

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, August 28, 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, August 28, 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: Don Cuskey, Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer, Gary Spear
Absent- Steve Bowman, Joshua Estreen
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]:** Bill Schmitzer and Abbey Fischer motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, August 14, 2017. All present voting yes. Approved.
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Employment Resignations:**
1. Susan Johnson, Principal's Secretary at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 36 years of service, effective August 31, 2017
 2. Hazel Matton, Cook at RLMS, for retirement purposes, 15.5 years of service, effective August 7, 2017
 3. Taylor Willert, 6th Grade Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, effective June 8, 2018
 4. Kate Melton, Paraprofessional at RLHS
 5. Luke Chilson, Assistant Hockey Co-Coach at RLHS
 6. John Ellenson, Assistant Track Coach at RLHS
- B. Employment Recommendations:**
1. Stacey Lehman, Kindergarten Teacher at Tainter Elem.
 2. Lori MacDonald, Paraprofessional at Hilltop Elem.
 3. Noah Liddle, Paraprofessional at RLHS
 4. Taylor Willert, Yearbook Co-Advisor at RLMS
 5. Kelsey Kinderman, Yearbook Co-Advisor at RLMS
 6. Martin Sandberg, Assistant Girls' Swim Coach

VII. REPORTS:

- A. 2017 Summer School Review-Barb Sparish/Jennifer Jensen/Jodie Lenhart:** Barb Sparish, Jennifer Jensen and Jodie Lenhart provided an overview of the 2017 Summer School Program.
- B. 2016-2017 Seclusion and Restraint Data-Susan Strouf:** Director of Pupil Services Susan Strouf reviewed: Act 125 Seclusion and Restraint Law Explanation; Seclusion and Restraint data for school years 2015-2016 and 2016-17; and the updated Seclusion/Physical Restraint Report Form to be completed by staff members involved in seclusion and restraint.
- C. Staff Development Plan-first reading-Randy Drost:** The board reviewed the 2017-2018 Staff Development Plan as a first reading. They also reviewed the 2017-18 Curriculum Writing Guide. High School Principal Curt Pacholke clarified points on the use of task forces. Middle School Principal Josh Tomesh shared that the middle school is piggy backing with what the high school is doing and having them align.
- D. NLRA Goals for 2017-2018 and Update on 2016-2017 Goals-Mark Beise/Jeremy Peterson:** Mark Beise and Jeremy “Pete” Peterson reviewed the NLRA goals for 2017-18 and 2016-2017.
- E. Barron County Mental Health Consortium-Randy Drost:** Randy Drost provided an update on the Northwest Journey-Barron County Consortium and reviewed potential contract agreements.
- F. 2017-2018 Elementary Parent/Student Handbook-second reading-Bennett/Springer [action]:** The board reviewed the final 2017-2018 Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motion to approve the 2017-2018 Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- G. 2017-2018 RLHS Student Informational Booklet-second reading-Bergeron [action]:** The board reviewed the final 2017-2018 RLHS Student Informational Booklet. Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motion to approve the 2017-2018 RLHS Student Informational Booklet. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- H. 2017-2018 RLMS Student Handbook-second reading-Tomesh/Vlcek [action]:** The board reviewed the final 2017-2018 RLMS Student Handbook. Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motion to approve the 2017-2018 RLMS Student Handbook. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- I. Employee Handbook-second reading-Patrick Blackaller [action]:** The board reviewed the revised Employee Handbook as a second reading. Bert Richard and Gary Spear motion to approve the revised Employee Handbook. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- J. Amendment to the 2017-18 Staffing Report:**
- **Additional 1.0 FTE, Kindergarten Teaching Position [action]:** Bert Richard and Abbey Fischer motion to approve the amendment to the 2017-2018 Staffing Report to add a 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teaching Position. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- K. BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting Update-Keven Jensen:** The BOE Curriculum Committee met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. The committee discussed the 5th grade science curriculum; and a 5th grade Foss science purchase. They received an elementary PBIS update; a marketing education task force update; and an 8th grade social studies curriculum update. Keven Jensen provided an overview of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

L. BOE Policy Committee Meeting Update-second reading-Keven Jensen [action]: The full board reviewed the following policies as a first reading on Monday, August 14, 2017:

- Policy #411, Equal Educational Opportunities-revise
- Rule (1) #411, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures-review
- Rule (2) #411, Transgender Students-new
- Exhibit (1) #411, Notice of Student Non-Discrimination Policy-review
- Exhibit (2) #411, Student Discrimination Complaint form-review
- Policy #430, Student Attendance-revise

Don Cuskey and Bill Schmitzer motion to approve the additional language added to the non-discrimination statement for Board of Education Policy #411, Equal Educational Opportunities as indicated below. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

It is the policy of the Rice Lake Area School District, pursuant to s. 118.13 of Wisconsin Statutes, and PI9, that no person on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability may be denied admission to any school in this District or be denied participation in, denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational, or other program.

In addition, it is the policy of the Rice Lake Area School District that no person on the basis of gender identity or gender expression, be denied admission to any school in this District or be denied participation in, denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational, or other program.

Abbey Fischer and Bill Schmitzer motion to approval all other policies as presented. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

VIII. INFORMATION:

A. 2017-2018 Student Enrollment Update: The board reviewed the current student enrollment numbers.

B. 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: NA

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED: Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk