

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

August 27, 2026

6:00 P.M. Regular 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 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. Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to approve the agenda as listed.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Grassi

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 082726-1

3. **Minutes**

- A. Motion to approve minutes as attached.

File Attachments:

August 13 2026 Board Minutes.pdf (264 KB)

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Brewster

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 082726-2

4. **Special Reports** – Dr. Rateno talked about the organizational charts. He simplified the charts based on the feedback he received. He also talked about the attendance law changes in HB96. Riverside will now send out notifications when a student is absent for 45 hours during the school year. Medical absences are no longer waived and will count towards chronic absenteeism.

5. **Unfinished Business** – None

6. **New Business** – A previously scheduled work session is rescheduled for October 3 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. This work session will cover board governance and boardsmanship. Ms. Brewster talked about the ability to discuss suggestions sent to the board president for new business. These suggestions go only to the board president so that they are not discussed by all board members outside of a meeting to comply with Sunshine Laws. Mrs. Grassi asked about our compliance with wage and overtime laws concerning the supplemental payments.

7. **Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports**

- A. Belinda Grassi – Buildings & Grounds/Operations Committee; Strategic Plan Liaison – No Buildings and Grounds Committee or Strategic Plan update.
- B. Joseph Audino – Curriculum and Programming Committee; Booster Organizations Liaison – No Curriculum and Programming Committee or Booster update.
- C. Denise Brewster – Policy Committee; Legislative Liaison – The Policy Committee will meet on September 1 to review the new policies from NEOLA. No Legislative update.
- D. Lori Krenisky – Superintendent’s Business Advisory Liaison – The first meeting for the Business Advisory Council is scheduled for September.

8. **Superintendent’s Report** – Dr. Rateno said the floor and awnings have been redone at the Field House. Staff opening day was August 17. August 20 was the first day back to school for first through twelfth grade. Kindergarteners had Kinder Camp August 24-26, orientation August 27 and their first day will be August 28.

He talked about the 2026-27 safety team and there will be an SSO in each building. One Community Conversations will start in September and be held the third Wednesday of each month during the school year in the CTX Wing. This is an opportunity for community members to come in and have informal conversation with Dr. Rateno about the district. Tailgate will be held August 28 at 4:00 pm and the Homecoming Parade will be on September 24 at 6:00 pm. There is a new link in Board Docs to the district policies.

9. Treasurer's Report and Committee Update

- A. Jimmielee Vires – Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee; Alumni Association Liaison – No Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee or Alumni Association update.
- B. Dr. Thompson did not have a presentation. Next month he will highlight the August financial report and present an analytical view comparing us to other local districts.

10. Public Participation

- A. Public Comment – A Willowood Court resident came on behalf of the Willowood Court residents to request a bus stop change. The stop has been moved to the corner of White Ash and Red Maple this year from White Ash and Willowood. He said the current stop is at a busy intersection in the development and it could be dangerous in the winter if a car loses control. He is asking the district to focus on the children's safety and return the stop to its original location.

11. Consent Agenda: Finance/Audit

- A. Resolution to approve the check payment register for July 2026.
- B. Resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 report of commercial paper and banker acceptances in accordance with ORC 135.142 and board policy 6144.
File Attachment:
Riverside Local School District Commercial Paper & Banker Acceptances Reports FY26.pdf (94 KB)
- C. Resolution to approve a purchase order for the Ohio Auditor of State for audit services for fiscal year 2026 at an estimated cost of \$22,747.00.
- D. Resolution to approve a service agreement with the ESC of the Western Reserve for paraprofessional(s) services at Broadmoor and the SAIL Program for the 2026-2027 school year.
- E. Resolution to approve a service agreement with the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Cleveland to provide alternative placement for a student for the 2026-2027 school year.
- F. Resolution to approve an additional blanket purchase order in excess of \$15,000 for fiscal year 2027:
GEM Industrial Inc: \$12,000.00 (total \$22,000.00)
- G. Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates over \$3,000 per ORC section 5705.41:
 - 1. Otis Elevator in the amount of \$9,491.04 for FY27 service contracts at Parkside and Riverview Schools.
 - 2. Emmanuel Ventures Limited in the amount of \$19,670.00 for June and ESY special needs transportation.
- H. Resolution to accept the following donations:
 - 1. \$1,005.00 to the Riverside Alumni Association from various donors in memory of Jacqueline Wolf.
 - 2. \$1,700.00 to the Riverside Veterans Memorial Fund from an anonymous donor.
 - 3. \$250.00 to the new stadium light purchase from Riverside Boys Soccer Boosters.

I. 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 082726-3

12. Consent Agenda: Personnel

A. 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	Notes
Kerstin	Cruz	PM Latchkey Assistant	Districtwide	\$16.25	NA	2	8/19/2026	Two year	182	
Traci	Flores	Special Needs Assistant	LaMuth Middle School	\$17.25	0	NA	8/1/2026	Limited, One-Year	NA	Training paid by timesheet prior to contracted start date
Jennifer	Godhneaur	Transportation Assistant	Districtwide	\$17.25	0	8.5	8/24/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	
Dale	Kerver	Field House Supervisor	Riverside Campus	\$15.91	NA	4	8/17/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	Paid by Timesheet
Mary	Mattern	Field House Supervisor	Riverside Campus	\$15.91	NA	4	8/17/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	Paid by Timesheet
Brianna	Pettine	Educational Assistant	Riverview Elementary	\$15.91	0	3.25	8/20/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	
Miracle	Redrick	Special Needs Assistant	LaMuth Middle School	\$17.40	1	1.00	8/24/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	Dual Contract
Kimberly	Salemo	Educational Assistant	Riverview Elementary	\$15.91	0	3.25	8/21/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	
Ed	Watson	Field House Supervisor	Riverside Campus	\$15.91	NA	4	8/17/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	Paid by Timesheet
Garrett	Wilber	Educational Assistant	Buckeye Elementary	\$15.91	0	3.60	8/24/2026	Limited, One-Year	182	
Kathryn	Ziegler	Special Needs Assistant	Riverview Elementary	\$17.25	0	NA	8/1/2026	Limited, One-Year	NA	Training paid by timesheet prior to contracted start date

Transfer

First Name	Last Name	Previous Job Title	Previous Location	New Job Title	New Location	Hours/Day	Pay	Step	Effective Date
Moni	Nocera	Educational Assistant	Parkside Elementary	Special Needs Assistant	LaMuth Middle School	7.00	\$18.09	2	8/17/2026
Kimberly	Schrauf	Special Needs Assistant	Parkside Elementary	Special Needs Assistant	LaMuth Middle School	7.00	No Change	No Change	8/17/2026

Resignation

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Effective Date
Kimberly	Achley	Educational Assistant	Buckeye Elementary	5/29/2026
Amber	Carlisle	Educational Assistant	LaMuth Middle School	5/29/2026

Change in Hours

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Current Hours	New Hours	Effective Date
Kelly	Brewster	Transportation Operator	Districtwide	6.25	6.09	8/21/2026
Miracle	Redrick	Educational Assistant	LaMuth Middle School	7.00	6.00	8/24/2026
Wayna	Solly	Transportation Assistant	Districtwide	5.83	5.91	8/20/2026

Pay Increase

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Step	New Hourly Rate	Effective Date	Notes:
Traci	Flores	Special Needs Assistant - Behavioral Unit	LaMuth Middle School	0	\$20.25	8/17/2026	Completed Behavioral Unit Training; adds \$3/hr per OAPSE MOU 6/2026
Debora	Forkins	Special Needs Assistant - Behavioral Unit	Riverview Elementary	8	\$21.74	8/17/2026	Completed Behavioral Unit Training; adds \$3/hr per OAPSE MOU 6/2026
Lisa	Kissig	Special Needs Assistant - Behavioral Unit	Riverside Campus	3	\$21.09	8/17/2026	Completed Behavioral Unit Training; adds \$3/hr per OAPSE MOU 6/2026
Celeste	Naper	Special Needs Assistant - Behavioral Unit	LaMuth Middle School	12	\$22.73	8/17/2026	Completed Behavioral Unit Training; adds \$3/hr per OAPSE MOU 6/2026
Rachel	Neal	Special Needs Assistant - Behavioral Unit	Riverside Campus	3	\$21.09	8/17/2026	Completed Behavioral Unit Training; adds \$3/hr per OAPSE MOU 6/2026
Kathryn	Ziegler	Special Needs Assistant - Behavioral Unit	Riverview Elementary	0	\$20.25	8/17/2026	Completed Behavioral Unit Training; adds \$3/hr per OAPSE MOU 6/2026

B. Resolution to approve the following Certified Personnel:

Employment

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Pay	Step	Effective Date	Contract Duration
Shannon	Smith	Tutor	Melridge Elementary	\$27.99	NA	8/17/2026	Limited, One-Year
Emma	Tagliamonte	Tutor	Melridge Elementary	\$27.99	NA	8/24/2026	Limited, One-Year
Alex	Toth	Tutor	Riverside Campus	\$27.99	NA	8/17/2026	Limited, One-Year

Transfer

First Name	Last Name	Previous Job Title	Previous Location	New Job Title	New Location	Pay	Step	Contract Duration	Effective Date
Kristilyn	Bates	Tutor	Buckeye Elementary	Long-Term Fifth Grade Teacher	LaMuth Middle School	\$49,958.00	MA+0, Step-0	Limited, One-Year	8/17/2026

Return From Leave of Absence

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Location	Step	Salary	Effective Date
Scott	Blank	Applied Technology Teacher	Riverside Campus	MA+9, Step-24	\$97,834.00 prorated	8/24/2026

C. Resolution to approve the following Supplemental Contracts:

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Salary	Step	Notes
Vanessa	Allen	Assistant Music Director	\$664.00	NA	Paid by Theatre
Allison	Hardy	Student Council - Junior High	\$1,758.00	0	
Marlo	Herrmann	Cheerleaders-9 th Grade Fall	Volunteer	NA	
Maria	Iafelice	School Psychologist 10 Extended Days	\$3,046.00	NA	
Jaime	McIntyre	Junior Class Advisor	\$3,548.00	6	
Jaime	McIntyre	Senior Class Advisor	\$6,208.00	6	
Alyson	Mekinda	Assistant Costume	\$1,330.00	NA	Paid by Theatre
Stacey	Lucas	Student Council - High School	\$5,320.00	6	
Glenn	Obergefell	Choral – JRW	\$2,216.00	6	
Courtney	Patton	Theatre Business Manager	\$664.00	NA	Paid by Theatre

D. Resolution to approve the following Classified/Exempt Substitutes:

Position	First Name	Last Name
Educational Assistant	Brock	Marut
Educational Assistant	Kimberly	Nameth
Non CDL Transportation Operator	Daniel	Chuba
Secretary	Nicholas	Orlando

E. Resolution to approve the following after hour School Safety Officers

Part-Time School Safety Officers that work on an as needed Basis for athletic events, board meeting security and other duties outside of the regular school work hours for the 2026-2027 school year, effective August 1, 2026.

Samuel Conway
 Stuart Edmonds
 James Fitzgerald
 Brittnee Kline
 Kevin Raico
 Juan Rodriguez
 Corey Svagerko

F. Resolution to approve the 26/27 School Year Academy Monitors

Staff to monitor Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Academy at the hourly rate of \$27.99 per hour:

Gina Cireddu
 John Potts
 Lisa Wade

G. Resolution to approve the following Interpreting Services

Current teachers working extra hours to provide interpreting services and other TESOL-related activities at the hourly rate of \$27.99 per hour:

Karina Baldwin
 Norma Gutierrez
 Joshua Zeedrich

H. Resolution to approve the following Staff for Home Tutoring

Staff for home tutoring for the 2026-2027 school year at the Board approved Tutor rate of \$27.99 per hour:

Jody Calhoun

William Conway

Barbara Dolan

Katherine Gelman

Kenneth Huffman

Michelle Miller

Megan Orosz

- I. Motion to approve the items listed on the Personnel Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Vires

Second: Audino

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 082726-4

13. Consent Agenda: Buildings & Grounds/Operations

- A. Resolution to approve maintenance agreements with GEM Service for HVAC and Controls at Parkside and Riverview elementary schools at a cost of \$42,719.00 from 9/1/2026 through 8/31/2027.
- B. Resolution to approve a purchase order with Krown Akron for the undercoating of 50 school buses and 1 school van at a total cost of \$18,295.00.
- C. Resolution to approve a four-year full elevator preventative maintenance service agreement for Parkside Elementary and Riverview Elementary with Otis Elevator Company commencing August 1, 2025 at a cost of \$9,491.04 for August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2030.
- D. Resolution to approve the following authorizations regarding any change orders to the construction contract with Cleveland Construction, Inc. for the Buckeye Elementary School Addition and Improvement Project:
 - 1. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to approve and sign change orders in an individual change order amount not to exceed \$25,000; and
 - 2. The Superintendent and Treasurer/CFO are hereby jointly authorized to approve and sign change orders in an individual change order amount not to exceed \$50,000; and
 - 3. The Superintendent, Treasurer/CFO, and Board President are hereby jointly authorized to approve and sign change orders in an individual change order amount not to exceed \$100,000; and
 - 4. All change orders over \$100,000 will be presented to the Board of Education for its consideration; and

5. All change orders are subject to certification of the availability of funds designated for the Buckeye Elementary School Addition and Improvement Project; and
6. All change orders approved and signed under Sections 1 through 3 above are capped at a total amount of \$500,000 in the absence of future approval from this Board of Education.
- E. Motion to approve the items listed on the Buildings & Grounds/Operations Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Grassi

Second: Vires

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_____
Jimmilee Vires	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 082726-5

- 14. Board of Education Update** – Ms. Brewster said she attended kindergarten orientation at Melridge since this is the last year for the school. Mrs. Grassi invited everyone to Tailgate.

15. Next Meeting Announcement

- A. Next Meeting Announcement

Policy Committee	September 1, 2026	7:00 a.m.
Finance/Audit and Personnel Committee	September 17, 2026	7:00 a.m.
Buildings and Grounds Committee	September 15, 2026	7:45 a.m.
Curriculum and Programming Committee	September 15, 2026	7:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	September 22, 2026	6:00 p.m.

16. Executive Session

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing (1) the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby designates all matters discussed in this executive session as strictly confidential and finds that this designation is warranted because of the status of this matter and the need to preserve confidentiality to properly conduct the business of this Board of Education.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Audino

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_____

Jimmilee Vires Aye__X__ Nay____ Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 082726-6

B. Return to regular session at 8:08 p.m.

17. Closing Items

A. Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

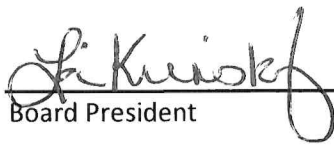
Second: Brewster

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
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Jimmilee Vires	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 082726-7

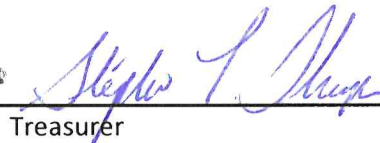
Attest:


Board President

9/22/2020

Date

Treasurer



9/3/20

Date