

**Rice Lake Area School District
BOE Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
8:30 AM**

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** **Present:** Doug Kucko, Gary Spear, Steve Bowman, Joshua Estreen
 Others Present: Patrick Blackaller, Randy Drost
 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. **December 9, 2019 Minutes:** Doug Kucko and Joshua Estreen motioned to approve the December 9, 2019 BOE Finance Committee meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
5. **Spanish Translation/New Teacher Support:** It was recommended that we hire a part time Spanish language translator and new teacher support person for the remainder of this year. We have multiple Spanish speaking students/families that need support to access the special education services as well as to support general education teachers in working with these students. Additionally, we have a number of new and provisionally certified special education staff that could use additional support to improve student's support.
6. **Pool Update:** The committee discussed the recommendation from the pool committee to accept Mark Johnson Jr.'s proposal to move to non-profit ownership for the new pool facility. As a part of this request, the City would be asked to put in approximately \$2 million into the existing pool facility to convert it to a community gym/walking track space. If ownership of the new pool facility moves to a non-profit, the need for an intergovernmental agreement would be eliminated.
7. **Health Insurance Plan:** The committee discussed the potential transition to a new TPA for our health plan. The transition to a new TPA, Prairie States, would allow the district to expand direct contracting options. This will be presented to our health insurance committee at our next meeting.
8. **Other:**

 Wellness: Mr. Kucko requested the committee consider a budget for wellness to support student-focused initiatives.

Archery Club: The committee also discussed the development of an activity fund and club for Archery at the high school. Students who have participated in the middle school program continue to seek the option to continue the activity at the high school level. The committee is recommending approval.

Concession Agreement: Mr. Drost discussed the latest information related to an agreement with a vendor for events at district facilities. Viking Coke has offered to improve their proposal for an 8-year contract. The Booster Club supports continuing with Viking Coke believing it is the best option for everyone involved. The contract will not require non-district groups to use their products when on district property.

9. Review and Approval of Bills: The committee reviewed the bills. Doug Kucko and Joshua Estreen motioned for approval. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

11. Adjourn: Gary Spear and Steve Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Blackaller.