

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, October 23, 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, October 23, 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, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer, Gary Spear  
Absent- Doug Kucko  
Others Present- Randy Drost, superintendent; 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. 2017-2018 Tax Levy and 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Tax Comparison:** Patrick Blackaller reviewed the equalized valuation, the district's share and the levy amount by each township and municipality.
- VI. ADOPTION OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET [action]:** Keven Jensen stated the resolution for adoption of budget:

WHEREAS, a proposed budget has been prepared to provide for the operation and maintenance of the schools of the district and to provide for retirement of its indebtedness;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held and public comment received on the proposed budget for the July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, fiscal year as required by Wisconsin Statute 65.90 (4);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a General Fund 10 expenditure budget of \$28,926,406.00, Special Project Fund 20 budget of \$4,393,427.00, Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund 38 budget of \$387,250.00, Referendum Debt Service Fund 39 budget of \$599,600.00, Capital Projects Fund 49 budget of \$1,513,000.00 Food Service Fund 50 budget of \$1,040,390.00, Community Service Fund 80 Budget of \$157,295.00 totaling \$37,017,368.00 in expenditures in all funds be adopted.

Don Cuskey and Steve Bowman motion to approve the adoption of the 2017-2018 school budget. By roll call vote, all present voting yes. Motion approved.

- VII. ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION [action]:** Keven Jensen stated, WHEREAS, after due and careful consideration, it has been found that the amount of \$15,275,407.73 in addition to all other school revenues, will be necessary to maintain the

general operation of the Rice Lake Area School District, and \$1,036,887.27 for the retirement of bonds and long-term loans, and for the development of community service programming \$157,295.00, making a total of \$ \$16,469,590.00 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 \$1,544.00 in uncollected personal property tax due the District from prior years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$16,471,134.00 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.

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

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FOR PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES [action]:** WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes 120.44 and 120.12 (7) require the school board of a unified school district to designate public depositories;

Keven Jensen designates any banking institution or savings and loan association located within the school district, and the local Governmental Pooled Investment Fund as qualified public depositories for the school district under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes and requires that all deposits in banking institutions or savings and loan associations over \$500,000.00 be collateralized.

Don Cuskey and Bill Schmitzer motion to approve the resolution for public depositories. By roll call vote, all present voting yes. Motion carried.

**IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Josh Estreen and Abbey Fischer motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, October 9, 2017. All present voting yes. Approved.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Bert Richard and Abbey Fischer motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**A. Employment Resignations:**

1. Amy Stuttgart, 4K Teacher at Tainter Elem.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Hilltop Elem., effective June 8, 2018

**B. Employment Recommendations:**

1. Kemawin Schultz, Classroom/Playground Aide at Tainter Elem.
2. Leah Seffinga, Playground Aide at Tainter Elem.
3. Sam Henningsen, Boys' Swimming Co-Head Coach at RLHS
4. Noah Liddle, Boys' Swimming Co-Head Coach at RLHS
5. Max Niemcewicz, Boys' Basketball JV2 Coach at RLHS
6. Trevor Kiehl, Boys' Basketball JV 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 October 2017.

Student	School	Grade	Parent(s)
Jack Pisa	Haugen Elem.	4	Chris and Shannon Pisa
Nicol Davis	RLHS	11	Arin Davis and Andrea D' Angelo
Jessica Davis	RLHS	11	Arin Davis and Andrea D' Angelo
Avery Weinstock	Tainter Elem.	4	Josh and Nicole Weinstock
Noah DeYarman	Hilltop Elem.	4	Daniel and Nicole DeYarman

**XI. REPORTS:**

- A. Rice Lake Middle School Student Data Performance Report-Josh Tomesh:** Rice Lake Middle School Principal Josh Tomesh reviewed the school goals for 2017-2018 and student achievement goals.
- B. Rice Lake Joint Pool Committee Update-Keven Jensen:** The Rice Lake Joint Pool Committee met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The committee evaluated the criteria for RFP's and reviewed RFP submissions. Keven Jensen provided an update from the meeting.
- C. BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting Update-Keven Jensen:** The BOE Curriculum Committee met on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The committee received a high school English presentation on IXL by Teacher Sharon Hahn; discussed the French trip; reviewed Math 355; Welding Academy; and Construction Academy. They also received an update on middle school Academic Career Planning and a remediation plan as shared by Principal Josh Tomesh. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017.
- D. BOE Policy Committee Meeting Update-second reading-Keven Jensen [action]:** The full board reviewed the following policies as a first reading on Monday, October 9, 2017: #330 Policy, Curriculum Development and Improvement; #330 Rule, Curriculum Development and Evaluation Guidelines; #341.21 Policy, School Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition; #341.21 Rule (1), School Nutrition Standards; #442.2 Policy, Student Conduct on School Buses; and #442.2 Rule, School Bus Rider Rules and Procedures.

Abbey Fischer and Don Cuskey motion to approve the policies as presented. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

- **Policy Committee/Legislative Update-Expanded Role of Committee-Keven Jensen/Bill Schmitzer:** The Board discussed including discussions on pertinent legislative topics as a part of each policy committee meeting and reporting to the Board of Education.

**XII. INFORMATION:**

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

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

- Keven Jensen congratulated the athletic teams.

**XIV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:**

- Sarah Webber shared information on the tennis teams who went to state.
- Sarah provided an update on the lobbying at the city council meeting for lights at the tennis courts.

**XV. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

- Randy Drost commented on the outstanding MS band concert.
- Randy commented on the tennis teams and on the increased membership.
- Randy shared information on the soccer, volleyball and football games this week.
- Randy shared that the sports team banners are courtesy of the Booster Club.

- XVI. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Bert Richard and Bill Schmitzer motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk