Penkowski, Transportation Operator, Transportation, from 6.16 hrs to 6.25 hrs, effective 11/09/2026.
- Approval of Pay Increases:
  - Angela Boyer, Accounting Specialist, Central Administration Office, effective 8/1/2026 (Corrected salary for 26/27 contract year to reflect 3% base increase).
  - Ashley Wilson, Transportation Operator, Transportation, Step 3, effective 8/19/2026 (Step increase due to Employment Verification retroactive to the first day of work).
- Approval of Supplemental Contracts:
  - Kyle Rebenock, Athletic Faculty Mgr. LaMuth, $3,548.00, Step 6 (Split)
  - Joseph Zdesar, Basketball-Boys 7th Grade, $3,104.00, Step 1
  - Paul Owens, Basketball-Boys 8th Grade, $3,548.00, Step 4 (Correction)
  - Edward Reed, Basketball-Boys 9th Grade, $4,431.00, Step 6 (Correction)
  - Olivia Toth, Cheerleaders-JV Fall, $1,226.00, Step 3 (Correction)
  - Bailey Brainard, Cheerleaders-JV Fall, $546.00, Step 3 (Correction)
  - Bailey Brainard, Cheerleaders-JV Winter, $886.00, Step 3 (Split Correction)
  - Olivia Toth, Cheerleaders-JV Winter, $886.00, Step 3 (Split)
  - Olivia Toth, Cheerleaders-Varsity Head Winter, $3,104.00, Step 3
  - Alyson Mekinda, Learning Team Lead, $325.00
  - Alexandra Vires, Learning Team Lead, $325.00 (Split)
- Approval of Classified/Exempt Substitutes:
  - Jennifer Gochneaur (Non CDL Van Driver)
  - Samantha Clark (Special Needs Assistant )
  - Cheyanne Gochneaur (Special Needs Assistant - Pending Aide Permit)
  - William Hosmer (Special Needs Assistant)
  - Andrea Osborne (Special Needs Assistant)
  - Reilly Kunz (Transportation Assistant)
- Approval of After Hour School Safety Officers:
  - Thomas McClurkin (Part-Time School Safety Officer, effective 8/1/2026)
- Approval of 2026-2027 School Year Academy Monitor ($27.99/hr):
  - Cayla Hunneke
- Approval of Salary Schedule Advances:
  - Karina Baldwin (Campus, BA to BA+9, Step 4)
  - William Conway (LaMuth, MA+15 to MA+30, Step 23)
  - Tana Ford (Riverview, MA+15 to MA+30, Step 15)
  - Logan Frank (Campus, BA+24 to MA, Step 3)
  - Alison Hardy (Campus, MA+15 to MA+30, Step 17)
  - Shane Kallay (LaMuth, BA to BA+9, Step 10)
  - Megan Layhew (Buckeye, MA+15 to MA+30, Step 21)
  - Alyson Mekinda (Melridge, BA+9 to MA, Step 6)
  - Kelly Oblaczynski (Parkside, BA+15 to BA+24, Step 15)
  - Kathlyn Olds (Buckeye, MA+9 to MA+15, Step 8)

- Brittney Parron (LaMuth, MA+9 to MA+15, Step 8)
- Jennifer Phillips (Campus, BA to BA+9, Step 6)
- Jessica Sidley (Campus, BA+9 to BA+24, Step 9)
- Katherine Terman (Campus, MA+15 to MA+30, Step 18)

- Approval of Academic Incentive / Professional Development Reimbursement:
  - Karina Baldwin – $1,000.00
  - Jenna Bica – $1,000.00
  - Jessica Biller – $415.00
  - Matthew Cardina – $735.00
  - Kaitlin Collier – $540.00
  - William Conway – $798.00
  - Aimee Davis – $389.00
  - Amanda Drake – $950.00
  - Rick Durkovic – $840.00
  - Lori Farrar – $230.00
  - Tana Ford – $1,000.00
  - Logan Frank – $1,000.00
  - Nathaniel Freeman – $1,000.00
  - Kimberly Fularz – $1,000.00
  - Jaclyn Halsey – $169.00
  - Alison Hardy – $185.00
  - Kristen Haury – $524.74
  - Heather Hopkins – $330.00
  - Stacey Huberty – $389.00
  - Jennifer Johnson – $169.00
  - Shane Kallay – $799.00
  - Megan Layhew – $950.00
  - Hillary Layman – $540.00
  - Sally Lehmann – $475.00
  - Olga Lehmann – $477.00
  - Karla Lustig – $189.50
  - Jill Malloy – $415.00
  - Nancy Maltry – $308.00
  - Karie Matejka – $190.55
  - Tara McKnight – $474.00
  - Bobbi Jo Murphy – $237.00
  - Glen Obergefell – $1,000.00
  - Kelly Oblaczynski – $1,000.00
  - Kathlyn Olds – $372.00
  - Dinah Parker – $950.00
  - Brittney Parron – $950.00
  - Karin Pennock – $415.00
  - Jennifer Philips – $1,000.00
  - Kelly Puhalsky – $474.00
  - Natalie Rowles – $524.74
  - Cameron Ruff – $901.00

- Cassandra Salmi – $415.00
- Kristen Sarosy – $225.00
- David Shook – $415.00
- Victoria Short – $950.00
- Jessica Sidley – $1,000.00
- AllieFair Vitantonio – $1,000.00
- Joyell Weimer – $390.00
- Joseph Weimer – $920.00
- Kevin Weirich – $1,000.00
- Christina York – $699.00
- Cassandre Smolen (Admin) – $950.00

**The following Buildings and Grounds/Operations recommendations were approved:**

- Approval of the Customer Work Approval and Payment Designation Agreement with The Illuminating Company (CEI) for Work Request No. 64901692 in the amount of $21,960.48 for electric service installation at 175 Buckeye Road.

**The following Policy recommendations were approved:**

- Adoption of New/Revised Board Policies (po0145, po0146, po1231, po2265, po2431, po2431.07, po3231, po4231, po5111.01, po5224, po5330, po5463, po5514, po6100, po6423, po8120, po8310, po8330, po8470, po9700).

**The following Board of Education Business items were approved:**

- Approval of the 2027 Proposed Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Platform.

**Next Meetings:** Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting: November 10, 2026 7:30 a.m.
Riverside Business Advisory Council Meeting: November 11, 2026 7:30 a.m.
Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting: November 12, 2026 7:00 a.m.
Curriculum and Programming Committee Meeting: November 18, 2026 7:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting: November 19, 2026 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourned to Executive Session**