

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 4, 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 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. **April 7, 2016 Minutes**: Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the April 7, 2016 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Debt Defeasance**: The committee discussed the timing of the debt defeasance and plan to approve the resolution at the June 13, 2016 BOE meeting.
6. **Short-Term Borrowing**: The committee was made aware that we will need to increase our short-term borrowing for the 2016-17 school year. We expect to schedule the short-term borrow in July.
7. **OPEB Trustees**: The committee appointed trustees for the 2016-2017 board cycle to include Doug Kucko, Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer.
8. **OPEB Report**: The committee discussed the trust returns as well as the intention to transfer funds from the trust to pay retire costs for the 2015-2016 school year.
9. **2016-2017 Budget**: The committee reviewed the preliminary budget numbers. The committee will be reviewing the budget again at their June meeting prior to the BOE preliminary budget approval, scheduled on June 13, 2016.
10. **Clinic Update**: The committee agreed that we should hire a doctor from a staffing company for the clinic and to pay the cost to have representatives from CareHere come to the district to provide nursing support. This will be implemented as soon as possible. We continue to have difficulties recruiting staff for the clinic. We will continue our recruiting efforts into the future.
11. **Health Insurance Update**: The committee discussed the staff request to change option 1 of the 2016-17 insurance proposal to reduce the cost impact on staff. The committee

agreed to remove the drug card increase to the plan.

12. **Police Liaison**: The committee discussed the possibility of applying for a grant for a police liaison for the district. The committee discussed the cost and the value of the grant. The grant requires a 4 year commitment and provides \$125,000 over three years. The annual cost of the position after the grant is estimated at \$87,000 of which the district would pay 75% of the cost. The city agrees to cover the cost of equipment which includes a car. The shared cost would reflect only the officer's wages and benefits. The committee is recommending approval. A costing will be provided.
13. **Staffing Request – Middle School Special Education Teacher**: Susan Strouf is requesting an increase in special education staff at the middle school. She is requesting the addition of one special education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. The committee recommended approval.
14. **Collaborative Classroom**: Barb Sparish discussed the need for 8 teachers to be paid a stipend of \$500 to improve core instruction working with staff. The committee recommended approval.
15. **Closed Session**: Doug Kucko and Steve Bowman motioned to move into Closed Session. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
16. **Open Session**: Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to reconvene into Open Session. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
17. **Action from Closed Session**: None.
18. **Review and Approval of Bills**: The committee reviewed the bills. Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
19. **Other**: None.
20. **Next Meeting Date**: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
21. **Adjourn**: Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.