

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
30 PHIPPS AVENUE  
RICE LAKE, WI 54868**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, October 9, 2023  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**MINUTES**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education of the Rice Lake Area School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023 in the Board Room of the Rice Lake Area School District Administration Building, 30 Phipps Avenue, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Keven Jensen, President presiding.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present - Board Members: Steve Bowman, Don Cuskey, Phil Henkel, Keven Jensen, Dianne Koser, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Nellie Scheurer, Miriam Vavra  
Absent- NA  
Others Present- Randy Drost, District Administrator  
Student Representatives: Harper Schommer
- III. **NOTICE OF POSTING:** President, Keven Jensen announced the Board hereby finds communication and public notice of the open meeting, as required by section 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, had been properly given by the presiding officer's designee, Randy Drost. Such a notice and agenda to the official newspaper, the Rice Lake Chronotype, to the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, and to radio stations WJMC and WAQE, indicating the date, time, and place of the meeting and such notice was given more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. **APPEARANCES:**
- Joshua Carlson made a public appearance.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Miriam Vavra and Nellie Scheurer motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, September 25, 2023. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- VII. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Doug Kucko and Bert Richard motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Monthly Budget**
- B. Monthly Board Bills**
- C. Employment Resignations:**
1. Ericka Gesler, Full-Time Substitute Teacher at RLHS, effective October 13, 2023
- D. Employment Recommendations:**
1. Joe Lammers, Head Wrestling Coach at RLHS

## **VIII. REPORTS:**

- A. National School Lunch Week (Oct. 9-13, 2023)-Keven Jensen [action]:** The Board reviewed the National School Lunch Week Proclamation. Steve Bowman and Miriam Vavra motioned to approve October 9-13, 2023 as National School Lunch Week. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- B. RLASD Wellness Policy Update-Laurie Johnson:** Director of Special Education and Pupil Services Laurie Johnson provided an update on the Rice Lake Area School District wellness policy.
- C. RLASD Procedural Self-Assessment Update-Laurie Johnson:** Director of Special Education and Pupil Services Laurie Johnson provided an update on the Rice Lake Area School District procedural self-assessment.
- D. School and District Safety Plans-first reading-Randy Drost:** District Administrator Randy Drost reviewed the draft school and district safety plans for the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman:** The BOE Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. The committee received an update on the soccer/football field turf replacement, discussed the 2023-2024 budget and reviewed the budget hearing document as well as the budget/tax/and public depository resolution. The committee also received an update on the pool and reviewed/approved the monthly bills.

Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023.

## **IX. INFORMATION:**

- A. Communications Committee Meeting Minutes-October 3, 2023:** The Board reviewed the draft Communications Committee meeting minutes from Tuesday, October 3, 2023.
- B. Third Friday Enrollment-September 15, 2023:** The Board reviewed the third Friday student enrollment numbers from Friday, September 15, 2023.
- C. School Drill Evaluation-Hilltop Elementary:** The Board reviewed a school drill evaluation report from a drill held on September 26, 2023 at Hilltop Elementary.
- D. WASB Public Policy Correspondent Update:** Phil Henkel provided an update from the Legislative Update blog.
- E. Upcoming Meeting Schedule:** The Board reviewed a schedule of upcoming meetings/events.

## **X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:** RLHS Student Representative Harper Schommer shared the following:

- The Warrior Leadership Team set up a drawing to win a TV during homecoming week.
- Homecoming week was a fun week with about 175 students participating in the bonfire.

**XI. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

- **Upcoming District Events:** District Administrator Randy Drost shared the following information:
  - Fall sports are wrapping up.
  - Tennis players Emily Mofle and Natalie Nolin are advancing to state.
  - He reviewed the aquatic and recreation center construction project.
  - Bert asked Board members to read the article in the recent WASB magazine about the teacher of the year who holds a position similar to that of Cate Lucas, naturalist educator.

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Miriam Vavra and Don Cuskey motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Miriam Vavra, Clerk