## RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD – COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee:** Budget/ERC **Date:** August 9, 2021

Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Adjourn Time: 5:46 pm

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

Agenda Item	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Discussion
N/A			Motion to accept proofs of notice. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
1: Approval of Minutes from 06/28/2021 Budget/ERC Meeting	Maier	Young	Motion to approve minutes from the June 28, 2021, Budget/Employee Relations Committee Meeting. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
2. 2020-2021 Budget Update			<ul> <li>Krey stated that the General Fund (Fund 10), had an overall approved budget loss of \$29,500. At year-end, our actual is an increase of \$857,527. This amount is due to a few major projects that were in the budget but were not completed in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. These projects include Track Resurfacing, \$500,000; and Drainage Work, \$219,634. In addition, the District received \$73,375 more in computer aid than budgeted from the State. These three items total \$793,009, which is the majority of the difference between our approved budget and our actual amounts.</li> <li>Krey stated that he wasn't surprised about the increased expenditures in Fund 27 (special education), but was disappointed in how much Fund 50 (food service) lost in revenue last year. Krey said that the closed campus at the high school will help immensely, but will also work with food service staff on increasing meal participation at each building.</li> <li>In addition, Krey said that the 2020-2021 school year was difficult, as we provided students an education in-person, virtually, while having to react and adjust constantly to COVID-19 concerns. I want to applaud our administrative staff for</li> </ul>

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	doing whatever we needed to do in order to provide instruction last year, while overall staying within our budget. No action was taken.			
3: 5 Year Budget Forecast Assumptions & Projections	Krey said that with the 2021-2023 state biennial budget complete, we have firm revenue numbers for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. He stated the current forecast should be considered a draft, until we are provided our final revenue limit from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on October 15, 2021. For this fiscal year (2021-2022), the District currently has a surplus of \$266,672. This includes the approved referendum amount of \$3,213,000. The deficits for the next three years are: 2022-2023 = \$3,620,079; 2023-2024 = \$4,582,134; 2024-2025 = \$5,042,323; 2025-2026 = \$5,839,311. The committee asked about the tax rate for the upcoming school years and Krey shared that he believes the tax rate will incrementally increase with an approved referendum, but that the rates should be lower than anticipated during the last referendum campaign. No action was taken.			
4. Athletic Stadium Project Update	Minich, Maier and Krey stated that the Buildings and Grounds committee met last Thursday to discuss fundraising efforts, and an overview of these efforts was provided. Young recommended that securing large donors should be the first step, and the second step would be publishing the go fund me page for all other donors. A date of September 1 was recommended to secure large donors. No action was taken.			
5. Broadband Grants	As a follow up from our meeting in June, per the minutes, the committee wanted to continue the discussion & update on broadband grant possibilities in our area and the impact on our School District.			

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			Glasbrenner stated that the Endowment Fund was not interested in supporting this cause. No action was taken.	
6. Substitute Pay Rates	Young	Minich	<ul> <li>Krey stated that the current substitute pay rates are: <ul> <li>Teacher Substitute with Substitute License = \$115/daily</li> <li>Teacher Substitute with Teaching License = \$125/daily</li> <li>Support Staff Substitute = \$11.00/hour</li> </ul> </li> <li>Like most Districts, we continue to be short substitute teachers. Our rates are competitive with neighboring districts, but the administration would like to see lower gradual increases versus larger increases that are only done every few years for budget management reasons.</li> <li>The committee asked if last year's designated substitutes were beneficial. Glasbrenner, Krey, Maxwell, and Machovec agreed that they are very beneficial.</li> <li>Committee also stated that with the unknown of what the upcoming school year will look like, that securing 3 substitutes on a daily basis would be very beneficial to instruction.</li> <li>Motion to approve the continuation of designated subs at the same rates from 2020-2021.</li> </ul>	
7. Employee Handbook			No recommended changes at this time. No action was taken.	
8. Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee's Work			No action was taken.	

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9: Set Next Meeting Date(s)			Monday, September 27, 2021, at 5 pm in RV Middle School Library			
12: Set Next Meeting Agenda Items			<ol> <li>Employee Handbook</li> <li>Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee's Work</li> <li>2021-2022 Budget         <ul> <li>Tax Levy</li> <li>April 2022 Referendum</li> </ul> </li> </ol>			
Adjourn	Bettinger	Maier	Motion to adjourn. Passed on a unanimous voice vote at 5:46 pm			