

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD – COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee: Budget/ERC **Date:** June 28, 2021 **Meeting Time:** 5:00 pm **Adjourn Time:** 6:55 pm

Present: John Bettinger, Sara Young, Jeff Maier, Elisabeth Minich, Loren Glasbrenner, Brian Krey, Kasey Maxwell, Fred Iausly

Agenda Item	Motion	2nd	Discussion
N/A	Maier	Young	Motion to accept proofs of notice. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
1: Elect Committee Chairperson	Maier	Minich	Young nominated Bettinger. Maier moved nomination to close and cast a unanimous ballot. Minich second Maier’s motion. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
2: Approval of Minutes from 5/10/2021 Budget/ERC Meeting	Young	Minich	Motion to approve minutes from the May 10, 2021, Budget/Employee Relations Committee Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
3: 2021-2023 State Biennial Budget Update			Krey shared two documents with the committee. The first was an update from Senator Howard Marklein, who is the co-chair of the Joint Finance Committee. The update says that the state has a \$4.4 billion budget surplus. In addition, the update states that “Schools will receive \$2,900 per student more on average...”. Krey clarified this statement by informing the committee that it’s his understanding that this money does not provide any additional revenue to the revenue limit. Instead, this money is additional state aid. The revenue limit is the maximum amount that school districts can levy - this is not changing. The revenue limit amount that Districts receive is through state aid & property taxes. Krey stated that this increase essentially decreases property taxes, by increasing the amount of state

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			<p>aid. Krey said that if the District were to receive \$2,900 additionally per pupil on the revenue limit, that it would result in an additional \$3.3 million.</p> <p>The other document Krey shared was the expected increase in revenue for school districts according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. River Valley will see an increase of approximately \$104,995 in FY2022 (0.005% increase on overall budget) and \$189,481 (0.01% increase on overall budget) in FY2023 from a combination of special education aid and high-cost transportation aid.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
<p>4: Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds II & III</p>			<p>Krey reminded the group that River Valley Schools are set to receive \$570,306 in ESSER II federal grant funds. ESSER II funds must be expensed by September 30, 2023. In addition, the DPI has proposed that River Valley receive \$1,280,750 in ESSER III federal grant funds. ESSER III funds must be expensed by September 30, 2024.</p> <p>Glasbrenner praised our building secretaries for their work on tabulating students present for every day of this school year. This information is required per the DPI for the ESSER III federal grant.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
<p>5: Athletic Complex</p>	<p>Maier</p>	<p>Minich</p>	<p>Krey shared a draft of a frequently asked questions document that describes the athletic stadium project.</p> <p>Maier touched base with many businesses around the area, to see if they would be interested in donating to this project. Maier received positive feedback in regards to spending the additional money for a synthetic turf field. Some business owners stated that a synthetic turf field could help market the District.</p> <p>The committee discussed the frequently asked questions & answers document, specifically about how much the District would be willing to spend on the project. Discussion on having a team that will promote this project and approach specific donors/businesses.</p>

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<p align="center">6: Broadband Grants</p>			<p>lausly shared that there are a number of broadband grants in the District. A local group, River Valley Commons, has a goal of getting reliable broadband to every home in the River Valley District.</p> <p>lausly has spoken with Reedsburg Utility/Lightspeed that has installed broadband in the township of Spring Green. In addition, they discussed potential ways to speed up the installation of broadband.</p> <p>lausly said that when broadband grants are issued, the likelihood of a company like Reedsburg Utility getting the grant is increased when they have matching funds (businesses, municipalities, school districts).</p> <p>lausly asked the committee if they were interested in making a donation to support the expansion of broadband throughout our District. Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of making a pledge to support broadband in areas throughout the District.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
<p align="center">7: Update on Late Bus Survey</p>			<p>Krey stated that a survey was sent out to current Middle School & High School parents/guardians. He stated that there were 80 responses: 7.5% stated that their student(s) are unable to participate in co-curricular activities, but would be able to if a late bus was provided; 10% stated their student(s) currently do not participate and a late bus would not change participation; 20% stated their student(s)</p>

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			<p>currently participate, but do not have a need for the late bus; 62.5% stated that their student(s) currently participate, but a late bus would provide a convenience to their family. Krey also added that the approximate cost of one late bus shuttle is \$125/day (per route).</p> <p>Committee discussed the annual potential cost (approximately \$75,000) compared to the number of families that would utilize this service.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
<p>8: 2021-2022 Food Service Prices for Milk, Breakfast, and Lunch</p>			<p>Krey stated that the USDA has approved that all breakfasts and lunches be free to all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Families must pay for additional milk (morning milk at Elementary levels). The administration is not recommending any increases to breakfast, lunch, or milk prices for the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
<p>9: 2021-2022 Employee Handbook</p>	<p>Young</p>	<p>Maier</p>	<p>Krey said that the High School is transitioning to a modified block schedule this fall. This schedule basically splits an 8 period day in half and has longer class periods over two days. Because of this change, the administration has proposed a change in the handbook under teaching load (page 24). Changes are in red below.</p> <p>The proposed change is:</p> <p>The normal teaching load for middle school and high school is 6 assignments per day during an 8 period day, and 6 assignments over two days during a 4 period/modified block schedule, in addition to any homeroom/intervention/Blackhawk period to which a teacher is assigned.</p> <p>In addition, the transition to a modified block schedule also requires us to modify the language under “substitute/homebound.” Proposed changes are below:</p> <p>Substitutes shall be hired if possible in all cases when teachers (including special teachers) are absent. In the event, a substitute cannot be found and a regularly employed teacher is asked to substitute, he/she shall receive</p>

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10: 2021-2022 Co-Curricular Salary Schedules (Activities)	Young	Minich	<p>Due to COVID-19, the High School did not have a Junior Prom in 2019 or 2020. Mr. Blakley is planning on having two proms during the upcoming school year. The first will be held on Saturday, December 4 for the class of 2023 (Juniors). The second prom will be held on Saturday, April 23 for the class of 2022 (Seniors).</p> <p>The administration is recommending that the District offer two (2) prom advisor positions for the 2021-2022 school year. This additional position would be paid \$818.36.</p> <p>Motion to pay two prom advisor positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Passed on a unanimous voice vote.</p>
11: 2021-2022 School Calendar Revisions	Maier	Young	<p>Glasbrenner shared a revised contract calendar for staff. The calendar does not change the total number of contract days (190) for teaching staff but utilizes parent-teacher conference days/hours differently. The new calendar reduces parent/teacher conferences to one (1) day while increasing professional learning by one (1) day. Each school still plans to have parent/teacher conferences, but the total hours for the year will be 8 hours, instead of 16. Glasbrenner and Maxwell stated that attendance at parent-teacher conferences has decreased over the past handful of years and that the way teachers communicate (email, Skyward daily updates, telephone) allows for more constant communication between teachers and parents versus one or two days a year.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the revised calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Passed on a unanimous voice vote.</p>

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12: Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee’s Work			<p>II.D.1: Explore restoration of after school transportation</p> <p>II.D.3: Engage with students with no or sporadic participation in co-curricular activities.</p> <p>III.E.2: Make short-term facility investments with reference to long-range plans.</p>
13: Set Next Meeting Date(s)			Monday, August 9, 2021, at 5:00 pm in the Middle School Library
14: Set Next Meeting Agenda Items			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employee Handbook 2. Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee’s Work 3. 2021-2023 State Biennial Budget Update (June) 4. 2020-2021 Budget Update (August) 5. 5 Year Budget Forecast Assumptions & Projections <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Impact of State Biennial Budget b. April 2022 Operational Referendum 6. Substitute Pay Rates, 2021-2022 7. Athletic Complex 8. Broadband Grants
Adjourn	Young	Maier	<p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Passed on a unanimous voice vote at 6:55 pm</p>