

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
700 AUGUSTA STREET  
RICE LAKE, WI 54868**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, April 8, 2019  
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, April 8, 2019 in the Board Room of the Rice Lake Area School District Administration Building, 700 Augusta Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Keven Jensen, President presiding.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present - Board Members: Steve Bowman, Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Lorrie Parkman, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer, Gary Spear  
Absent- Joshua Estreen  
Others Present- Randy Drost, District Administrator  
Student Representatives: Anakah Denison
- 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. **APPEARANCES:** No appearances were made.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Abbey Fischer and Gary Spear motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, March 25, 2019 and the special session meeting minutes from Thursday, April 4, 2019. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA [action]:** Bill Schmitzer and Abbey Fischer motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
  - A. **Monthly Budget**
  - B. **Monthly Board Bills**
  - C. **Employment Resignations:**
    1. Bill Cutsforth, Technology Education Teacher at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 6 years of service, effective June 30, 2019
    2. Paula Kodesh, School Nurse at Haugen Elem., Hilltop Elem., Tainter Elem. and RCS, for retirement purposes, 24.5 years of service, effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year
    3. Sonja Taylor, Cook at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 25 years of service, effective June 6, 2019
    4. Suzanne Anderson, Cook at RLHS, for retirement purposes, 30.5 years of service, effective June 6, 2019

5. Bonnie Ricci, Administrative Assistant-Central Enrollment, effective April 22, 2019
6. Bennett Smith, Assistant Track Coach
7. Nick Merkt, Boys' JV Soccer Coach
8. Martin Sandberg, Assistant Girls' Swim Coach
9. Kiana Lapcinski, Warriorettes Head Coach
10. Amy Pelle, Drama Advisor at RLHS

**D. Employment Recommendations:**

1. Erin Johnson, Technology Integration and Communication Specialist, effective July 1, 2019
2. Avriel Voight, Special Education Teacher
3. Sophie Habas, Girls' C Basketball Coach

**VII. COMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Staff Excellence Award:** This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**B. Bill Schmitzer Service to the Board of Education-Keven Jensen/Randy**

**Drost:** The Board commended Bill Schmitzer for his six years of service on the Rice Lake Board of Education.

**VIII. REPORTS:**

**A. 2019-2020 Staffing Report-second reading-Patrick Blackaller [action]:** The full board reviewed the preliminary 2019-2020 Staffing Report at their regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019. Gary Spear and Doug Kucko motion to approve the 2019-2020 Staffing Report as reviewed. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**B. BOE Finance Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman:** The BOE Finance Committee met on Friday, April 5, 2019. The committee discussed additional middle school track coaches, sports co-ops, curriculum pay, health insurance and the pool. The committee then convened into closed session to discuss an employee COBRA balance and employee compensation-Technology Integration and Communications Specialist.

- **Additional Middle School Track Coaches [action]:** Doug Kucko and Gary Spear motion to approve two additional middle school track coaches. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**IX. INFORMATION:**

**A. Communications Committee Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed the draft Communications Committee meeting minutes from Monday, April 1, 2019.

**B. April 2, 2019 School Board Election Results:** The Board reviewed the canvassed school board election results from Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

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

**X. BOARD MEMBER SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Bert Richard provided an update on the joint PAC meeting he attended on Tuesday, March 26 at CESA #11 with Thomas Thibodeau from Viterbo.

- Bert commended the Rice Lake students on a great job with the play held at Northern Star Theatre on Sunday.
- Abbey Fischer shared a reminder of the upcoming presentation *Breaking the Silence* sponsored by the Rice Lake Area School District Gender-Sexuality Alliance to be held at Northern Star Theatre on Friday, April 12, doors open at 5:00 p.m., performance at 5:30 p.m.
- Steve Bowman complimented Anakah Denison on being selected as a youth Rotarian and described the nomination process.

**XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:**

- Anakah Denison talked about being a youth Rotarian.

**XII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

- Students in grades 3-10 will be taking the Forward Exam or ACT Aspire

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION:** Abbey Fischer and Doug Kucko motioned to move into Closed Session. All present voting yes. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 7:31 p.m.

**XIV. OPEN SESSION:** Bill Schmitzer and Doug Kucko motioned to reconvene into Open Session. All present voting yes. Approved. The meeting was moved into open session at 8:12 p.m.

**XV. ACTION:** Gary Spear and Lorrie Parkman motion to approve the hiring, compensation, and stipend of the Technology Integration and Communication Specialist. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

Gary Spear and Bill Schmitzer motion to approve an early retirement request. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

**XVI. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Bill Schmitzer and Lorrie Parkman motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Abbey Fischer, Clerk