

**Rice Lake Area School District  
BOE Finance Committee  
Thursday, November 10, 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, Sue Strouf  
                          **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. **October 5, 2016 Minutes:** Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the October 5, 2016 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Bill Release** The committee discussed the timing of releasing payments for invoices. The committee recommended that we revise the policy to allow for some administrative discretion in releasing of payments and to create a rule to accommodate these issues.
6. **Audit:** The committee discussed the current IRS audit. The district will no longer be able to pay for the STEP program as it has in the past and will no longer be able to include retiree's in the wellness payout as currently outlined. The district will look at providing payments for this year's wellness program in 2016.
7. **OPEB 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report:** The committee discussed the current returns and overall investment program. The committee is satisfied with the investment model.
8. **Fuel Bid:** The committee reviewed bids and has requested that Mr. Blackaller get further clarification from a few of the fuel vendors. Mr. Blackaller will be providing an update at the December Finance committee meeting.
9. **Special Education Support:** Tainter is needing additional Special Education support to meet minute needs through the end of the year. The committee is recommending this added staffing.
10. **Speech & Language:** Sue Strouf discussed the caseloads for speech and language and the potential need for additional staffing. We plan on trying to find temporary additional speech and language support for this year and will likely need to add permanent additional support for next year.
11. **Review and Approval of Bills:** The committee reviewed the bills. Gary Spear

and Doug Kucko motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**12. Other:** Band support:

- i. Adam Bever and Kim Graff discussed the need for additional lesson times for students. They discussed why they believe providing lessons at this level is important for development of foundational skills for students. The committee will be recommending the addition of a band instructor one day a week for lesson assistance for a one-year trial.

**13. Next Meeting Date:** December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

**14. Adjourn:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.