

**Rice Lake Area School District  
BOE Finance Committee  
Thursday, April 7, 2016  
8:15 AM**

**MINUTES**

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:**     Present:, Steve Bowman, Bill Schmitzer, Doug Kucko and Gary Spear  
                          Others Present: Patrick Blackaller and Larry Brown  
                          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 9, 2016 Minutes:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to approve the March 9, 2016 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Health Insurance:** The committee was provided the renewal information from Sara Hames from Hays Companies. WPS has indicated that our renewal would have been a 36% increase, however because we have a second year rate lock of 9.9% our renewal will be at the 9.9% increase in rate. The committee then discussed options to reduce the financial impact this increase will have on the district. The committee is recommending two options for consideration by the handbook committee. The two options are as follows:
  1. Increase the deductible to a 2000/4000 deductible, add a \$40 office visit co-pay, and increase pharmaceutical co-pays to \$10-\$40-\$80.

OR

  2. Share the increase in rates with the district covering 4% of the increase and employees paying 5.9% of the increase.
6. **Clinic Update:** The committee discussed the current clinic status and the potential to have a new physician coming on line soon. We hope to be meeting with our new physician sometime in the next few weeks.
7. **Closed Session:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to move into Closed Session. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
8. **Open Session:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to reconvene into Open Session. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

9. **Action from Closed Session:** The committee is recommending approval of the request from Rice Lake Bus Service for a rate increase of 1.9% for 2016-2017.
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:** Larry discussed the potential of applying for the Cops Grants again. The committee expressed interest. Larry indicated he would be meeting with Chief Roux and will update the committee as things develop.
12. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
13. **Adjourn:** Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.