



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the Blackhawks



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TO: River Valley Budget/ERC Committee

FROM: Brian Krey, Business Manager

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SUBJECT: MARCH 8, 2021 BUDGET/ERC COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

2. Rural Virtual Academy Charter School Option

Administration has met with the Rural Virtual Academy (RVA), which is a charter school of the Medford School District. River Valley has been offered the opportunity to partner with RVA beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

RVA currently has a partnership with 40 other school districts across the state to provide virtual instruction to students in PreK through Grade 12 within those districts. RVA offers a full-time and part-time virtual school option for River Valley students. Students that would enroll for virtual school at RVA would remain students for membership counts of the River Valley School District, but everything related to each student's education is through RVA. This partnership would not eliminate any current software or online courses being offered to River Valley students.

A partnership with RVA would not require any additional expenses in the current budget. Over the past four years, our expenditures to the Wisconsin E-School Network have averaged \$23,000. If River Valley has zero students enroll at RVA, the total cost would be \$4,500 – but we would still be able to provide all current software and courses we are receiving from the Wisconsin E-School Network.

Please check out the 15 slide presentation from RVA on the portal or check out their website here for additional details: <https://ruralvirtual.org/>

Administration is recommending that River Valley Schools enter into an agreement with RVA for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. WASB Policy Manual “Quick Check” Service

The policy committee is asking for approval to have a “Quick Check” of our entire policy manual by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). The cost of this service to WASB is \$4,000.



4. 2021-2024 Snow Plowing and Related Services Contract



Bids related to snow removal and related services were recently advertised in the community. We received two bids from:

- J & J Total Lawn Care (Current Service Provider)
- Feiner Enterprises

A summary of both bids is below:

Cost per Snow Removal Bid Amounts								
School	1 - 3 inches		3.1 - 6 inches		6.1 - 9 inches		9.1 + inches	
	J & J	Feiner	J & J	Feiner	J & J	Feiner	J & J	Feiner
Early Learning Center	\$70	\$130	\$85	\$145	\$105	\$165	\$70/hour	\$75/hour
Elementary	\$80	\$225	\$90	\$240	\$100	\$260	\$70/hour	\$75/hour
Middle School	\$80	\$275	\$90	\$290	\$100	\$310	\$70/hour	\$75/hour
High School	\$215	\$350	\$290	\$365	\$350	\$385	\$70/hour	\$75/hour
Price for Spreading Salt at Schools			J & J = \$185					
			Feiner = \$175					
Price per hour for partial plowings for sidewalks and bus lanes during school day when needed			J & J = \$70/Hour					
			Feiner = \$75/Hour					

Administration is recommending the bid for a 3 year contract for snow removal and related services be awarded to J & J Total Lawn Care.

5. 2021-2022 Employee Wages

The Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) has posted the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for collective bargaining agreements, and the final number is 1.23% for the 2021-2022 school year contracts. This is the amount that the board can negotiate up to for base wage increases.

We look forward to a conversation regarding 2021-2022 employee wages.

6. 2021-2022 Employee Benefits

The District health insurance renewal is 6.0% from Quartz. This renewal increases the premiums by 6%, but has no impact on the \$2,000 (single) and \$4,000 (family) employee deductibles.

Administration would like to discuss this renewal offer and other options we have discussed with M3.

Current Health Insurance Premiums:

Total Annual Premiums for District: ~\$1,980,000.

Annual Premium for Employee (Family): \$2,180.

Annual Premium for Employee (Single): \$924.

Dental and vision insurance will be renewed at no increase or decrease (0.0%).



7. 2021-2022 RVEST Agreement

Pending action on a base wage increase, we would move to approve the 2021-2022 RVEST Agreement.

8. 2021-2022 RVEA Agreement

Pending action on a base wage increase, we would move to approve the 2021-2022 RVEA Agreement.

9. Employee Handbook

At last month's meeting the board approved (per Budget/ERC recommendation) an increase to \$30/hour for academic summer school classes in 2021 only.

Administration is requesting that all staff teaching credit recovery classes at the High School be paid \$30/hour during the summer of 2021.

10. Strategic Plan & Correlation to Committee's Work

11. Set Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items

Monday, April 5, 2021 – 5 pm at RVMS Library & Zoom

12. Set Next Meeting Agenda Items