

River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: Budget / ERC

Date: 5.13.24

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Present: John Bettinger, Jeff Maier, Pam Gauger, Loren Glasbrenner, Scott Moore, Carla Peterson

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
Reading of notice Approval of agenda	Maier	Gauger	Read by Chairperson, Bettinger
Approval of minutes	Maier	Gauger	
2023-24 Budget Updates			Moore shared the updates and shared the 23-24 budget as of last week. He also shared information about Fund 21 Instructional Fund, which is very unpredictable. Maier asked about the operational referendum and our work with the funds in its final year.
2024-25 Budget Updates			Moore shared the spreadsheet with expenditures and funding. He has started the process of setting dollars to accounts by using a Baird Finance model along with the district Skyward projections. Moore spoke to fewer federal funds and the team shared reflections.
Before/After school program fees	Maier	Gauger	Moore shared his research into costs of the payment categories along with projections (full price and reduced price) and how increases might help to cover costs. Maier and Bettinger each shared concerns of being in the negative budgeting cycle, but to be careful not to outprice families. Gauger shared that she also agrees to bring costs to families slowly. Peterson noted that we are seeking grant cycles. Glasbrenner shared that fundraising efforts are being discussed. The Committee moved to approve the new suggested pricing structure of increasing fees by \$20 per month for families that pay full price and to reduce the fees by an additional 25% for families that qualify for free/reduced and for staff. Moore will communicate to Jennifer Moore-Kerr.
WI School Nutrition Purchasing Agreement	Maier	Gauger	Moore shared the agreement and how it enhances our buying power related to food, beverages, and supplies for our Food Service program. The committee moved to approve.
Employee Handbook Language (24-25)			Unpaid leave was discussed and the potential abuse of dock days and how we can avoid excessive absences in the future. Glasbrenner will take the language to the newly formed RVSD Climate Team that will meet this summer. He also shared that language would be sent to employees that have used docked days beyond their reimbursable allocation. Gauger shared that the Board has a duty to build policy that supports students by having the hired professionals available.

Correlation to Strategic Plan			<p><i>Responsibly manage operations and finances during a time of significant transition, focusing on student achievement and engagement as the top priority, and on maintaining comprehensive educational programming and moderate class sizes.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remain competitive on teacher and other staff pay, benefits, and support. 2. Reward teachers and other staff who demonstrate growth, development, and long-term commitment. 3. Correlate District staffing to student enrollment numbers, student interests, and goals to maintain comprehensive educational programming and moderate class sizes.
Next meeting Agenda items for next meeting?			<p>Next meeting date - June 10, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ABC pay/language - Sub pay/update - 2024-25 Employee Handbook language related to administrators and other employment <p>(After the Board President seats committees at the June Board meeting, the committee will elect a chairperson at the July 8 committee meeting.)</p>
Adjourn	Gauger	Maier	