

**Rice Lake Area School District  
BOE Finance Committee  
Thursday, December 8, 2016  
8:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:**     **Present:** Steve Bowman, Bill Schmitzer, Doug Kucko and Gary Spear  
                          **Others Present:** Patrick Blackaller, Randy Drost, Sue Strouf, Tim Lipke, JoAnn Nanstad, Dan Graff  
                          **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. **November 10, 2016 Minutes:** Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motioned to approve the November 10, 2016 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Swimming Pool:** The Committee discussed the options for addressing the pool budget and facilities issues. Ultimately, it is believed that the relationship with the city should be maintained for financial reasons. With the city maintaining ownership, the district maintains much more financial flexibility and will help to ensure the long term viability of the facility. The possibility to create partnerships with the Theater group and the Boys and Girls club for facilities, use and support were also discussed. The committee expressed an openness to working with the city regarding pool.
6. **Jefferson:** The committee discussed options for the Jefferson location and the relative costs. Overall, the committee believes that renovating the building into an administrative and BOE meeting room would be too costly. The potential of repurposing the facility for other educational purposes such as NLRA, Success, Connections, and/or other programs might be more cost effective.
7. **Fuel Bid:** The committee discussed the bids and is recommending Larson Oil as the district's fuel provider through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
8. **SPED Para for High Needs Transfer-in Student:** The committee discussed the need for a para for a specific high needs student. The position would be needed for 2 days a week 4 hours a day for a total of 8 hours. The committee is recommending approval. The district will be able to claim transfer of service for this student.
9. **Official's Pay:** Tim Lipke and JoAnn Nanstad discussed the official's pay issues they are facing. The committee discussed the inconsistency in pay for various referees. JoAnn indicated that the pay variances are based upon WIAA pay models, referee

availability, and the competition for getting referees. We have set rates that we pay, however there is a belief that we need to adjust pay to be more competitive. The committee recommended Tim and JoAnn create a recommendation for official's pay. The recommendation will be provided to the committee in the near future.

**10. School Forest:** Dan Graff discussed the goals for and function of our school forest. Dan reviewed with the committee a job description for a new position of school forest coordinator. Ultimately, he requested that the district create a coordinator position to better manage and utilize our school forest, making it an educational asset for our school district. The committee is recommending that we commit \$15,000 for the 2017-2018 school year. It is expected that we provide a budget, and an update in the fall and spring regarding progress and overall funding adequacy.

**11. Review and Approval of Bills:** The committee reviewed the bills. Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**12. Other:** Tennis Court Lighting: Doug discussed the district putting up the tennis court lights if the city forgave the pool debt. He is requesting that we discuss this on our next Finance agenda and possibly talk to city representatives about this option prior to our next meeting.

Hockey Coop: The committee briefly discussed area school districts interest in a Hockey coop.

**13. Next Meeting Date:** Friday, Jan 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

**14. Adjourn:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.