

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, June 12, 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, June 12, 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: Steve Bowman, Don Cuskey, Joshua Estreen, Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer, Gary Spear  
Absent- NA  
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]:** Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the regular session and closed session meeting minutes from Monday, May 22, 2017. All present voting yes. Approved.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Don Cuskey and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the consent agenda with C2 and D4 held for further discussion with the Board of Education. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Monthly Budget and Cash Reconciliation Report**
- B. Monthly Board Bills**
- C. Employment Resignations:**
1. Alyssa Peterson, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Hilltop Elem., effective August 11, 2017
  2. ~~Brandon Speros, Success Instructor at RLMS, effective June 7, 2018~~
  3. Katie Pierre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Tainter Elem., effective June 8, 2017
  4. Lorne Majewski, Science Teacher at RLHS, effective June 8, 2017
  5. Tony Matusewic, RLHS Concerts/Show Choir Advisor, effective June 8, 2017
- D. Employment Recommendations:**
1. Julie Hafenstein, 40% Speech and Language Pathologist
  2. Jaquelyn Healy, Speech and Language Pathologist
  3. Rhonda Morris, 80% School Psychologist
  4. ~~Brandon Speros, Success Instructor at RLMS~~

5. Tera Destache, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Hilltop Elem.
6. Dahlia Wigchers, Bilingual/ESL Aide
7. Anne O'Brien, 4K Aide at Haugen Elem.
8. Heidi LaRose, part-time Finance Department Office Assistant, beginning June 20, 2017

The hiring approval for Brandon Speros took place after the Board Curriculum Committee Report.

**COMMENDATIONS:**

- A. RLASD Student Recognition-RLMS:** Cindy Villalpando commended Gabriel Traicoff and identified his areas of achievement for the month of May 2017.
- 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 June 2017 the board recognized Dawn Schmitz, Title I/Grade 3 Teacher at Hilltop Elem. Dawn was presented with a plaque along with a Chamber certificate.
- C. Fourth Term Outstanding Student Achievement Awards-Katie Bergeron:** Assistant High School Principal Katie Bergeron commended the students of the fourth term.

SUBJECT	STUDENT	PARENTS
Agriculture/Vet Science	Dylan Doporcyk	Claudine Hover and Craig Doporcyk
Art	Ashley Hovde	Geoff Hovde and Tamara Nelson
	Riley Crotteau	Jason and Mary Kay Crotteau
Business Education	Hannah Farm	Jon and Jane Farm
Family/Consumer Ed	Kodye Hovde	Thad and Billie Hovde
Language Arts	Sinai Mejia	Israel and Angelica Mejia
Mathematics	Autumn Fenske	David and Heather Fenske
	Michelle Dahlberg	Jim and Karen Dahlberg
Health	Trinity Ducommun	Brent Ducommun and Amanda Richer
Music	Megan Nipe	Kim Gruenhagen
Physical Education	Emma Crotteau	Jay and Wendy Crotteau
Science	Olivia Hile	Charles and Heidi Hile
Social Studies	Mason Nolin	Jake and Erin Nolin
Technology Ed	Austin Durand	Jennifer Durand and Jason Durand
World Languages	Madison Johnson	Anthony and Laurie Johnson
	Anakah Denison	Andrew and Wendy Denison
NLRA	Bradley Bekkum II	Bradley and Jill Bekkum
SUCCESS Program	Braden Rike	Kathy Robbins

- D. RLASD Student Recognition-Drawing for Chromebook:** All students recognized through the BOE student recognition program for the 2016-2017 school year were entered into a drawing to win a Chromebook. At Monday's meeting Lauren Vander-Zanden, was drawn as the winner of a Chromebook.

**VII. REPORTS:**

- A. Elementary Achievement Gap Reduction Update-Natalie Springer/Jill Bennett:** Elementary Principals Natalie Springer and Jill Bennett provided an update on the Achievement Gap Reduction strategies; performance objectives; and each school's success in attaining the performance objectives for Haugen Elementary, Hilltop Elementary and Tainter Elementary.

**B. 2017-2018 Rice Lake Area School District Preliminary Budget-Patrick Blackaller [action]:** Administrators reviewed the 2017-2018 preliminary budget. Doug Kucko and Josh Estreen motion to approve the 2017-2018 preliminary budget. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**C. Adoption of 2017-2018 Tax Levy Resolution-Patrick Blackaller [action]:** Keven Jensen stated, **WHEREAS**, after due and careful consideration, it has been found that the amount of \$14,990,248.00 in addition to all other school revenues, will be necessary to maintain the general operation of the Rice Lake Area School District, and \$966,250.00 for the retirement of bonds and long-term loans, and for the development of community service programming \$160,500.00, making a total of \$16,116,998.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the Rice Lake Area School District is able to charge back to the various municipalities \$1,474.00 in uncollected personal property tax due the District from prior years;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the amount of \$16,118,472.00 be spread upon the tax rolls of the City of Rice Lake, Village of Haugen, and the Towns of Barron, Bear Lake, Cedar Lake, Doyle, Oak Grove, Rice Lake, Stanford, Stanley, and Sumner in Barron County; Birchwood, Long Lake, and Sarona in Washburn County; and such area as comprises the Rice Lake Area School District.

Steve Bowman and Don Cuskey motion to approve the adoption of the 2017-2018 tax levy resolution. By roll call vote, all present voting yes. Motion carried.

**D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEFEASANCE OF PORTIONS OF THE RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2013 AND 2014 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS-Patrick Blackaller [action]:** Steve Bowman and Gary Spear motion to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEFEASANCE OF PORTIONS OF THE RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2013 AND 2014 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BORROWING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 PURSUANT TO SECTION 67.12(8), WIS. STATS.-Patrick Blackaller [action]:** Don Cuskey and Bill Schmitzer motion to motion to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BORROWING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 PURSUANT TO SECTION 67.12(8), WIS. STATS. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**F. Athletic Code of Conduct-first reading-Tim Lipke:** The board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Athletic Code of Conduct for 2017-2018.

**G. Barron County Mental Health Consortium-Randy Drost [action]:** Randy Drost reviewed the Barron County Mental Health Consortium and discussed criteria for

admission. Don Cuskey and Bert Richard motion to approve the agreement for participation in the Barron County Mental Health Consortium. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**H. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman:** The BOE Finance Committee met on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. The committee discussed cash flow borrowing; high demand teaching positions; defeasance; and received an update on the clinic. They also reviewed the 2017-2018 district budget; discussed a preliminary tax levy and a mental health consortium. The committee discussed performance contracting; received a health insurance update; discussed an OPEB contribution; discussed athletic training as well as a COPS/SRO grant and a potential 4K position.

- **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant [action]:** This item was tabled until June 26, 2017.
- **Amendment to the 2017-2018 Staffing Report:**
  - **Additional .50 FTE, one-year 4K Teaching Position:** Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motion to approve the amendment to the 2017-2018 staffing report to add an additional .50 FTE, one-year 4K Teaching Position. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**I. BOE Negotiations Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman:** The BOE Negotiations Committee met on Monday, May 22, 2017. The committee discussed staff negotiations and contracted staff negotiations in closed session. Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting.

**J. BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting Update-Keven Jensen:** The BOE Curriculum Committee met on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. The committee received and elementary and middle school collaborative host summary; a middle school Success Course proposal; and discussed marketing education. Keven Jensen provided an update from the meeting.

- **Middle School Success Course Proposal [action]:** Bert Richard and Abbey Fischer motion to approve the Middle School Success Course Proposal. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motion to approve the employment recommendation for Brandon Speros as Success Instructor at RLMS and the resignation of Brandon Speros as Success Instructor at RLMS effective June 7, 2018. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**K. BOE Policy Committee Meeting Update-second reading-Keven Jensen [action]:** The Board of Education reviewed the following policies as a first reading on Monday, May 22, 2017:

- #131 Policy, School Board Elections-*revise*
- #131.1 Policy, Board Member Qualifications-*revise*
- #422 Policy, Entrance Age (Admission to Kindergarten and First Grade)-*review only*
- #422 Rule, Entrance Age Procedures-*revise*
- #422 Exhibit, Kindergarten/First Grade Early Entrance Application-*review only*
- #442.1 Policy, Student Dress-*revise*
- #446.1 Policy, Staff Use of Physical Force/Restraint and Seclusion-*revise*
- #446.1 Rule, Procedures for Using Seclusion and Physical Restraint Interventions-*new*
- #446.1 Exhibit (1), Seclusion/Physical Restraint Report-*new*
- #823 Policy, Access to Public Records-*revise*
- #823 Rule, Access to Public Records Procedures-*revise*

- #823 Exhibit (1), Notice to Public, Access to Public Records-*revise*
- #823 Exhibit (2), Notice to Employee-*revise*
- #823 Exhibit (3), Exiting Employee Records and Property Sign-Off Sheet-*recommend delete*

Randy will add language from the attorney general into Rule #823, Access to Public Records Procedures.

Gary Spear and Don Cuskey motion to approve the policies with the recommended revisions. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**VIII. INFORMATION:**

**A. Handbook Committee Meeting Minutes:** The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 25<sup>th</sup> handbook committee meeting.

**B. Communications Committee Meeting Minutes:** The board reviewed the Communications Committee meeting minutes from May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

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

- Keven Jensen congratulated the girls' softball team on a successful season and congratulated the girls' soccer team on their first time at state. Both teams have represented the district very well.
- Gary Spear commended the boys' golf team on a successful season.
- Keven Jensen requested dates/times for a board in-service in July as well as suggested topics.

**X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:**

- NA

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: NA**

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Bill Schmitzer and Abbey Fischer motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk