

**River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting**

Committee: Budget / ERC

Date: January 8, 2024

Meeting Time: 5:05 PM

Adjourn Time: 6:13 PM

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Present: Loren Glasbrenner, John Bettinger, Jeff Maier, Sara Young, Carla Peterson, and Scott Moore

| Agenda Item               | Motion | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Discussion   |
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| Reading of notice         |        |                 |  |
| Approval of agenda        | Maier  | Young           | Read by Chairperson, Bettinger   |
| Approval of minutes       | Young  | Maier           |  |
| 2023-24 Budget Updates    |        |                 | Moore shared current budget year updates which included Project Lunchbox donations of more than \$14,000.00. Knoll, Glasbrenner, and Moore will be prioritizing how to spend the funding.  |
| 2024-25 Budget Updates    |        |                 | <p>Moore shared budget projections (as our goal is to keep our mill rate low within the budgeted years.) He shared projections of 2024-2029 by estimating how much fund balance may be used to keep the rate low and to work within fund balance policy recommendations. John Bettinger shared that we are trying to use the model to stabilize the mill rate. In general, we are seeing a deficit of \$5 million each year to provide current programming which then leads to operational referendum needs.</p> <p>Scott Morre shared bids which have been submitted for lawn care and snow removal. The two bids are competitive.</p> <p>Glasbrenner noted he shared referendum talking points at the recent Town of Spring Green meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion of our cleaning contract with CMS and dissatisfaction with the new cleaning services. Glasbrenner will investigate the contract and continue to gather data. At the March Budget meeting, we will decide to continue with CMS or cancel the contract. Loren will reach out to general counsel for legal considerations.</p> |
| Teacher Job Description   | Young  | Maier           | Glasbrenner shared the current job description and went over new language and additions. The updates were forwarded to the full board for approval.  |
| 2023-24 Employee Handbook |        |                 | No changes at this time.   |

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| Correlation to Strategic Plan | Young | Maier     | <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> <p>1. Remain competitive on teacher and other staff pay, benefits, and support.<br/>     2. Reward teachers and other staff who demonstrate growth, development, and long-term commitment.<br/>     4. Correlate District staffing to student enrollment numbers, student interests, and goals to maintain comprehensive educational programming and moderate class sizes.</p> <p>Glasbrenner shared the contract language RVSD has received from Kraemer Brothers LLC for general contracting if the April referendum passes. Sara Young is comfortable with the pre-selection of the company, as they are involved in our community and a local partner. Glasbrenner shared that he has been very pleased with the responsiveness in Phase 1 and 2 of our process with their team. Phase 3 is the Project Implementation phase, and the committee discussed how the work in our timeline and using this company would not delay our process. Bettinger and Maier discussed the process of subcontracting and what we will see in those bids. It was discussed that Glasbrenner should be able to put ‘eyes on the bids’ as they come in (if the referendum passes and work proceeds).</p> <p>The motion was made to recommend to the full Board to hire Kraemer Brothers LLC as the general contractor if the April referendum passes.</p> |
| Adjourn<br><br>Next meeting   | Maier | Bettinger | February 12, 2024, (5pm)  |