

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Thursday, October 5, 2016
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** **Present:** Steve Bowman, Bill Schmitzer, Doug Kucko and Gary Spear
 Others Present: Patrick Blackaller, Randy Drost, Tim Lipke
 Absent: None
3. **Statement of Notice:** Patrick Blackaller announced that notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI Statutes.
4. **September 8, 2016 Minutes:** Gary Spear and Dough Kucko motioned to approve the September 8, 2016 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Aide Time at Tainter:** Jill Bennett provided an update regarding the frequency of behavioral issues at Tainter and the need for additional aid time to address mid-day coverage. The committee supported the hiring of a 2.5-hour aid to assist in the behavioral issues at the building.
6. **Warrbirds:** Mr. Drost and Mr. Blackaller discussed concerns we have had with how the Warrbirds club is functioning. We are concerned that the club does not have a current on-staff advisor according to district policy. It also is conducting fundraising activities that are much more significant than expected and which are functioning outside of the normal school district control process.
7. **Middle School Music Staffing:** Mr. Drost discussed the request to add additional band lesson time at the middle school. The committee discussed the pros and cons of adding additional band lesson time. The committee recommends further investigation.
8. **Forest Planning Committee Presentation:** Dan Graff presented to the committee regarding the school forest. Dan wrote a grant that provided for planning to improve the school forest program. The district provided time for staff to meet and the grant provided \$5,000 for the planning. The grant resulted in a full report that provided for recommendations to improve the property. In the end Mr. Graff requested that the district provide for a position to assist in the promotion and development of the program as well as the development of curriculum for all levels. The committee requested that we create a job description that can be brought back to Finance to discuss the potential development of a position.

9. **Special Education Student Support:** Mr. Strouf had requested to provide a 1 hour a day staff person to address a high needs aggressive child to manage behaviors. The committee is approving the request for additional time.
10. **Clinic:** There is a potential partnership opportunity between Rice Lake Weighing and the district for clinic operations. Options are either to have a cooperative clinic model, an independent model with reciprocity between the two independent clinics, or the dissolution of our clinic with the district purchasing of clinic time from Rice Lake Weighing. If we elect not to form a partnership with Rice Lake Weighing, we obviously could continue our clinic as it currently functions. More information to come in the future.

The committee then discussed the potential of adding a one day a month female doctor to provide greater access for female staff. The estimated annual cost would be about \$6,500. The committee agreed to provide this additional staffing
11. **2016-17 Budget:** Mr. Blackaller discussed that the district's budget would be revised to reflect the changes in staffing that have occurred over the summer, but since no settlement has been reached with bargaining units the district will not adjust the projected wage increases for staff.
12. **Projected Tax Levy:** The committee reviewed the tax levy information. Mr. Blackaller expects that there will be no increase in the district's mil rate for the 2016-2017 school year as it compares to 2015-2016.
13. **Annual Meeting Document:** The committee reviewed the format for the annual meeting documents.
14. **Budget/Tax/Public Depository Resolution:** The committee reviewed the resolutions.
15. **Review and Approval of Bills:** The committee reviewed the bills. Doug Kucko and Bill Schmitzer motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
16. **Other:** The committee discussed the current compensation model and some concerns expressed by staff regarding its function and implementation.
17. **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
18. **Adjourn:** Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.