

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Friday, August 11, 2017
1:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** **Present:** Steve Bowman, Bill Schmitzer, Doug Kucko and Gary Spear
 Others Present: Patrick Blackaller, Randy Drost, Tim Lipke
 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. **July 5, 2017 Minutes:** Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear motioned to approve the July 5, 2017 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Athletic Development Coordinator Position:** Mr. Lipke discussed the need for this position. It had existed in the past, but it was eliminated due to not being able to find the right person for the position. Before a formal move is made in this direction, the group would like to see a job description and documentation showing cost reductions that would offset the increase in cost of this position.
6. **Official's Pay- Proposal to Increase Pay:** Mr. Lipke discussed an official's pay proposal for non-varsity officials. He presented a document that showed varsity rates, rates for other non-varsity games, and then a recommended flat rate of pay for the 2017-2018 school year for non-varsity events. The committee is supportive of the proposed official's pay rates with an effort to look at going to direct deposit for officials.
7. **Athletic Training Services Contracts:** Mr. Drost discussed the current circumstance regarding our agreement with Marshfield Clinic and the potential need to compensate Rice Lake Physical Therapy for the services they provide. Marshfield Clinic's commitment for donating has continued. The committee is recommending paying Rice Lake Physical Therapy an amount equal to what we are paying Marshfield Clinic for the 2017-2018 school year. We will revisit the Physical Therapy contract in the future.
8. **Internal Hourly Sub Pay:** Mr. Drost is recommending that we increase the sub pay rate from \$15/hour to \$25/hour. The committee is recommending approval.
9. **Music Instrument Fundraiser:** The Music Booster Club is interested in doing a fundraiser and requests that the District provide matching funds. They will be approaching the district in the future. The committee wants to know what the budget

breakdown is for High School and Middle School Band. Mr. Drost also indicated that we will further explore the history on fees for band.

- 10. Transportation Fuel:** Mr. Blackaller discussed the possibility of pre-buying number 2 diesel since that is the fuel that goes up the most. Larson Oil was sold to Bulldozing recently so the potential to pre-buy has not been determined with the new owner.
- 11. Budget Update:** The district's 2016-2017 audit is complete and we were under budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The audit appears to have gone well. Larson Allen, our auditing firm, will be reporting to the Finance Committee later this year.
- 12. Bond Rating:** The District's bond rating went down by one point due to the district's decision to prepay debt during the 2015-2016 school year. It is expected that the district's bond rating will return to the previous rating for the 2018-2019 school year once our budget and OPEB data is available for 2017-2018.
- 13. OPEB:** Mr. Blackaller reviewed overall returns for the last quarter and for the last year. It appears that the investments still continue to function as intended. The district invests funds to provide for a reasonable return while also limiting overall risk.
- 14. Review and Approval of Bills:** The committee reviewed the bills. Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- 15. Other:** Mr. Lipke discussed the need to officially add the Assistant Coaching position for girls swimming. The numbers for this program have been over 17, the threshold number for the past three years. We have had an emergency coaching position for the last two years. The committee is recommending the addition of the position at 30 points.
- 16. Next Meeting Date:** September 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. (Alternate would be September 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.)
- 17. Adjourn:** Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.