

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Monday, July 11, 2016
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** **Present:** Steve Bowman, Bill Schmitzer, Doug Kucko and Gary Spear
 Others Present: Patrick Blackaller, Randy Drost, Josh Tomesh, Tim Lipke, Marty Helgeson, Callie Hackel and 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. **June 8, 2016 Minutes:** Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear motioned to approve the June 8, 2016 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Food Service Update:** Mr. Blackaller reviewed the budget and the net loss of about \$36,000.00. Callie Hackel discussed participation and the apparent stabilization of the student meal counts. Callie then shared meal prices from around the area which shows that our prices are at the top of the range. The committee is recommending not raising meal rates outside of the cost of milk to going from \$0.35 to \$0.40. Callie now plans to expand the menu to get more interest in the program and to provide options.
6. **High School Math:** Tim Lipke discussed hiring an additional half time math teacher at the high school to provide remediation. This position would be combined with the half time NLRA Math positions. The committee is supportive of the recommendation.
7. **Additional Title I Staffing:** The Title 1 grant allocation has increased and therefore we have funds available to add a half time Title 1 teacher at Hilltop from grant funds. Barb indicated that she will need to transfer staff between Tainter and Hilltop to make this additional half time position possible.
8. **Public Relations – Technology and Communications Specialist:** The committee discussed the combined position of tech support and Communications Specialist. The group indicated they would eliminate Andrea Dibble’s web support and reduce Radio advertising to assist provide budget room for the position. The committee discussed a maximum wage commitment of \$45,000.00 per year.
9. **Middle School Technology Device Discussion:** The group discussed the middle school technology device proposal. Marty Helgeson talked about the one to one philosophy and the pros and cons of one to one programs. Teachers are seeking more flexible access to

technology. The district is still exploring this option and its usefulness/functionality.

10. **Hiring Update:** Mr. Drost discussed the current positions that are open within the district and updated the committee on overall progress.
11. **Band Fees:** The group discussed the fees for use of district owned instruments at the middle school. Forty kids paid the fees at the middle school last year for these instruments. The high school does not charge fees for the use of band instruments. The committee believes a fee for the 6 through 12 grade student's instrument usage should be at per semester \$50.00 per year.
12. **Short-Term Borrowing:** The committee discussed the borrowing of funds. Mr. Blackaller reviewed the options for debt issuance and the fact that borrowing from Dairy State Bank would be less expensive than selling tax exempt debt.
13. **Review and Approval of Bills:** The committee reviewed the bills. Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
14. **Other:** None
15. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, August 8th, 2016 at 5:30 PM
16. **Adjourn:** Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:55a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.