

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, November 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, November 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: 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; Megan Butalla, 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Steve Bowman and Abbey Fischer motioned to approve the special session and regular session meeting minutes from Monday, October 23, 2017. All present voting yes. Approved.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Doug Kucko and Steve Bowman motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Monthly Budget**
- B. Monthly Board Bills**
- C. Employment Resignations:**
1. Meghann Demers, Noon Aide at RLMS
  2. Josh Schmidt, Assistant Wrestling Coach
- D. Employment Recommendations:**
1. Sara Strand, Paraprofessional at Tainter Elem.
  2. Jessica Flasch, Environmental Education Coordinator
  3. Todd Kobielush, Varsity Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach
  4. Victor Drost, Co-Head Wrestling Coach at RLHS
  5. Jamie Stone, Co-Head Wrestling Coach at RLHS
  6. Tracey Van Gilder, Assistant Gymnastics Coach
  7. Chelsea Becker, Assistant Gymnastics Coach
  8. Collin Driggs, JV Girls' Basketball Coach

9. Bob Lehman, JV2 Girls' Basketball Coach

**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 Rice Lake Area School District. For the month of November 2017, the board recognized Rena Einum, Student Services/Financial Secretary at RLHS. Rena was presented with a plaque along with a Chamber certificate.

**VII. REPORTS:**

**A. Golden K Donation of Benches-President Harold Olsen:** Golden Kiwanis President Harold Olsen formally presented the donation of six benches to the Rice Lake Area School District. These benches were placed throughout the Friess Family Community Campus.

**B. Education Foundation Grants Update-Lori Bowman:** Lori Bowman along with grant recipients, provided information on the Education Foundation Grants awarded. The following grants were awarded:

Jeremy "Pete" Peterson, Co-Lead Teacher at NLRA	\$1,895	3D Printer Creation
Gregg Kurzynski, Physical Education Teacher at RLHS/RLMS	\$1,400	National Fishing
Karen Germanson, Media/Kindergarten/Recess Aide at Haugen Elem.	\$375	Breakout EDU
Cory Hahn, Physical Education/Health Teacher at RLMS/Carley Schnacky, Physical Education Teacher at RLMS	\$1,300	Uploadable Pedometers

**C. RLHS Student Performance Data Report-Curt Pacholke:** High School Principal Curt Pacholke reviewed the Rice Lake High School student performance data.

**D. American Education Week Nov. 13-17, 2017-Keven Jensen [action]:** Board President Keven Jensen shared the proclamation for American Education Week (November 13-17, 2017).

Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear motion to approve November 13-17, 2017 as American Education Week in the Rice Lake Area School District. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**E. Rice Lake Joint Pool Committee Update-Keven Jensen:** The Rice Lake Joint Pool Committee met on Thursday, November 9, 2017. The committee reviewed the architectural RFP evaluation. Keven Jensen provided an update from the meeting. December 13, 2017 will be interviews for architectural firms.

**F. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman:** The BOE Finance Committee met on Friday, November 10, 2017. The committee received recommendations for coaching positions; discussed OPEB; received an update on the Mental Health Consortium; and reviewed/approved the monthly bills. Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2017.

**G. BOE Negotiations Committee Meeting-Steve Bowman:** The BOE Negotiations Committee met on Monday, October 23, 2017 and Monday, November 13, 2017.

The committee discussed teacher negotiations and reviewed the employee handbook. Steve Bowman provided an update from the meeting.

**VIII. INFORMATION:**

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

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

- Keven Jensen commended the football team for advancing to state.
- Bert Richard shared that the student representative in attendance tonight is also a Rice Lake Chamber Young Ambassador.

**X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS: NA**

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

- Randy commended the girls swim team members and the cross-country team members who competed at their respective state tournaments.
- Randy shared that the Madrigal Dinner was a success.
- Randy reminded everyone of the upcoming Radio/Television promotions scheduled for American Education Week.
- Randy shared that Rice Lake High School will be a part of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association (WIFA).
- Randy shared that the National Honor Society induction is tomorrow.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION:** Gary Spear and Don Cuskey motioned to move into Closed Session. All present voting yes. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 8:19 p.m.

**XIII. OPEN SESSION:** Bert Richard and Abbey Fischer motioned to reconvene into Open Session. All present voting yes. Approved. The meeting was moved into open session at 9:03 p.m.

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

**XV. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Don Cuskey, Clerk