

**RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD – COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**Committee:** Budget/ERC**Date:** March 10, 2025**Meeting Time:** 5:00 pm**Adjourn Time:** 6:02 pm

**Present:** John Bettinger, Jeff Maier, Pam Gauger, James Radtke, Brian Krey, Loren Glasbrenner, Carla Peterson, Luanne Kindschi, Carrie Chandler, Julie Kuhse, Amanda Nabbefeld, Kasey Maxwell, Emily Beck

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Discussion</b>
N/A	Maier	Gauger	Motion to accept proofs of notice. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
1: Approval of Minutes from 02/10/2025 Budget/ERC Meeting	Gauger	Maier	Motion to approve minutes from February 10, 2025.  Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
2: Update on FEMA BRIC Grant			Glasbrenner stated that work has been to continue with the application for the grant.  No action taken.
3: 2024-25 Budget Update			No updates at this time.
4: 2025-2026 Budget Update			Krey stated that the Department of Education has called for significant changes in the federal agency's service goals and could be dissolved. There is uncertainty on federal revenue the District receives. 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.

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			<p>Discussion on the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) publishing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to be used as a maximum amount for base wages in 2025-2026, which is 2.95%. Krey shared the website, which is:  <a href="https://werc.wi.gov/doaroot/cpi-u_chart.htm">https://werc.wi.gov/doaroot/cpi-u_chart.htm</a></p> <p>Discussion on initial renewals from Quartz (Health Insurance) and Delta Dental (Dental &amp; Vision Insurance) for the 2025-2026 school year. The health insurance renewal returned at 16.9%, while Dental is 4%, and Vision at 3%. Discussion on Quartz renewal with an increase in deductibles to \$3,000 for a single and \$6,000 for a family.</p> <p>Direction from the committee to Krey to investigate Quartz renewal and Quartz option to increase deductible as a whole package with salaries.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
5: Preliminary Discussion on 2025-2026 Wages			<p>Krey restated that the maximum amount to be used for base wages in 25-26 is 2.95% per WERC. Discussion on total package including salary and benefits for staff.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
6: 2024-25 and 2025-26 Maintenance Projects			<p>Discussion on maintenance projects for summer of 2025 and summer of 2026. Gauger and Maier shared the discussion from the Buildings and Grounds committee. Discussion on use of fund balance and Fund 46.</p> <p>The committee directed the administration to bring summer 2025 projects to the entire board at the April 2025 meeting for consideration and action.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>

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7: Audit Renewal Fiscal Years 2026- 2028			<p>Discussion on the annual audit contract with HawkinsAsh that expires after the annual 2024-2025 audit is complete. HawkinsAsh sent a three year extension that would cover fiscal years 2026 through 2028 at a cost of \$23,000 in 2026 and increasing by \$1,000 each year. Krey noted that the current year charge is \$15,000.</p> <p>Krey stated he would attempt to obtain other quotes. Committee directed Krey to make decision on extension, once other quotes are collected.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
8: 2025-26 WI School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative Agreement			<p>Tabled until next meeting as the agreement has not been received yet.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
9: Bassett Mechanical Annual Contract			<p>The administration presented annual contracts from Bassett, which provides maintenance and scheduled servicing for all HVAC systems in the district. Krey stated the increase is 4.98% compared to last year's agreements. In addition, Krey said he plans to bid out these services this fall.</p> <p>Discussion and direction to move forward with Bassett for one year.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
10: Employee Handbook Language, if needed			<p>No updates at this time.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
11: Strategic Plan & Correlation to Committee's Work			<p>Finance and Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● #4: Correlate District staffing to student enrollment numbers, student interests, and goals to maintain comprehensive educational programming and moderate class sizes.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● #6: Pursue operating referenda to maintain moderate class sizes and comprehensive educational programming across subjects.</li></ul>
8: Set Next Meeting Date(s)			Monday, April 14, 2025, MS Library at 5:00 pm
9: Set Next Meeting Agenda Items			<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 2024-2025 Budget Updates</li><li>2. 2025-2026 Budget Updates<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Consumer Price Index for Base Wage Negotiations</li></ol></li><li>3. Audit Renewal Fiscal Years 2026-2028</li><li>4. Employee Handbook Language</li><li>5. 2025-2026 Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance Renewals</li></ol>
Adjourn	Maier	Gauger	Motion to adjourn.  Passed on a unanimous voice vote at 6:02 pm