

River Valley School District
Monday, April 19, 2021
Special Meeting
Middle School Library
6:00 p.m.

- *The public was able to view this meeting live on our River Valley YouTube Channel.*

- *Anyone who attended the meeting in person was required to wear a mask and follow social distancing.*

Present: Nelson, Jennings, Young, Bettinger, Strozinsky, Iausly, Maier, Cates
Absent: N/A
Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey
Others: Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

President Jennings opened the meeting. She noted that the meeting had been properly posted and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member. Maier moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

Iausly moved to approve the agenda. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Budget/ERC Committee Recommendations

The Committee had no recommendations for Board action at this time.

The Committee discussed the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II and III Funds. Krey noted that the district will get \$570,000 in round two of funding and estimates \$1.2 million in round three. The use of these funds is restricted to the *“coordination of preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.”* The Committee discussed using the money for eligible items currently in our budget, which would impact the amount of future deficits. The Committee will continue this discussion at future meetings.

The Committee discussed the track resurfacing project. Only one vendor submitted a bid for the project for \$900,000. The main cost is due to drainage issues that need to be fixed. The track resurfacing itself is only \$110,000. The Committee has concerns about the cost above the budgeted amount and will continue to discuss the project and how we might use Fund 49 funds toward this project. The track will not be fixed this spring, but teams can still practice without hosting events. Since the project will not be started by fall either, it will be delayed for at least one year.

The Committee would like to pursue if the project could or should include elements that would allow football and soccer to share the same field, which is currently just used for football. Soccer wants to ensure that an idea like this would be a true dual-purpose field and not a football field with some access to soccer. It was suggested that we might pursue fundraising ideas for

this project, using Lodi as an example. The Committee will continue this discussion at future meetings.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing

Iausly moved to adjourn to closed session at 6:25 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:32 p.m.

Consideration & Action on Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing

Bettinger moved to approve requests for 40 students to opt out of state testing this year. Iausly seconded. Motion carried with Strozinsky opposed.

Strozinsky moved to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

_____ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk