

River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: Budget / ERC

Date: 12/11/23 Meeting Time: 5:05 PM

Adjourn Time: 6:09 PM

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Present: Loren Glasbrenner, Scott Moore, John Bettinger, Jeff Maier, Pam Gauger, Sara Carstensen (Alt.), Kathy Jennings, Fred Iausly, Kyle Kraemer

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
Reading of notice Approval of agenda	Maier	Gauger	Read by Chairperson, Bettinger
Approval of minutes	Maier	Gauger	
2022-2023 Auditor Report			Mr. Moore shared the Auditor’s Report. He shared strengths and areas to improve within the area of “findings” (he used example of how payment of an administrative salary transitioned).
2023-24 Budget Updates			Mr. Moore is prepping a bid for Snow Removal and Lawn Care RFP. Mr. Bettinger suggested reaching out to businesses that have bid in the past. The committee shared that it can be posted at any time. Mr. Moore, Mr. Glasbrenner, and Jeni Meuer are creating a list of remodeling projects not being considered in other work, such as RVE gym floor bid. Maier spoke of using funds that are existing and starting the bidding process.
2024-2025 Budget Update			Mr. Moore shared multiple projections and questions were answered. There were budgeted projections including tax impact of referendums, potential changes in mill rate, use of fund balance, and hypothetical increases of costs. One of the most important components was the annual \$5 million deficit projected after the operational referendum ceases.
Potential Questions for April 2, 2024 - Capital Referendum Election	Maier	Gauger	Mr. Glasbrenner provided a handout with suggested referendum language prepared by Allison Buchanan, Legal Partner for Quarles and Brady, LLC. The language has also been viewed and drafted with FEH Architects and Kraemer Brothers. Mr. Bettinger asked Mr. Kraemer for clarification about inflation of prices or costs coming in low. Mr. Kraemer shared how the plans adjust as the action happens upon a referendum being approved. Mr. Kraemer also clarified timelines. Action was taken to forward the drafted questions to the full board this Thursday, 12.14.23.
Use of District Land			Mr. Moore and Mr. Glasbrenner shared information about land rental and will reach out to the leaser as they should hold liability insurance. The district holds vicarious liability. There was a concern from our insurance provider—if a student has a parent who is renting, then equipment usage would be

			acceptable, otherwise no students should be involved with heavy equipment from the school group. The Committee agreed to charge \$250 (to cover liability insurance) and include language in which all proceeds, after expenses, would be given to FFA for scholarship funding.
2023-2024 Employee Handbook			There are no updates at this time.
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. 4. Correlate District staffing to student enrollment numbers, student interests, and goals to maintain comprehensive educational programming and moderate class sizes.
Adjourn Next meeting	Maier	Carstensen	Monday, January 8, 2024 (5 pm)