Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Thursday, February 8, 2018
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, and Doug Kucko
   Others Present: Patrick Blackaller, Randy Drost, Susan Strouf, Jill Bennett, Natalie Springer, and Brock Geyen
   Absent: Gary Spear

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. **January 5, 2018 Minutes**: Doug Kucko and Bill Schmitzer motioned to approve the January 5, 2018 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes with a few edits that were requested. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

5. **Audit Review:** Brock Geyen, CliftonLarsonAllen auditor, provided a summary of the district's audit. We continue to have findings regarding receipting of funds at the elementary level for activity funds. Mr. Blackaller again discussed the receipting process with all elementary staff. In general, the district's audit indicates that we are in a very sound financial position and have appropriate controls in place for an organization of this size.

6. **Elementary Teacher Pay if Sub Unavailable:** The committee is recommending providing the prorated teacher sub pay (currently $100.00 per day) to existing staff that have to cover classes due to a lack of sub coverage. Distribution methodology will be dependent upon distribution of kids between classrooms.

7. **Bilingual Aide Pay Rate**: The committee is recommending this pay rate be set at an amount equal to the special education aide pay rate.

8. **Consideration of Montessori 4-6 Grade Band**: The committee reviewed the concepts related to expanding the Montessori program. The committee is asking the administrative team to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the K-12 project-based learning program to determine the needs for this type of programing.

9. **School Resource Officer:** Mr. Drost presented additional details related to the SRO position to include cost and program implementation. The committee recommended changing the intergovernmental agreement to a 4-year agreement rather than a 5-year agreement. The committee wanted to be able to review the progress sooner than 5 years from now.

10. **Increase Hilltop & Tainter Paraprofessional Hours:** The committee reviewed a proposal from Ms. Strouf related to additional staffing needs for special education services. They are recommending approval of this additional time.

11. **Pool Intergovernmental Agreement:** The committee briefly discussed the continued development of an intergovernmental agreement between the city and school district. It is hoped that an agreement would be ready for review and possible approval for our first meeting in March.

12. **OPEB:** The committee reviewed the ValMark report and agreed that the fund continues to perform as intended. Current gains have been over 12.53% for 2017, which is very positive for the investment approach used.

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

14. **Other:** None

15. **Next Meeting Date:** March 8, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

16. **Adjourn**: Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.