

RIVERSIDE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Riverside High School

October 8, 2024

6:00 P.M. Special Meeting

A recording of this Board of Education meeting is available on the District's YouTube page here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbTmn\\_sGBiEvF2c598hBCSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbTmn_sGBiEvF2c598hBCSg)

**MINUTES**

**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, Brewster, Fishel, Keeney

C. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Work Session**

A. Overview and discussion regarding the Riverside Local School District 2023-2024 Report Card that was recently released by the Ohio Department of Education.

Dr. Rateno reviewed the 2023-2024 State Report Card. Riverside's overall rating is 3.5 stars. Dr. Rateno reviewed each section of the report card and told what each rating was based on. Dr. Mlakar then explained the plan for improvement for each section. There will be a new section on the report card in the future for College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness. Dr. Rateno showed where Riverside stands in comparison to other districts. Riverside is fourth in Lake County in overall raw scores that make up the star rating.

B. Work Session for the District's legal counsel to provide training regarding proper use of social media. The Board of Education will discuss this topic following the training.

Mr. McIntyre spoke to the Board about proper use of social media. He said it is a gray area when posting on social media as to if you are acting as an individual or a Board member. It is important to state which capacity you are acting in when posting about Board business, but if one or more other Board members comments, it could be considered a serial meeting. All posts have to be kept due to the Public Records Act, and if a post is taken down due to disparaging remarks it could be

seen as violating the First Amendment. It is important to express opinions at the Board table and once an issue is voted on, to accept the will of the majority. Mr. McIntyre suggested considering a bylaw or policy to govern the use of social media by Board members. Mrs. Krenisky pointed out that this also applies to videos, interviews, and statements made to the media. Mr. McIntyre said that the rules are different if you are campaigning for office. There was discussion about appropriate Facebook posts. There was also some discussion about following Board policies and some decisions that have been made without adequate information provided to and discussion by the Board at the table.

**3. Board of Education Business**

- A. The Riverside Local School District Board of Education will send out by email a communication to the Riverside Local School District to inform about the progress, planning, and direction of the Board of Education. The Board of Education designates Scott Fishel to meet with Director of Marketing and Communications on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 to formulate the email communication. The email will be sent out on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

Motion: Fishel

Second: Keeney

Discussion: There is some concern among Board members about one individual drafting the communication and about the timeline. There will not be a chance for all members of the Board to review the communication and give their input before it is sent out. Members can send their thoughts about what should be included in the email, but there cannot be any discussion without calling a meeting.

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 100824-1

**4. Next Meeting Announcement**

- A. Next meeting:

Buildings and Grounds Committee	October 15, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Curriculum & Programming Committee	October 16, 2024	7:30 a.m.
Finance/Audit & Personnel Committee	October 16, 2024	8:30 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting	October 24, 2024	6:00 p.m.

**5. Executive Session – Purchase of Property**

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property and the 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 these

matters and the need to preserve confidentiality to properly conduct the business of this Board of Education.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye_____	Nay__X__	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 100824-2

B. Return to regular session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

President declares the motion: carried 100824-3

**6. Executive Session – Economic Development**

- A. Pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(8), the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby adjourns to executive session at 8:13 p.m. for the purpose of considering confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiate between the School District and other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance as provided in R.C. 5709.73 to R.C. 5709.75 and that the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance under Ohio law, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay_____	Abstain_____

Dennis Keeney      Aye\_\_X\_\_      Nay\_\_\_\_      Abstain\_\_\_\_

President declares the motion: carried 100824-4

- B. Pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(8), the Riverside Local School District Board of Education hereby moves that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project. A unanimous vote is required for this vote.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 100824-5

- C. Return to regular session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky

Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 100824-6

## 7. Closing Items

- A. Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Motion: Krenisky



Second: Fishel

Vote:

Lori Krenisky	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Belinda Grassi	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Denise Brewster	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Scott Fishel	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____
Dennis Keeney	Aye__X__	Nay____	Abstain____

President declares the motion: carried 100824-7

Attest:

	10-24-24		10/24/24
Board President	Date	Treasurer	Date