

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, July 10, 2023
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, July 10, 2023 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, Dianne Koser, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Nellie Scheurer, Miriam Vavra
Absent- Steve Bowman
Others Present- Randy Drost, District Administrator
Student Representatives: NA
- 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]:** Miriam Vavra and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, June 26, 2023. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- VII. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Dianne Koser and Don Cuskey motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
 - A. Monthly Budget and Cash Reconciliation Report**
 - B. Monthly Board Bills**
 - C. Employment Resignations:**
 1. Mindy Anderson, Full-Time Substitute Teacher at Hilltop Elem. & Haugen Elem., effective June 6, 2024
 2. Jonnie Lee Miller, Full-Time Substitute Teacher at RLHS, effective June 6, 2024
 3. Steven Adams, RLHS Warrior Robotics Program Advisor
 4. Holly Estreen, RLHS National Honor Society Advisor
 - D. Employment Recommendations:**
 1. Tabitha Dennis, Special Education Teacher at RLHS, for the 2023-2024 school year
 2. Chad Preble, Academic Support Aide at RLHS, for the 2023-2024 school year

3. Sadie Gunnick, Sixth Grade Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher at RLMS, for the 2023-2024 school year
4. Justine Allen, Noon/Playground/Classroom Aide at Hilltop Elem., for the 2023-2024 school year
5. Mindy Anderson, Full-Time Substitute Teacher at Hilltop Elem. & Haugen Elem., for the 2023-2024 school year
6. Jonnie Lee Miller, Full-Time Substitute Teacher at RLHS, for the 2023-2024 school year
7. Jaime Kunesch, 8th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach at RLMS
8. Trevor Kiehl, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at RLMS

VIII. REPORTS:

- A. Student Academic Standards for 2023-2024-Marsha Scherz [action]:** Director of Instruction and Learning Marsha Scherz provided an update on the 2023-2024 Student Academic Standards.

Phil Henkel and Dianne Koser motioned to table the approval of the 2023-2024 Student Academic Standards until the first Board of Education meeting in August. Don Cuskey, Phil Henkel, Keven Jensen, Dianne Koser, Doug Kucko, Nellie Scheurer, and Miriam Vavra voting yes. Bert Richard voting no. Motion approved.

- B. 2023-2024 Rice Lake Area School District Preliminary Budget-Victor Drost [action]:** Director of Finance and Operations Victor Drost reviewed the Rice Lake Area School District preliminary budget.

Doug Kucko and Phil Henkel motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Rice Lake Area School District preliminary budget as presented. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

- C. 2023-2024 School Calendar Revision-Randy Drost**

- **Move September 29 in-service day to October 2 [action]:** Bert Richard and Dianne Koser motioned to approve revising the 2023-2024 school year calendar by moving the Friday, September 29, 2023 in-service day to Monday, October 2, 2023. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

- D. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Doug Kucko:** The BOE Finance Committee met on Thursday, July 6, 2023. The committee discussed OPEB, the 2023-2024 preliminary budget, an additional police school liaison officer position and reviewed/approved the monthly bills. Doug Kucko provided an update from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

- **Amendment to the 2023-2024 Staffing Report-Randy Drost:**
 - **Police School Liaison Officer Position [action]:** The Board of Education reviewed a draft of the revised Police School Liaison Officer agreement to include an additional PSLO position. District Administrator Randy Drost and Police Chief Steve Roux provided an update on the recommended additional PSLO position.

Miriam Vavra and Phil Henkel motioned to approve the recommendation of one additional police school liaison officer position. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

E. BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Update-Keven Jensen: The BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. The committee met in closed session to review the Aquatics and Recreation Center and Boys and Girls Club agreements as well as the construction contracts. Keven Jensen provided an update from the meeting.

F. BOE Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting Update-first reading-Keven Jensen: The Board of Education Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee met on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. The full Board reviewed the following policies as a first reading. Keven Jensen provided an update from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

- Policy #810, School-Community Relations Goals (revise)
- Policy #811, Freedom of Speech/Expression (revise)
- Policy #812, Parent/Guardian Involvement (revise)
- Policy #820, Public Information Program (recommend delete)
- Policy #821, School Meetings (review)
- Policy #822, News Media Relations (review)
- Rule #822, News Media Relations Guidelines (review)
- Policy #822.1, Press Coverage at Board of Education Meetings (review)
- Policy #830.1, Memorials and Funerals (revise)
- Policy #832, Loitering or Causing Disturbances (review)
- Policy #871, Public Complaints about Personnel (revise)
- Rule #871, Procedures for Handling Complaints about Personnel (revise)
- Policy #872, Public Complaints about Educational Materials (recommend delete)
- Policy #880, Relations with Community/Governmental Organizations (recommend delete)
- Policy #881, Relations with School-Community Associations (recommend delete)
- Policy #882, Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies (revise)
- Policy #883, Relations with Fire Department (revise)
- Policy #890, Relations with Educational Agencies (review)
- Policy #893.1, Student Teachers and Interns (review)
- Policy #896, Relations with Area, State, Regional, and National Associations (review)

IX. INFORMATION:

A. WASB Resolutions Adopted by Delegate Assemblies 2023: The Board reviewed the 2023 WASB resolutions adopted by delegate assemblies.

B. WASB Public Policy Correspondent Update: Phil Henkel provided an update from the most recent Capitol Chat.

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

X. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

- **Upcoming District Events:** District Administrator Randy Drost shared the following information:

- Summer school begins next week at Tainter Elementary and Rice Lake Middle School
- The Barron County Fair is coming up-stop and check out the projects of Rice Lake and other area students
- The student academic standards require approval prior to the beginning of the school year/first term.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED: Miriam Vavra and Doug Kucko motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Miriam Vavra, Clerk