

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, March 13, 2017
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, March 13, 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, Don Cuskey, Joshua Estreen, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer, Gary Spear
Absent- Steve Bowman
Others Present- Randy Drost, superintendent; Isabelle Thurston, student representative
- (Steve Bowman entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.)
- 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 requested clarification be added to the motion under Reports, item D to read, "Steve Bowman and Doug Kucko motion to approve the removal of the Student Growth columns from the current Teacher Compensation Program **as an initial revision to the model**. All present voting yes. Motion approved."
- Bert Richard and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the regular session and closed session meeting minutes from Monday, February 27, 2017 with the recommended revisions. All present voting yes. Approved.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Gary Spear and Don Cuskey motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Monthly Budget**
- B. Monthly Board Bills**
- C. Employment Resignations:**
1. Jeanne Weiberg, Special Education Teacher/Work Experience Coordinator at the RLHS, for retirement purposes, 24 years of service, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year

2. Ernie Kolumbus, Physical Education Teacher/Driver's Education Teacher at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 26 years of service, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year
3. Randy Schullo, Technology Education Teacher at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 22 years of service, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year
4. Patti Gobel, 4K Teacher at Tainter Elem., for retirement purposes, 26 years of service, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year
5. Thomas Prohovnik, Custodian at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 14 years of service, effective May 1, 2017

D. Employment Recommendations:

1. Connie Demers, Part-time Playground Aide at Tainter Elem.

VII. COMMENDATIONS:

A. 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 March 2017 the board recognized Katy Carlton, Special Education Early Childhood Teacher at Tainter Elementary. Katy was presented with a plaque along with a Chamber certificate.

VIII. REPORTS:

A. 2017-2018 CESA #11 Shared Services Contract-Randy Drost [action]: The board reviewed the 2017-2018 CESA #11 Shared Services Contract recommendations.

Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motion to approve the 2017-2018 CESA #11 Shared Services Contract with the recommended revisions. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

B. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman: The BOE Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 8th. The committee reviewed the 2015-16 audit report; received an update on health insurance and the clinic; reviewed the 2017-2018 budget; discussed the swimming pool; reviewed a radio advertising package; discussed short term borrowing; and reviewed/approved the monthly bills. Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Josh Estreen and Gary Spear motion to approve the 2015-2016 audit report. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

Josh Estreen and Doug Kucko motion to approve the purchase of a radio advertising package at a cost of \$10,488.00. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

C. BOE Negotiations Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman: The BOE Negotiations Committee met on Monday, February 27th. The committee discussed staff negotiations and met in closed session to discuss contracted staff negotiations. Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting.

Gary Spear and Don Cuskey motion to approve the proposed support staff pay increases. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

D. BOE Superintendent Observation Committee Meeting Update-Bill Schmitzer:

The BOE Superintendent Observation Committee met on Monday, March 13, 2017. The committee reviewed and approved a questionnaire for the Superintendent Reflective Narrative. Bill Schmitzer provided an update from the meeting.

E. BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Update-Don Cuskey:

The BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The committee discussed the Jefferson Elementary building; received an update on the swimming pool; and discussed the five-year plan. Don Cuskey provided an update from the meeting.

F. BOE Public Relations Committee Meeting Update-Doug Kucko:

The BOE Public Relations Committee met on Thursday, March 2, 2017. The committee received an update on the district Facebook advertisements; discussed radio advertisement package options and signage around the district. They also reviewed a draft marketing plan and revisions to the district website. Doug Kucko provided an update from the meeting.

IX. INFORMATION:

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

X. BOARD MEMBER SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Bert Richard shared a reminder of Bizology to be held at the Elk's tomorrow, Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

- Randy Drost congratulated the district retirees.
- Randy provided an update on Child Development Day and that attendance was up about 20 percent.

XII. CLOSED SESSION: Bert Richard and Josh Estreen motioned to move into Closed Session. All present voting yes. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 7:38 p.m.

XIII. OPEN SESSION: Josh Estreen and Tami Alberg motioned to reconvene into Open Session. All present voting yes. Approved. The meeting was moved into open session at 9:18 p.m.

XIV. ACTION: No action was taken from closed session.

XV. MEETING ADJOURNED: Doug Kucko and Steve Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk