

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD – COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee: Budget/ERC **Date:** October 11, 2021 **Meeting Time:** 5:00 pm **Adjourn Time:** 6:01 pm

Present: John Bettinger, Sara Young, Elisabeth Minich, Loren Glasbrenner, Brian Krey, Kasey Maxwell

Agenda Item	Motion	2nd	Discussion
N/A	Young	Minich	Motion to accept proofs of notice. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
1: Approval of Minutes from 08/09/2021 Budget/ERC Meeting	Young	Minich	Motion to approve minutes from the August 9, 2021, Budget/Employee Relations Committee Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
2. 2021-2022 Budget Update	*Bettinger ^Young #Young	*Young ^Minich #Bettinger	First, Krey stated that the District’s overall equalized value increased by 8.63% according to the Department of Revenue. For planning purposes & projections, we had assumed an increase of 3.50%. He noted that this increase does not provide our District any additional income or revenue, but it will lower the impact on our tax (mill) rate. Krey is projecting a mill rate of \$9.70-\$9.75, up slightly from the current \$9.65. Next, Krey informed the committee that the District currently has a budget surplus of \$329,905, which includes \$3,214,000 from the operational referendum passed in April 2019 and asked the committee their thoughts on only collecting \$2,884,095 (\$329,905 less than the referendum approved amount) to balance the budget. Discussion on not levying for the full referendum amount. Bettinger asked how much we did not levy in from last year’s referendum amount, and it was confirmed that the District did not levy \$150,000 from Year 2 of the April 2019 referendum amount.

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* Motion to levy \$3,000,000 from the operational referendum (\$214,000 less than passed in 2019).

Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Krey asked for action on two items related to staffing.

^ First, a request from the administration to add time to the before/after school director position. Committee discussed increased hours and increased pay. Motion to increase hours to 5.75 hours per day at a rate of \$18.50. The approximate cost is \$2,000 for the year.

Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Next, the administration requested the addition of one special education assistant to provide the support needed at River Valley Elementary School. The estimated cost of this position would be approximately \$40,000 (salary & benefits).

Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3: 5 Year Budget Forecast

Krey stated that the financial forecast remains unchanged, but will provide a new forecast at the December committee meeting. Current projected deficits for the upcoming school years are:

- 2022-2023 = \$3,620,079
- 2023-2024 = \$4,582,134
- 2024-2025 = \$5,042,323
- 2025-2026 = \$5,839,311

Krey said that our plan would be to utilize \$1,000,000 of ESSER Round 2 & 3 grant funds in the 2022-2023 school year, and approximately \$500,000 in the 2023-2024 school year. Using these funds to lower our deficits would result in:

- 2022-2023 = \$2,620,079
- 2023-2024 = \$4,082,134
- 2024-2025 = \$5,042,323

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026 = \$5,839,311 <p>Krey asked for the committee’s thoughts on the forecast assumptions, as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is projected to be 4.34% for 2022-2023 bargaining.</p> <p>Committee discussed forecast assumptions and will plan to discuss details in November and December.</p> <p>No action was taken.</p>
4. Stadium Project Update			<p>Krey stated that as of today, October 11, 2021, the fundraising efforts total \$265,827. All donations (online and checks sent to the District) are entered on the Go Fund Me site here: https://gofund.me/9ae32145</p> <p>No action was taken.</p>
5. 2022-2023 School Calendar Revisions	Young	Minich	<p>Krey stated that the board previously approved the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 calendars. The administration is recommending the following revisions for the 2022-2023 calendar which match the 2021-2022 calendar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove On-Site Districtwide Registration Day 2. Homecoming Friday Remains as District In-service Day 3. Reduce Parent/Teacher Conferences by 8 hours & Add 8 hours of Professional Learning for staff <p>Passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p>
6. 2022-2023 Employee Handbook	Young	Bettinger	<p>The administration is recommending that the following language be removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Credit Advancement Policy” – begins on page 22 • PDP’s are no longer an option for license renewal. This language on page 23 has expired and is out of date:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Teachers working on a Professional Development Plan (PDP) approved by the administration will be advanced a total of six (6) credits in two stages of three (3) credits each. Teachers actively working on completion of their PDP goals or PDP verification during the 2017-2018 school year will be eligible to receive advancement. Completed Verification Form must be submitted no later than 06/30/2018 in order to receive the final advancement in accordance with the advancement dates. Effective 07/01/2018, teachers will no longer be eligible to receive advancement for PDP completion.” ● The administration would like Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) to be part of our professional learning on teacher contract days and to remove this language on page 23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are eligible for credit advancement. One (1) credit is equal to 15 CEU hours. <p>Passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p>
7. Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee’s Work			
8: Set Next Meeting Date(s)			Monday, November 8, 2021, at 5 pm at RV Middle School Library
9: Set Next Meeting Agenda Items			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employee Handbook 2. 5 Year Financial Forecast 3. April 2022 Referendum 4. Stadium Upgrade Project 5. 2020-2021 Audit Report
Adjourn	Young	Bettinger	<p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Passed on a unanimous voice vote at 6:01 pm</p>