



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the Blackhawks



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TO: River Valley Budget/ERC Committee

FROM: Brian Krey, Business Manager

DATE: December 1, 2022

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 5, 2022 BUDGET/ERC COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

2. 2022-2023 Budget Updates

No updates at this time.

3. Consumer Price Index (CPI)

As a follow up from last month, the consumer price index (CPI) annually determines the maximum percentage increase that school districts in Wisconsin can provide staff on a base wage increase. As a reminder, the District is not required to provide a CPI base wage increase to staff. The current projection of the CPI for 2023-2024 base wages is 8.00%. The current budget and financial forecast has an increase of 4.00%. As discussed last month, a 0.5% increase on base wages equals approximately \$50,000.

4. Auditor Report (2021-2022)

The 2021-2022 fiscal year audit has been completed and is on the Business Services webpage here:

https://www.rvschools.org/district/bus_serv.cfm

There were not any deficiencies reported, other than the one that is always reported on page 59 under financial statements. I asked our auditor about this and his reply was, *"In order to be a control deficiency and not have to be reported in writing, you would need to have a CPA on staff or have someone attend GASB updates every year to understand the updates to the accounting standards. If you would want to get rid of this finding, then I could let you know of some training to attend and understand the financial statements. The pension standard is probably the most difficult to understand. It took me about 5 years to fully understand that standard. We report this finding on about 90% of our clients so others agree that isn't a good use of your time either."*

5. 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Calendars

Discussion on the upcoming school year and following school year calendars.

6. Transportation Request for Proposal

The District posted a request for proposal for transportation services on 11/2/2022, with proposals due at 1 pm on 12/1/2022. A summary of each submission of the fee proposal table/route rates has been uploaded to the board packet on our website.



Administration is recommending the approval of Lamers (Option B) proposal for the 2023-2024 through 2027 2028.



Lamers is requesting that a minimum number of transportation days be established, and that payment terms are in effect to be compensated for the minimum number of transportation days for daily AM and PM routes. Administration would like to discuss this possibility.

7. 2022-2023 Employee Handbook

Administration had additional conversations with staff about the Reimbursable Leave Sharing Program. In addition to this conversation, administration would like to discuss a tiered system in regards to local experience and use of consecutive reimbursable days.

8. Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee's Work

- V. Finance and Operations
 - V.G.1: Remain competitive on teacher pay, benefits, and support.
 - V.H.1: Attempt to reduce expenditures and address other issues.

6. Set Next Meeting Date

- Monday, January 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Middle School Library

7. Set Next Meeting Agenda Items

- 2022-2023 Budget Update
- 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Calendars
- Transportation RFP Recommendation?