



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the Blackhawks



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TO: River Valley Budget/ERC Committee

FROM: Brian Krey, Business Manager

DATE: March 5, 2025

SUBJECT: MARCH 10, 2025 BUDGET/ERC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

2. Update on FEMA BRIC Grant

Administration will provide an update on a revised process and timeline.

3. 2024-2025 Budget Update

No updates at this time.

4. 2025-2026 Budget Update

First, the Department of Education has called for significant changes in the federal agency's service goals. The amount of federal revenue River Valley is projecting for the 2025-2026 school year includes:

- Fund 10, General Fund: \$212,033. Includes Title 1 (reading instruction), Title 2 (class size reduction), and Title 4 (learning outcomes) grants.
- Fund 27, Special Education: \$492,454. Includes Flow Through and Early Childhood grants.
- Fund 50, Food Service, \$368,976. Includes aid for national school breakfast and lunch programs.

Next, the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) has published the CPI to be used as a maximum amount for base wages in 2025-2026, which is 2.95%. This percentage and historical percentages are online here: https://werc.wi.gov/doaroot/cpi-u_chart.htm

Last, the District has received initial renewals from Quartz (Health Insurance) and Delta Dental (Dental & Vision Insurance) for the 2025-2026 school year.

The health insurance renewal returned at 16.9%, while Dental is 4%, and Vision at 3%.

5. Preliminary Discussion of 2025-2026 Wages

Administration is seeking to have a preliminary discussion on the wage increases for 2025-2026, and plan to wait until after the referendum to make final decisions.

6. 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Projects

Administration is seeking a discussion on maintenance projects for the summer of 2025 and summer of 2026.





7. Audit Renewal Fiscal Years 2026-2028

The District's agreement with HawkinsAsh to complete the annual audit expires after the current school year. I asked HawkinsAsh for a three year extension proposal that would cover the 2026 through 2028 fiscal years.

HawkinsAsh proposed prices of:

FY2026: \$23,000.

FY2027: \$24,000.

FY2028: \$25,000.

The current fiscal year (2024-2025) charge from HawkinsAsh is \$15,000.

10. Employee Handbook Language, if need

No updates at this time.

11. Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee's Work

Finance and Operations

#4: Correlate District staffing to student enrollment numbers, student interests, and goals to maintain comprehensive educational programming and moderate class sizes.

#6: Pursue operating referenda to maintain moderate class sizes and comprehensive educational programming across subjects.

12. Set Next Meeting Date

- Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Library

13. Set Next Meeting Agenda Items

- 2024-2025 Budget Updates
- 2025-2026 Budget Updates
- 2025-2026 Wages
- 2025-2026 Health, Dental, Vision Insurance Renewals
- Employee Handbook Changes