



# RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Home of the Blackhawks*



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TO: River Valley Budget/ERC Committee  
FROM: Brian Krey, Business Manager  
DATE: February 9, 2022  
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 14, 2022 BUDGET/ERC COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

## **2. 2021-2022 Budget Update**

No updates at this time.

## **3. 2022-2023 Budget Planning**

No updates at this time.

## **4. April 2022 Referendum**

First, please reference the "2022 Referendum Breakdown" document on our website.

Based on new assumptions in state equalized aid revenue, a new projected tax rate for the referendum has been completed. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has transitioned to an online portal to report budgetary figures and school enrollment. In the past, these documents were uploaded to a portal, but not as readily available or accessible.

Using budgetary information from across the state, enrollment, and property value figures a new estimate for State Equalization Aid was used in our budget forecast model for 2022-2023.

The new estimate decreases our projected tax rate for the upcoming referendum. New projected tax rates are below \*:

Fall 2021: \$9.38 (actual)  
Fall 2022: \$9.25\*  
Fall 2023: \$9.80\*  
Fall 2024: \$10.29\*

Previously, the projection was \$9.52 (2022), \$10.27 (2023), and \$10.67 (2024).

One other change on this document is utilizing \$250,000 from Fund 49 versus \$660,000, which was on the previous version.



Next, administration would like to review the first referendum mailer to all box holders in the District. In addition, administration would like to review the list of proposed cuts. Both of these documents are in "draft" format. Administration will bring hard copies to the meeting.



### **5. Health Insurance Renewal**

Administration continues to work with M3. Information regarding a renewal rate from Quartz or the bid process will be brought to this meeting.

### **6. WI School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative Agreement**

This is an annual contract that allows us greater purchasing power with food, beverages, supplies, and transportation for our food service program. If the agreement is received prior to the meeting, administration will bring for approval.

### **7. Substitute Pay Rates**

Administration would like to have a discussion on the current substitute pay rates. Current substitute pay rates are:

Substitute Teacher (sub license): \$115/day

Substitute Teacher (teaching license): \$125/day

Dedicated Building Subs: \$140 or \$150/day

Substitute Support Staff: \$11/hour

Internal Teaching Staff Coverage during Prep Period: \$22/class for 8 period day; \$44/class for block schedule.

### **8. 2021-2022 Employee Handbook**

- **Grow Your Own Contract**

Last month, administration proposed a "Grow Your Own Contract" contract which would allow the District to pay for an employee to obtain a teaching license. The contract requires the employee to remain at the District for a length of time, otherwise, they have liquidated damages they have to repay the District.

As a follow-up I obtained employee handbook language that would related to this contract. This language is on the portal (Grow Your Own Contract – Employee Handbook Language), on page 22.

- **COVID Leave**

Administration is requesting that the COVID-19 program that was implemented during the 2020-2021 school year be implemented for the 2021-2022 school year. When staff members test positive, they are required to quarantine for 10 days, and also required to utilize reimbursable leave. This program would allow staff that test positive to be issued "COVID-19" leave instead of reimbursable leave. This leave program would only apply to staff that test positive and expire at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year.

### **9. 2022-2023 Employee Handbook**

No updates at this time.

### **10. Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee's Work**

### **11. Set Next Meeting Date**

- Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Middle School Library
  - Do we want to change to March 7, so it is before March Board Meeting?



## **12. Set Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- April 5, 2022 Operational Referendum
- 2021-2022 Budget Update (ongoing item)
- 2022-2023 Budget Planning (ongoing item)
- Health Insurance Renewal
- Employee Handbook