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Committee: Budget/ERC Date: May 8, 2023 Meeting Time: 5:00 pm Adjourn Time: 5:34 pm

Present: John Bettinger, Sara Young, Elisabeth Minich, Loren Glasbrenner, Brian Krey

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
N/A	Minich	Young	Motion to accept proofs of notice. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
1: Approval of Minutes from 04/10/2023, Budget/ERC Meeting	Young	Minich	Motion to approve minutes from April 10, 2023 Budget/Employee Relations Committee Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

# Minich # Young 2: 2023-2024 Budget ^ Young ^ Minich	Krey presented the 2023-2024 preliminary budget. The overall general fund increase is 2.18%. Staff salary increases were 4.5%, but operating/maintenance costs will decrease back to regular budgetary amounts with the COVID/ESSER grant money no longer available. The projected deficit is \$784,369. The District had planned for a deficit of \$517,296 prior to the April 2022 referendum. This increase is due to slightly higher salary increases, health insurance costs, special education costs, and food service costs. Discussion on potential increases in health insurance for 2024-2025 and options to pay for those potential increases. # Motion to approve the 2023-2024 preliminary budget. Passed unanimously on a voice vote. Krey asked the committee for feedback on the before & after school program rates for 2023-2024. Krey said that the projected deficit for the program, for this school year will be around \$7,000 for this program. Krey stated there is a short waiting list for the after school program. Discussion on deficit last year and increase in program costs from last year to this year. Discussion on what other before and after school programs cost in the area. Discussion on impact on families on free and reduced meals. ^ Motion to approve a 5% increase to fees for the before & after school program. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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3: 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal			Krey stated that the District has employees complete a biometric screening and a health risk assessment during in-service time in August. Quartz has informed us that these items no longer impact our renewal rates. Krey shared staff survey results on offering biometric screenings. Discussion on offering biometric screenings during in-service time or not. Recommendation to not require but offer a biometric screening the day before inservice beginning with the 2023-2024 plan year. Krey will schedule an optional biometric screening for staff on August 17, 2023. No action taken.		
4: 2023-2024 Meal Prices	Young	Minich	Krey presented current and historical meal prices. Discussion on historical increases and increased food costs and supplies for the program. Recommendation to increase breakfast for all students & adults by \$0.10 and increase to all lunches for students by \$0.15 for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion to approve a \$0.10 increase to breakfasts for students & adults, and \$0.15 increase to lunches for students for the 2023-2024 school year. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.		
5: 2023-2024 Athletic Salary Schedule			Tabled until next meeting. No action taken.		
6: Purchasing Card Program	Bettinger	Young	Krey shared information on a purchasing card program that would replace the current district credit cards. He said that there is currently no benefit or rebate with the current distric cards, but changing to the purchasing card program would gain the District an annual rebate. Krey stated that the District has averaged \$125,000 in expenditures on credit cards over the last three years. Motion to approve the procurement card program. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.		

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7: 2023-2024 Employee Handbook			No updates at this time. No action taken.		
8: Strategic Plan & Correlation to Committee's Work			V. Finance and Operations V.G.1: Remain competitive on teacher pay, benefits, and support. V.H.1: Attempt to reduce expenditures and address other issues.		
9: Set Next Meeting Agenda Dates			June 12, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the Middle School Library.		
10: Set Next Meeting Agenda Items			2023-2024 Athletic and Activity Salary Schedule		
Motion to Adjourn	Bettinger	Young	Motion to adjourn at 5:34 pm. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.		