

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD – COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee: Buildings & Grounds **Date:** May 17, 2021 **Meeting Time:** 5:00 pm **Adjourn Time:** 6:18 pm

Present: Fred Iausly, Jeff Maier, Kathy Jennings, Brian Krey, Loren Glasbrenner, Jeni Meuer

Agenda Item	Motion	2nd	Discussion
N/A	Jennings	Maier	Motion to accept proofs of notice. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
1: Elect Committee Chairperson	Jennings	Maier	Motion to elect Iausly as committee chair. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
2: Approval of Minutes from 01/25/2021 School Forest/Buildings & Grounds Meeting	Iausly	Maier	Motion to approve minutes from January 25, 2021, School Forest/Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
3. Update on District Maintenance Items			Krey stated that the stormwater drainage plan is on schedule to begin once school is out, in the middle of June. Jewell & Associates completed the bid process, had 7 bids, and Meise Construction was the low bid. The bid from Meise came in about \$6,000 under the amount the District budgeted for these projects. Krey noted that the base bid was for the storm sewer work north and south of the middle school. Alternate 1 is work north of high school; Alt 2 is for infiltration device south of middle school; Alt 3 is for middle school entry area; Alt 4 is for Elementary playground and NE of the parking lot; Alt 5 is for drain tile between softball/baseball fields. No action taken. Track Resurfacing Update

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Maier stated he has been talking to community members and business owners about the possibility of donations regarding a synthetic turf field versus grass. Krey stated that the current track resurfacing and football field drainage project would cost the district \$900,000; this includes replacing the grass surface with natural grass/sod. According to Rettler (architect for prior project bid) stated that synthetic turf is approximately \$450,000 in addition to the \$900,000 (total of \$1,350,000). Jaime Hegland and Krey put together a list of events that are currently played on the grass surface each year, that number is approximately 50 events (games & practices). A synthetic turf surface could result in approximately 250 events (games & practices) - the increase is a result of additional football practices, marching band practices, boys & girls soccer games & practices, and youth soccer practices & games. Krey shared information from the Lodi School District who just went through a similar process.

Committee discussed the return on investment for each project, comparing the cost to the number of events.

Committee also discussed the need for an operational referendum in April 2022 and how this project or an upgraded project could impact the referendum.

Committee discussed fundraising for a portion of this project. Maier said he plans to informally gauge the support & interest from businesses in the community in regards to a potential fundraiser for a portion of this project.

No action taken.

Krey stated that window replacements are on track to be replaced at the Elementary school in June and at the Middle School in July. This budget came in under budget after the bid process.

No action taken.

Krey presented a draft of items currently in the District budget that would be allowable costs under the current guidelines for ESSER II funding. Krey reiterated that ESSER III funds have not been finalized at this point.

4: Update on Elementary & Secondary School

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Emergency Relief Funds II & III			No action taken.
5. Dashir Management Services Report			Jeni Meuer presented the services report for April and May 2021. Meuer's reports can be found on the board portal. No action taken.
6. Update on School Forests			Krey stated that the sale from the unit in the township of Arena was finalized in April. Glasbrenner stated he reached out to DNR to ensure the information on file regarding our school forest is correct.
7. Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee's Work			III. Facilities: How can we decide how best to invest in our school facilities? V.H.2: Explore facility options that reduce operating costs.
8: Set Next Meeting Date(s)			Monday, June 28 2021, at 5:00 pm in Middle School Library Items: Strategic Plan III.E.1: Reengage in long-range facility planning effort. Strategic Plan III.E.2: Make short-term facility investments with reference to long-range plans.
Adjourn	lausly	Jennings	Motion to adjourn. Passed on a unanimous voice vote at 6:18 pm