

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
700 AUGUSTA STREET  
RICE LAKE, WI 54868**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**MINUTES**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017 in the Board Room of the Rice Lake Area School District Administration Building, 700 Augusta Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Keven Jensen, President presiding.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present - Board Members: Tami Alberg, Steve Bowman, Don Cuskey, Joshua Estreen, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Gary Spear  
Absent- Bill Schmitzer  
Others Present- Randy Drost, superintendent
- 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, Patrick Blackaller. 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. **APPEARANCES:** No appearances were made.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Josh Estreen motioned to approve the regular session and closed session meeting minutes from Monday, December 12, 2016. Gary Spear requested item **D.** under reports be revised to read, "*Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motion to approve the 8 hours/week Special Education Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. All present voting yes. Motion approved.*" Josh Estreen amended his motion to approve the regular session and closed session meeting minutes from Monday, December 12, 2016 with the recommended revisions and Gary Spear seconded the motion to approve the regular session and closed session meeting minutes from Monday, December 12, 2016 with recommended revisions. All present voting yes. Approved.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Doug Kucko and Steve Bowman motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Monthly Budget and Cash Reconciliation Report**
- B. Monthly Board Bills**
- C. Employment Resignations:**
1. Jared Sasada, Head Boys' Track and Field Coach at RLHS
- D. Employment Recommendations:**
1. Julie Hafenstein, 50% Speech and Language Pathologist at Tainter Elem.; Hilltop Elem.; and Hilltop Daycare and Preschool
  2. Michelle Jondreau, Library Media Aide at RLMS

3. Jodie Lenhart, Summer School Secretary
4. Kalli Foss, Noon/Playground Aide at Hilltop Elem.
5. Holly Eckhoff, Part-time Classroom/Noon Aide at Tainter Elem.
6. Megan Kennedy, Part-time Classroom/Noon Aide at Tainter Elem.
7. Jamie Voelker, Part-time Classroom/Noon Aide at Tainter Elem.

**VII. COMMENDATIONS:**

**A. RLASD Student Recognition:** Building principals and staff commended the following students and identified their areas of achievement for the month of January 2017.

Student	School	Grade	Parent(s):
Lauren Vander Zanden	Tainter Elem.	2	Shelly and Scott Vander Zanden
Caleb Germanson	Haugen Elem.	2	Karen and Tom Germanson
Cash Anderson	Hilltop Elem.	2	Gregory and Stephanie Anderson
Nicole Stehley	RLHS	12	Jodie Lenhart and Ryan Stehley

**B. Staff Excellence Award:** Each month a staff member is nominated by the administrative team to be recognized for their excellence in the education of children in the RLASD. For the month of January 2017 the board recognized Erin Johnson, Science Teacher at RLHS. Erin was presented with a plaque along with a Chamber certificate.

**VIII. REPORTS:**

**A. Universal Design for Learning Update-Susan Strouf:** Director of Pupil Services Susan Strouf along with: Sarah Molls, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Tainter Elem.; Terri Brown, paraprofessional and paraprofessional coach; Erin Johnson, science teacher at RLHS; Amy Myers, paraprofessional at RLHS; and Mary Kay Crotteau, elementary special education teacher provided information on Universal Design for Learning.

**B. Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week (Jan. 16-20<sup>th</sup>)-Keven Jensen [action]:** The Board proclaimed January 16-20, 2017, as Wisconsin Adult School Crossing Guard Week. The following individuals were recognized as crossing guards: Roger Aderman; Eddie Apfel; James Hagen; Patricia Lefebvre; Carl Shultz; Lorraine Slack; and Tanya Triplett. Keven Jensen thanked these adult crossing guards for ensuring our students' safety.

Steve Bowman and Don Cuskey motioned to approve January 16-20, 2017 as Wisconsin Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**C. Open Enrollment Space Limits Approval-Randy Drost [action]:** Administration recommended no space limits for regular education and shared the following information on specific special education spaces available for the 2017-2018 school year.

- **Early Childhood/4K Special Education:** No space available
- **High Needs (significant and/or multiple handicapped) Grades K-age 21:** No space available
- **Cross Categorical (LD, EBD, OHI-depending on services):**
  - **Grades Kindergarten-4:** No space available
  - **Grades 5-8:** No space available
  - **Grades 9-age 21:** No space available

- **Speech and Language:** No space available

Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motion to approve the recommendations of administration as provided. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

- D. Chamber of Commerce Support for school start date being a local control issue-Keven Jensen [action]:** The board reviewed information received from CESA #11 on the process of chambers of commerce providing support for school start dates being considered as a local control issue. They also reviewed sample letters of support from the Eagle River and Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce.

Bert Richard and Steve Bowman motion to submit a letter of support for school start dates being considered as a local control issue. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

- E. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman:** The BOE Finance Committee met on Friday, January 6, 2017. The committee discussed school psychologist additional days; received an update on the health committee; and reviewed/approved the monthly bills. Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting.

- **Amendment to the 2016-2017 Staffing Report:**
  - **2 days per week/4 hours per day special education paraprofessional at RLMS [action]:** The Board of Education did not take action on this item as it is a previous agenda item.

- F. BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting Update-Keven Jensen:** The BOE Curriculum Committee met on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. The committee received updates on: the high school building goal and Universal Design for Learning. They also received an update on the Northern Lakes Regional Academy Ecuador Trip and for the purchase of high school math textbooks. Keven Jensen provided an update from the meeting.

- **High School Math Textbooks Purchase [action]:** Doug Kucko and Steve Bowman motion to approve the purchase of the Big Ideas Math AGA ©2015 textbooks as proposed. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

- G. BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Update-Don Cuskey:** The BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. The committee reviewed a pool proposal; discussed the Jefferson Elementary project; and discussed the five-year plan. Don Cuskey provided an update from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

**IX. INFORMATION:**

- A. WASB Delegate Assembly Information:** The committee reviewed the 2017 WASB Delegate Assembly resolutions.

- B. Upcoming Meeting Schedule:** The Board reviewed a schedule of upcoming meetings.

**X. BOARD MEMBER SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Bert Richard attended a DECA competition at UW Stout and commented on a future Marketing course proposal he will be working on to submit to Rice Lake High School.
- Keven Jensen shared information on an upcoming Inspire Basketball Clinic on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Don Cuskey congratulated the boys' basketball team.
- Keven Jensen shared information on an upcoming spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Northern Lakes Regional Academy to be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Reservations are required. The funds will go towards their school gardens.

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

- Randy Drost commended Bobbi Jo Christofferson and Carol Lammers for the nice job painting the board room. He also commended Randy Schullo for his time and work on putting up the letters and logo on the wall in the board room.
- Randy Drost commented to the public on requirements for being a substitute in the district and provided information on how to apply.

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Steve Bowman and Don Cuskey motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk