

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, August 22, 2016  
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, August 22, 2016 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, Joshua Estreen, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer, Gary Spear  
Absent- Don Cuskey  
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:** Gerry Lisi appeared before the board to comment on the current status of voucher schools in the state of Wisconsin and the current and potential financial impact on public schools.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, August 8, 2016. All present voting yes. Approved.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Josh Estreen and Doug Kucko motion to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Employment Resignations:**
1. Darla Fossum, Noon Aide at Hilltop Elem.
  2. Trish Olson, Noon Aide at Tainter Elem. & RLMS
  3. Casey Mathews, Noon Aide at Haugen Elem.
  4. Susan Strouf, Assistant Gymnastics Coach
  5. Melissa Brownell, Assistant Gymnastics Coach
  6. Shanna Schweitzer, Warriorettes Dance Team Head Coach
- B. Employment Recommendations:**
1. Jill Penzkover, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Tainter Elem.
  2. Renee Larson, .50 FTE 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Hilltop Elem.
  3. Ann Havel, 52.7% FTE School Psychologist at Hilltop Elem.
  4. Debra Heinz, 21.8% FTE School Psychologist at Haugen Elem. & MS
  5. Cassandra Hibbard, Attendance Secretary at RLHS
  6. Scott Falkner, Technology and Communication Specialist
  7. Naomi Candler, Paraprofessional at RLMS

8. Jennifer Davis, Classroom/Office/Playground Aide at Tainter Elem.
9. Max Loew, Softball Varsity Assistant Coach
10. Kristen Lehman, Volleyball Assistant Varsity Coach
11. Jennifer Nelson, Volleyball JV2 Assistant Coach

**VII. COMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Community Member Recognition-New Logo Development:** The Board commended Dave Johnson for his work and dedication on developing the new district logo.
- 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 August 2016 the board recognized Karen Dahlberg, HR/Administrative Assistant. Karen was presented with a plaque along with a Chamber certificate.

**VIII. REPORTS:**

- A. 2016 Summer School Review-Barb Sparish/Jennifer Jensen:** Barb Sparish and Jennifer Jensen provided an update on the 2016 summer school program.
- B. 2015-2016 Pupil Services Update-Susan Strouf:** Susan Strouf provided a pupil services update from the 2015-2016 school year.
- C. BOE Policy Committee Update-second reading-Keven Jensen:** The full board reviewed the following policies as a first reading on Monday, August 8, 2016.

Policy #223, Administrator Development Opportunities; Policy #330, Curriculum Development and Evaluation; Rule #330, Curriculum Development and Evaluation Guidelines; Policy #333, Parent Rights and District Programs/Activities; Policy # 342.5, Gifted and Talented Program; Rule # 342.5, Gifted and Talented Procedures; Policy # 343.2, Youth Options; Policy #344.5, High School Graduation Policy; Rule #344.5, Requirements for Graduation; Policy #345, Examination and Grading; Policy #345.2, Virtual School Grading Systems; Policy #346, Assessment Program; Policy #360.1, Interlibrary Loan (Resource Sharing); Policy # 361, Selection of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials; Rule #361, Procedures for selection of Instructional Materials; Exhibit (1) # 361, Parent letter on the use of controversial materials and available alternate materials in the classroom; Exhibit (2) #361, Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials; Exhibit (3) #361, Checklist for School Media Advisory Committee's Reconsideration of Instructional Material-Nonfiction; Exhibit (4) # 361, Checklist for School Media Advisory Committee's Reconsideration of Instructional Material-Fiction and Other Literary Forms; Exhibit (5) #361, School Response to Complaint; Policy #362, School Counseling Policy; Policy #453, Student Immunization; Policy #462, Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship.

A few revisions were made in Policy #342.5, Gifted and Talented Program; Rule #342.5, Gifted and Talented Procedures; Policy #343.2, Youth Options Program; Policy #344.5, High School Graduation Policy; Rule #344.5, Requirements for Graduation; and Policy #362, School Counseling Policy.

There were two additional recommended revisions: Rule # 361, revise superintendent to read district administrator; and Policy #343.2, reference Technical College District Board (not the Board of Education).

Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motion to approve the policies as they were reviewed and with these minor revisions and revisions as proposed at the August 8, 2016 board meeting. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**IX. INFORMATION:**

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

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

- The board will hold a special board meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. to review and possibly approve the recommendation for books to be ordered.
- Board members were reminded of the upcoming new staff lunch on Thursday, August 25, 2016.
- The board was informed of the upcoming Economics for Opinion Leaders seminar on September 22 and 23, 2016 at Stout's Island Lodge in Birchwood.
- Bert provided an update on the Chamber Banquet to be held on September 29, 2016.

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: NA**

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Bert Richard and Steve Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk