

# River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: Budget / ERC

Date: 8/14/23

Meeting Time: 5.00 PM

Adjourn Time: 6:28 PM

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Present: Loren Glasbrenner, John Bettinger, Jeff Maier, Sara Young, Pam Gauger, Sara Carstensen, Scott Moore, Carla Peterson, James Radtke, Jon Novak

Agenda Item	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Discussion
Read public notice	Jeff	Sara C.	Meeting started at 5:00 pm and agenda was approved.
Approval of minutes	Sara Y.	Pam G.	Approved July 10, 2023, minutes.
Tax Levy Management and the future			<p>Kevin Eipperle (FEH Design) started the conversation. Schematic designs were presented after approximately 200 hours of work and design. He started with discussion about the elementary, speaking to transportation, additions, and renovation. Bettinger asked about estimates and costs. Young asked about engineering. Eipperle discussed the extent of the elementary costs. Glasbrenner shared questions about Birth - 3 year old programming. Young spoke to daycare being self-supporting, possibly income producing. Eipperle spoke to 4 rooms in North Crawford Schools. It was noted that there is a regional shortage, so discussion was shared about competition (60-80 children). Maier shared his interest and belief of this being possible. Young advised that an AdHoc committee may assist. Glasbrenner shared that he would reach out to the Sauk County Development Corporation that has been studying possibilities.</p> <p>Middle school designs were shared. The designs have the wood shop moved to the high school, cafeteria and LMC transition to different areas, and additional classrooms added to accommodate more students. Young asked questions about the square footage. Bettinger and Maier clarified the configuration of grades 3-7 at the middle school.</p> <p>Lastly, Eipperle shared the concepts for high school, and if there was an auditorium added. Bettinger asked location questions and Glasbrenner asked questions about ADA compliance to music rooms. Eipperle spoke to the added work to be on ADA and wood shop renovations. The existing stage and older gym would remain. Again, with schematic designs, Eipperle reminded the Committee that this is all preliminary.</p> <p>Bettinger shared that there is no alignment from closing the ELC in Plain and adding new students at the elementary within the survey data. There is a higher percentage for vacating ELC than adding grades to the elementary when it is analyzed in two questions on the survey. Bettinger asked questions about use of the building for daycare, and whether the district would manage space or programming or both.</p>

			<p>Erik Kass (PMA Financial Network) then shared information about public finance and RVSD history. He summarized state aid, revenue limits, equalized value, mill rate, and levy. The timing of the potential operational or capital referendums were discussed. The committee started sharing the projected questions and the implications to the potential referendum language.</p> <p>Maier spoke to survey construction and feedback from the public. Eipperle shared information about survey construction and the priorities from the ATF. Young shared that at the past CORE meeting had discussed offering two separate questions to the community.</p> <p>In addition, Kyle Kraemer (Kraemer Brothers) shared that for any firm to figure potential costs, it needs the schematics in order to be more realistic prior to planning the details of the questions. Eipperle walked the Committee backward to have time to have scope and how to formulate questions. Young asked about more specifics for drawings, which then led to Kraemer Brothers getting better numbers. Administration will need to meet with FEH Design soon to complete design concepts. Again, timelines were reiterated for potential questions, projects, and processes. Fall of 2025 would be a completion date if a question were formed and passed in April of 2024.</p> <p>Young shared that April 2025 will be an operational referendum. April 2024 would be two questions for the capital referendum. Bettinger discussed not to scale back too much and emphasized that we want to offer quality educational programming. Maier shared ideas about the size of an auditorium and to plan more specifically. Young shared that we need to meet with staff at some point, and add an AdHoc committee for this large process, too.</p> <p>Kraemer answered Bettinger's question about bidding out the process and inflation. Eipperle shared ideas and timelines of remodels and timing which can happen while the 2024-25 year is occurring. Next steps are to meet with administration and gain further ideas for schematics. The Committee agreed on timelines for questions, and asked for further clarification on budgets and projections of tax impact. Novak agreed to assist Moore and Glasbrenner with this process.</p> <p>In the end, a committee member closed the meeting with the sentiment, "The work is long overdue, but we are in a great position for it to happen."</p>
Next meeting date			Monday, September 11, 2023 - 5:00 pm (RVMS LMC)

Adjourned	Maier	Young	6:28 pm
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