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Operations Committee Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Food Service Prices for 2020-21
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Nature of Action Requested by Board

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| Board action | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Board information or scheduled report | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Background Information

For the 2019-20 school year, lunch prices increased \$0.10 across all sites for lunch, with no changes in breakfast prices and a \$0.05 increase for milk. For the 2020-21 school year, an additional \$0.10 minimum increase is recommended by the state/federal government to further increase our weighted average to the recommended \$3.00 (*based off the Paid Lunch Equity Tool from 2019/20, as to date, a new tool has yet to be released*).

Red Wing Public Schools continues to see an increase in the number of reimbursable lunch and breakfasts served to students (*breakfast up 16.3%; lunch up 8.6% when compared to Sept.-Feb. last year*). Revenue generated from a la carte sales from students and staff is up 12.7% when compared to Sept.-Feb. last year. Despite the increases in breakfast and revenue from a la carte, the food service department is experiencing the need for higher wages and vast replacement of equipment throughout our kitchens.

The department continuously works to re-develop the menu, selection/offerings at all levels, and adjusting a la carte prices to further assist in decreasing food cost, labor and increase revenue. A continuous challenge is finding a la carte selection and pricing that is appealing to the students and still generates revenue for the district. The FREE Kindergarten Breakfast program, paid for by the state, will continue into the 2020-21 school year. Currently, 85% of Kindergarten students are participating in breakfast in the classroom.

Food Service is recommending the adjustment of \$0.10 for student lunch prices for all sites, and a \$0.05 increase in breakfast for full paid students. This would generate about \$15,000 in additional revenue from lunch and \$2500 in additional revenue from breakfast. The Board has approved increasing a la carte prices as needed to meet cost adjustments, and we assume this practice will be continued. We recommend the Board approve these changes.

Breakfast

Students who qualify for free/reduced meals do not pay for breakfast and all kindergarten students eat breakfast for FREE.

| School Site | 2018-19 Prices | 2019-20 Prices | 2020-21 Proposed |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Elementary-Full Paid | \$1.60 | \$1.60 | \$1.65 |
| Twin Bluff-Full Paid | \$1.60 | \$1.60 | \$1.65 |
| High School-Full Paid | \$1.60 | \$1.60 | \$1.65 |
| Adults | \$1.95 | \$1.95 | \$2.00 |
| Milk | \$0.45 | \$0.50 | \$0.50 |

Lunch

Students who qualify for free/reduced meals do not pay for lunch.

| School Site | 2018-19 Prices | 2019-20 Prices | 2020-21 Proposed |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Elementary-Full Paid | \$2.60 | \$2.70 | \$2.80 |
| Twin Bluff-Full Paid | \$2.70 | \$2.80 | \$2.90 |
| High School-Full Paid | \$2.85 | \$2.95 | \$3.05 |
| Adults | \$3.80 | \$4.00 | \$4.00 |
| Milk | \$0.45 | \$0.50 | \$0.50 |

Recommendation

I move to approve the breakfast and lunch prices for 2020-21 as proposed.