

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
30 PHIPPS AVENUE
RICE LAKE, WI 54868**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, February 12, 2024
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education of the Rice Lake Area School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024 in the Board Room of the Rice Lake Area School District Administration Building, 30 Phipps Avenue, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Keven Jensen, President presiding.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present - Board Members: Don Cuskey, Phil Henkel, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Nellie Scheurer, Miriam Vavra
Absent- Steve Bowman, Dianne Koser
Others Present- Randy Drost, District Administrator
Student Representatives: Maddie Nuebel, Ellie Pacholke
- III. NOTICE OF POSTING:** President, Keven Jensen announced the Board hereby finds communication and public notice of the open meeting, as required by section 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, had been properly given by the presiding officer's designee, Randy Drost. Such a notice and agenda to the official newspaper, the Rice Lake Chronotype, to the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, and to radio stations WJMC and WAQE, indicating the date, time, and place of the meeting and such notice was given more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. APPEARANCES:** No appearances were made.
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Phil Henkel and Bert Richard motioned to approve the regular session and closed session meeting minutes from Monday, January 8, 2024 and special session meeting minutes from Monday, January 15, 2024 and Monday, January 22, 2024. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Doug Kucko and Nellie Scheurer motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- A. Monthly Budget Report**
- B. Monthly Board Bills**
- C. Employment Resignations:**
1. Billie Hovde, K-8 Math Interventionist at Haugen Elem.; Hilltop Elem.; Tainter Elem. & RLMS, for retirement purposes, 31 years of service, effective the end of the 23-24 contract year
 2. Lori Neuman, School Counselor at Haugen Elem. and Hilltop Elem., for retirement purposes, 30 years of service, effective the end of the 23-24 contract year
 3. Ann McMenamin, Sixth Grade Teacher at RLMS, for retirement purposes, 30 years of service, effective the end of the 23-24 contract year
 4. Cheryl Whittington, Third Grade Teacher at Hilltop Elem., for retirement purposes, 5 years of service, effective the end of the 23-24 contract year

5. Robin Myers, Custodian at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 16 years of service, effective July 1, 2024
6. Karen Dahlberg, Human Resources Assistant/Benefits Coordinator, for retirement purposes, 20 years of service, effective August 1, 2024
7. Barry Brunette, Custodian at RLMS, effective January 19, 2024
8. Nancy Plourde, Cook-Kitchen Assistant 2 at Tainter Elem., effective December 22, 2023
9. Jessica Colbert, Classroom/Noon Aide at Hilltop Elem., effective February 9, 2024\
10. Jeff MacDonald, Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach at RLHS
11. Joe Lammers, Head Wrestling Coach at RLHS

D. Employment Recommendations:

1. Mikayla Gillett, English Intern at RLHS for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year
2. Linda Stodola, Kitchen Assistant 2 at Tainter Elem.
3. Tabitha Dennis, 50% JV Softball Coach at RLHS
4. Bradley Buchmann, Archery Team Assistant Coach at RLMS
5. Rose Foss, Lifeguard at the Rice Lake Swimming Pool
6. Clay Cowley, Lifeguard at the Rice Lake Swimming Pool
7. Finn Cowley, Lifeguard at the Rice Lake Swimming Pool

Board President Keven Jensen thanked the retirees for their year of service to the Rice Lake Area School District.

VIII. COMMENDATIONS:

- A. Second Term Outstanding Student Achievement Awards-Mark Beise:** Rice Lake High School Assistant Principal Mark Beise commended the RLHS students of the second term.

SUBJECT	STUDENT	PARENTS
Art	Emma Berg	Jennifer and Sean Berg
	Evey Nicpon	James and Kimberly Randall, Sadie and Stephen Anderson
Health	Abbi Frischmann	Jeff and Mandi Frischmann
	Samuel Wallace	Kurt and Stacy Wallace
Business Education	Hanna Johnson	Greta Lotton and Andrew Johnson
	Madison Gilbert	Shawn and Kimberly Gilbert, Rachel Gilbert
Family/Consumer	Kate Pannier	Eric and Alicia Pannier
	Parker Campbell	Paul and Jaimee Campbell
Language Arts	Emily Kalina	Ryan and Janelle Kalina
Mathematics	Stephanie Kucko	Steve and Charla Kucko
	Daniel Broker	Michael and Cindy Broker
Music	AddahLenn Rahm-Jost	Donnette and Marvin Rahm-Jost
	Hunter Vlcek	Nathan and Amy Vlcek
Physical Education	Ryan Putnam	David and Michelle Putnam
Science	Ben Drost	Randy and Aleesha Drost
Social Studies	Ella Smith	Todd and Elizabeth Smith
World Languages	Jehiel De Los Santos	Jesus and Imelda De Los Santos
Agriculture	Rylie Bennett	Nicole and Nicholas Murawski, William Bennett and Jenna Dostal
Technology Education	Gavin Richter	David and Kelli Richter
WOW	Wyatt Thomas	Holly Thomas and Jaime Lisle

IX. REPORTS:

- A. Rice Lake Middle School Attendance, Behaviors and Redefining Ready Update-Josh Tomesh/Laurie Leaf:** Rice Lake Middle School staff provided an update on school attendance, behaviors and Redefining Ready.
- B. Pupil Services Update-Laurie Johnson:** Director of Special Education and Pupil Services Laurie Johnson provided an update on pupil services throughout the Rice Lake Area School District.
- C. Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week (Feb. 19-23, 2024)-Keven Jensen [action]:** The Board reviewed the 2024 Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week proclamation. Bert Richard and Phil Henkel motioned to approve February 19-23, 2024 as Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- D. District Safety Committee Meeting Update-Doug Kucko:** The District Safety Committee met on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The committee discussed recent swatting calls in Minnesota and received an update on reunification plans for each building in the district. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Doug Kucko provided an update from the meeting.
- E. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Doug Kucko:** The BOE Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 8, 2024. The committee discussed clinic operations and options, reviewed audited financial statements and health insurance plans, reviewed the Rice Lake Aquatics and Recreation Center Ground and Occupancy Use leases, reviewed the employee handbook, and reviewed/approved the monthly bills. Doug Kucko provided an update from the meeting.
- **2022-2023 Audit Report [action]:** The Board reviewed the 2022-2023 audit findings and financial statements. Doug Kucko and Phil Henkel motioned to approve the 2022-2023 audit report as reviewed. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- F. BOE Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting Update-first reading-Keven Jensen:** The BOE Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee met on Thursday, January 11, 2024. The committee recommended the following policies go to the full Board as a first reading.
- Policy #320, General Organizational Plan (revise)
 - Policy #321, School Calendar (revise)
 - Policy #322, School Day (review)
 - Policy #323, School Ceremonies and Observances (revise)
 - Policy #323.1, Special Observance Days (revise)
 - Rule #323.1, Special Observance Days (recommend delete)
 - Policy #323.2, Pledge of Allegiance (revise)
 - Policy #723.4, Emergency School Closings (revise)
 - Rule #723.4, Inclement Weather Procedures (recommend delete)

X. INFORMATION:

- A. Second Friday Student Enrollment-January 12, 2024:** The Board reviewed the student enrollment numbers from the second Friday in January.
- B. Rice Lake High School Drill Evaluation-January 9, 2024:** The Board reviewed a Rice Lake High School safety drill evaluation report from January 9, 2024.

C. Heart of the North Lobby Group/RCU Test Drive Reality Fair-Bert Richard:

Board of Education Member Bert Richard provided an update on the Heart of the North lobby group and on the RCU Test Drive Reality Fair.

D. WASB Public Policy Correspondent Update-Phil Henkel: Phil Henkel provided an update from the Legislative Update blog.

E. Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed a schedule of upcoming meetings/events.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON PROGRAMS AND

ACTIVITIES: RLHS Student Representatives Ellie Pacholke and Maddie Nuebel shared the following:

- The last Friday of January the Warrior Leadership Team hosted Glow ball.
- Roses will be available for purchase at RLHS for Valentine's Day.

XII. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

- **Upcoming District Events:** District Administrator Randy Drost shared the following information:
 - Monday, February 19th is a district in-service day-there will be no school for students.
 - Thursday, February 22nd is parent/teacher conferences at Rice Lake High School.
 - March is youth art month.
 - Pasta with a Purpose is a fundraiser dinner for the Rice Lake International Friendship Association to be held on Sunday, February 18th at the Elks from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 - FBLA is hosting a Feed My Starving Children mobile packing event on Friday, February 16th and Saturday, February 17th at Rice Lake High School.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION: Miriam Vavra and Doug Kucko motioned to move into Closed Session. By roll call vote, all present voting yes. Motion approved. The meeting was moved into Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

XIV. OPEN SESSION: Doug Kucko and Don Cuskey motioned to reconvene into Open Session. All present voting yes. Approved. The meeting was moved into open session at 9:15 p.m.

XV. MEETING ADJOURNED: Don Cuskey and Bert Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Miriam Vavra, Clerk