

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, February 26, 2018
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education of the Rice Lake Area School District met in regular session at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2018 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: Steve Bowman, Don Cuskey, Joshua Estreen, Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Bill Schmitzer
Absent- Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Gary Spear
Others Present- Randy Drost, District Administrator, Sarah Webber, Student Representative
- 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]:** Bill Schmitzer and Abbey Fischer motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, February 12, 2018. All present voting yes. Approved.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Josh Estreen and Abbey Fischer motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Employment Resignations:**
1. Chris Anderson, 50% Tainter Elementary Associate Principal/50% Gifted/Talented Coordinator, for retirement purposes, 4 years of service, effective June 29, 2018
 2. Mark Berger, Girls' Head Tennis Coach
 3. Heidi Sirek Small, Assistant Track Coach at RLHS
- B. Employment Recommendations:**
1. Paula Rogstad, Paraprofessional at RLMS for the remainder of 2017-18
 2. Jill Spagnolo, Assistant Track Coach at RLHS

COMMENDATIONS:

- A. RLASD Student Recognition:** Building principals and staff commended the following students and identified their areas of achievement for the month of February 2018.

Student	School	Grade	Parent(s)
Lucy Eckstein	Hilltop Elem.	1	Ric and Sara Eckstein
Lakeira Gaston	Tainter Elem.	1	Misty Gaston
Abbigayle Schick	Haugen Elem.	1	Michael and Jennifer Schick
Kaelyn Ostenson	RLMS	7	Allison Ostenson, Matthew and Jessica Nelms
Lucas Schmidt	RLHS	11	Jeff and Stephanie Schmidt

B. Mosaic Telecom Donation: The District recently received a monetary donation from Mosaic Telecom for \$1,000. Randy Drost commended them for their generosity and support.

VII. REPORTS:

A. Internship Program at RLHS-Kelly Orr: Business Education Teacher Kelly Orr presented information on the Internship Program at Rice Lake High School.

B. Imagination Library-Susan Strouf, Sarah Webber: Director of Pupil Services Susan Strouf and Student Representative Sarah Webber presented information on Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

(Sarah Webber exited the meeting at 7:50 p.m.)

C. Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Update-Jill Bennett/Natalie Springer: Elementary Principals Jill Bennett and Natalie Springer provided information on Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR).

D. School Breakfast Week (March 5-9, 2018)-Keven Jensen [action]: The board reviewed a School Breakfast Week proclamation. Abbey Fischer and Bill Schmitzer motioned to approve March 5-9, 2018 as School Breakfast Week. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

E. BOE Compensation Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman: The BOE Compensation Committee met on Monday, February 26, 2018. The committee discussed support staff negotiations. Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting.

F. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman:

- **Bilingual Aide Pay Rate [action]:** Bill Schmitzer and Don Cuskey motion to approve a pay increase for a bilingual aide. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

G. BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting Update-Keven Jensen: The BOE Curriculum Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. The committee received information on biotechnology and an update on high school literacy coaching. They also received information on Health 5 and an update on middle school academic career planning. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

- **Approval of Math 355 Materials [action]:** Bill Schmitzer and Josh Estreen motion to approve the purchase of Math 355 materials. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

- **Approval of Health 5 as a Permanent MS Course [action]:** Abbey Fischer and Bill Schmitzer motion to approve Health 5 as a permanent Rice Lake Middle School course. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

H. BOE Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting Update-first reading-Keven Jensen: The BOE Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The board reviewed the following policies as a first reading: Policy #130, School Board Legal Status (revise); Policy #131, Board of Education Elections (review); Policy #383.1, Service Animals in the Schools (new); Policy #537.2, Professional Development Opportunities for Licensed Staff (review); Rule #537.2, Guidelines for Staff Attendance at Professional Development Events (revise); Exhibit (1) #537.2, Rice Lake Area School District Professional Development Request Form (review); Exhibit (2) #537.2, Professional Development Reflection (review); Policy #760, Food Services Management (revise); Rule #760, Accommodations and Modifications in School Food Service Programs (new); Policy #761, Free and Reduced Price Meals (revise); Rule #761, Appeals of Eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Benefits (new); Policy #763, School Meal Account Charges and Collections (new); Rule #763, School Meal Account Charges and Collections (new). Keven Jensen provided an update from the meeting.

Bill Schmitzer requested clarification on Rule #760 and Rule #761.

VIII. INFORMATION:

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed a schedule of upcoming meetings/events.

IX. BOARD MEMBER SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NA

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS: NA

XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

- Randy commented on the importance of community partnerships in terms of the success of the internship class at Rice Lake High School, the Reach Out and Read Program, and the Imagination Library project.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve Bowman and Bill Schmitzer motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk