

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD – COMMITTEE MEETING

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Committee: Budget/ERC**Date:** November 11, 2024**Meeting Time:** 5:00 pm**Adjourn Time:** 6:01 pm

Present: John Bettinger, Jeff Maier, Pam Gauger, Sara Young, Brian Krey, Loren Glasbrenner, Carla Peterson, Darby Blakley, James Radtke, Jennifer Moore-Kerr

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
N/A	Maier	Young	Motion to accept proofs of notice. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
1: Approval of Minutes from 10/7/2024 Budget/ERC Meeting	Young	Maier	Minutes from 10/7/2024 need to have year changed on top of page from 2021 to 2024. Motion to approve minutes from the October 7, 2024, Budget/Employee Relations Committee Meeting with changes. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
2: 2023-2024 Auditor Report			The audit report for the 2023-2024 year has not been received. Item tabled until next month. No action taken.
3: 2024-2025 Budget Update			No updates at this time. No action taken.
4: Next Year (2025-2026) School Calendar	Young	Gauger	Glasbrenner stated that to continue measurable gains in student achievement, the administration is recommending an early release at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays in the 2025-2026 school year. This will allow consistent work time for staff to focus on student learning, growth, and achievement. The district has continued to make

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		<p>gains on standardized assessments (Forward Exam, ACT) and internal assessments (iReady, PreACT) and want to continue improvement. Please see the attached document that outlines the details on the benefits of a weekly early release.</p> <p>This is the only change compared to the 2024-2025 school year. It was noted that the Curriculum & Instruction committee recommended this calendar at their meeting in October 2024.</p> <p>Discussion on practices related to early releases with staff. In addition, the committee discussed supervision of students until 3:30 at no cost to families. Administration stated that teaching assistants would be utilized to supervise students that need to remain on campus for practices, games, matches, etc.</p> <p>The Elementary will work with Jennifer Moore-Kerr to extend the after school program on these dates.</p> <p>Motion to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar as presented.</p> <p>Passed on a unanimous voice vote.</p>
5: April 1, 2025 Operational Referendum		<p>Krey shared the timeline that is required to have an operational referendum on the ballot during the April 1, 2025 (WI Spring election date).</p> <p>Krey stated that the District will need an operational referendum to balance the budget and avoid major cuts to programs and staff on April 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year (and beyond). What isn't known yet are the specific details related to the projected annual deficits. This information will be developed during the month of November and ready for the December 9, 2024 Budget/ERC committee meeting.</p> <p>Since returning, Krey has been searching for additional efficiencies within the District. He stated that one item to consider that impacts our expenditures is the closure of the Early Learning Center. Closing this building would offer savings, which would save taxpayers money (and lower the referendum amount). Last, the committee discussed assumptions for the future budget years in 2025-2026 and</p>

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			beyond related to staff salary increases, health insurance increases, dental and vision insurance increases, and general supplies.
6: Monthly Financial Reports for Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda			<p>Krey shared the current board meeting consent agenda financial reports and stated that the treasurer’s report, which shows checks, receipts, and cash balance duplicates the work from other reports. Discussion on the treasurer’s report being a very good summary document and the desire to keep it.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
7: Employee Handbook Language, if needed			<p>No updates at this time.</p> <p>No action was taken.</p>
8. Strategic Plan & Correlation to Committee’s Work			<p>Committee discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Achievement and Instruction 1, 2, and 4. ● Facilities, 1 ● Finance and Operations, 1 and 6
9: Set Next Meeting Date(s)			<p>Monday, December 9, 2024</p> <p>Monday, January 6, 2025</p>
10: Set Next Meeting Agenda Items			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April 1, 2025, Operational Referendum 2. Employee Handbook Language
Adjourn	Young	Maier	<p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Passed on a unanimous voice vote at 6:01 pm</p>