

**River Trails School District 26
Finance Committee Minutes
January 29, 2013 – Education Service Center**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Johnson, Committee Member

Members Present: Donna Johnson, Rebecca Reese
 Committee Liaison: Lyndl Schuster, Asst. Supt. for Business Services
 Other Participants: Dr. Delli, Superintendent
 Absent: Jeff Bradley

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 11, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting were approved as presented.

II. Enrollment (Information)

Ms. Schuster provided enrollment history and projections from 2006/07 through 2021/22. The information indicated that there is an overall trend of declining enrollment which will level off in the next several years.

III. Student Fees (Information/Discussion/Action)

Ms. Schuster reviewed historical and current fee information with the Committee. Committee members were provided with the following: a historical comparison of District 26 fees, an analysis of student fees, a comparison of fees assessed by surrounding district, an 12-13 collection summary, the District 26 Fees Philosophy, and a copy of the 12-13 fee letter to parents. Ms. Schuster noted that fees represent 1.1% of the 12-13 Operating Revenue Budget. The Committee discussions focused on:

- Possible changes to student fees
- Continuing the practice of an “early payment” discount
- Reduction in fees for low-income families
- Increasing Preschool fees
- Changes to Food Service Fees

The determination by the Committee was to increase the preschool fees for typical students from \$2,200 to \$2,250 and add a snack fee of \$50 for a district provided snack for all students (typical and special needs) not qualifying for free or reduced lunch. Lunch and breakfast prices will increase by \$.10 and the new price is reflected in the table below, milk price will remain the same. Student fees and transportation fees will remain the same. The following student fees will be presented to the Board of Education at the February 5, 2013 Meeting:

<u>Student Fees</u>	<u>Before May 1, 2013</u>	<u>After May 1, 2013</u>
K – 5 th Grade Registration	\$110.00	\$135.00
6 th – 8 th Grade Registration	\$140.00	\$165.00
Preschool Typicals	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Technology Fee (Kdg. – 8th Grade)	\$30.00	\$30.00

<u>Bus Fee</u>	<u>Before May 1, 2013</u>	<u>After May 1, 2013</u>
1 st Student in Family	\$175.00	\$225.00
Each Additional Student	\$150.00	\$200.00

<u>Food Service Fees</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Milk	\$0.50
Breakfast	\$1.50
Lunch	\$2.60
Lunch - enhanced	\$3.00

IV. Facility Rental (Information)

Ms. Schuster discussed the facility rental policy in District 26. The Committee determined to start charging groups, outside of the Park District, fees to cover our custodial staff for building use on the weekend.

V. Preliminary Staffing Plan (Information)

Ms. Schuster provided a spreadsheet that outlined current staffing and preliminary staffing numbers for FY14.

VI. Preliminary FY14 Budget (Information)

The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the Preliminary FY14 Budget. Committee members were provided with the following: FY14 first look budget assumptions and comparisons to historical data, latest long range projections for Operating Funds, and the budget calendar.

VII. Adjournment

The finance committee meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Finance Committee Chair

Date