

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Thursday, April 6, 2017
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, Barb Sparish
 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. **March 8, 2017 Minutes:** Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear motioned to approve the March 8, 2017 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **ESL Program:** The committee discussed the ESL program and the need to both place the program at one elementary location, as well as the need for additional aide support. The committee is recommending an additional full time aide for the ESL program.
6. **Bus Contract:** The bus company proposed a 2.5% increase for the 2017-2018 school year. The Committee is recommending approval of the requested increase.
7. **Health Insurance Update:** WPS notified the district that it would require a renewal rate of 28% for the 2017-2018 school year. The district Health Insurance Committee has been working diligently with our insurance consultant to evaluate alternatives. Hays Companies will be getting bids from interested insurance companies. We will also seriously consider self-funding the district's health plan.
8. **Budget Update:** Mr. Drost reviewed the current budget projection with the committee and discussed the likelihood that the governor's proposed per-pupil increase of \$200 a child will not be approved by the legislation. Current information shows the per- pupil increase will be between \$100 and \$150.
9. **Performance Contracting:** The committee discussed the fact that the governor is proposing to eliminate performance contracting from Wisconsin state statutes. Since the district has one major mechanical project that remains, it is advisable to consider getting a project approved and bonded prior to July 1 2017. The committee discussed two companies and their associated fees. The committee was supportive of considering the work and will wait for further direction from the Buildings and Grounds committee.

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

11. Other: None

12. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 4th at 8:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn: Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.