

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Monday, August 13, 2018
11:30 AM**

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** **Present:** Steve Bowman, Doug Kucko, Bill Schmitzer and Gary Spear
 Others Present: Patrick Blackaller, Randy Drost, Natalie Springer, Susan Strouf, Jill Bennett, 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. **July 9, 2018 Minutes:** Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motioned to approve the July 9, 2018 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Title I Reading Intervention Needs:** Barb Sparish presented on the desire to keep Title I services at Haugen. Title I funding is not available for Haugen because they do not qualify based upon free and reduced lunch rates. Ms. Sparish asked the board to consider continuing to provide services at Haugen at an approximate cost of \$23,000.00. Barb also requested two part-time aides to assist at Tainter and Hilltop.
6. **2018-19 Advertising Proposal:** TJ Koser proposed some radio broadcasting services. The cost is \$10,000. This will be the same amount as last year. The committee is recommending continuation of the services.
7. **BOE Budget:** The committee reviewed the BOE budget in detail to make sure they are aware of the overall costs allocated to the budget.
8. **OPEB** The committee reviewed the OPEB report and the group agreed that the fund is performing as intended. The committee would like a review of investment options from ValMark. Mr. Blackaller will contact Michael to set up a time to discuss investment options.
9. **HS Cardio Equipment:** Mr. Drost discussed the request from Greg Kurzynski and the high school to update the cardio equipment. The committee is recommending we look at the capital replacement budget for these items.
10. **Pool Update:** The committee discussed that the fundraising process is underway and we believe that there will be a number of positive announcements coming before the end of the month.

- 11. Clinic/Health Plan:** The committee discussed clinic staffing and the fact that our current nurse has taken a job elsewhere. We are already actively working to find a replacement. The committee also discussed contracting related to our health plan. Mr. Blackaller explained that we would not be going forward with the Alliance this year due to the impact their contracts have on our costs. We will continue to seek out a contracting group that can adapt to our unique plan. In the meantime, Mr. Blackaller and our consultant, Sara, will continue to work on contracting with additional groups.
- 12. Other: Part-Time Speech and Language Position:** Sue Strouf discussed the speech and language needs and the fact that we cannot get coverage. A 60% employee has decided to leave the district and we have been unable to find a replacement. We have looked at contracting with CESA 10, staffing agencies, and communicating with retired staff to see if there is anyone available to fill a 40% position.
- 13. Review and Approval of Bills:** The committee reviewed the bills. Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- 14. Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
- 15. Adjourn:** Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.