

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
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, 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. **August 11, 2017 Minutes:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to approve the August 11, 2017 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes with a few edits that were requested. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Band/Student User Fees:** The music boosters are requesting that the district have fees at the high school to cover cleaning and maintenance of the instruments. There are about 130 district owned instruments between the Middle School and High School. The committee is recommending that the fee per semester for instruments should be \$50 unless the student participates in the free and reduced lunch program. If the student participates in the free and reduced lunch program, they would pay \$25 per semester. Families that participate in the free lunch program will not be charged. If a student were asked to switch an instrument during the year, the student would be required to pay \$25. The fees would be in place to cover the cleaning and maintenance of the instruments. The district budget would cover anything not covered by the user fees.
6. **Music Instrument Fundraiser:** The Booster Club is planning to purchase 60 new instruments through a fundraising campaign.
7. **Additional Volleyball Coach Position:** Mr. Lipke discussed the need for an additional volleyball position. He then discussed how positions should be added to sports going into the future. It was explained that new positions would be added through the Finance Committee process. The committee is recommending the emergency volleyball coach position for \$1,000 for the 2017-2018 school year. If numbers continue to remain at current levels this emergency position would be converted to a regular position after two years.
8. **Barron County Mental Health Consortium:** Mr. Drost discussed the consortium and the relative costs for the program. The committee discussed the relative cost for each of the districts. It was mentioned that two out of the four schools in the consortium have

approved the consortium. At this point, our district and Chetek are still evaluating the financial arrangement to determine if the costs are appropriate.

9. **Kindergarten Aide Time:** The district needed to add additional aid time as a result of adding another Kindergarten section. The committee is recommending approval of this position.
10. **Clinic Update:** The committee discussed the medical provider situation and approved the hire of a doctor who will work between 16 and 20 hours per week to fill the vacancy created by the departure of our Physician's Assistant. We expect that the doctor's hours will be between 6:40 am and 10:40 am Monday through Wednesday, and also on Friday. This assumes that the final interview process goes well and the provider is hired.

Additionally the committee is recommending the district pay up to a two-day per diem for people traveling beyond 150 miles to receive care under our direct contracts. We would be paying \$150/day for a maximum of two days (total of \$300).

11. **Review and Approval of Bills:** The committee reviewed the bills. Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
12. **Other:** Mr. Kucko mentioned that we should begin the discussion on how we address the replacement of the turf on the Community Campus field. Early estimates are that the field will need to be replaced in two or three years. The estimated cost of this replacement is between \$400,000 and \$500,000.
13. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, October 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
14. **Adjourn:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.