

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, April 24, 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, April 24, 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: Steve Bowman, Don Cuskey, Phil Henkel, Keven Jensen, Doug Kucko, Bert Richard, Nellie Scheurer, Miriam Vavra
Absent- Dianne Koser
Others Present- Randy Drost, District Administrator
Student Representatives: Daniel Broker
- 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:**
 - Daniel Broker made a public appearance.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES [action]:** Miriam Vavra and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the regular session meeting minutes from Monday, April 10, 2023. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- VII. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS [action]:**
 - A. **President:** Miriam Vavra and Bert Richard nominated Keven Jensen. Doug Kucko and Don Cuskey motioned the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Keven Jensen. All present voting yes. Keven Jensen was approved as president.
 - B. **Vice-President:** Don Cuskey and Doug Kucko nominated Steve Bowman. Don Cuskey and Miriam Vavra motioned the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Steve Bowman. All present voting yes. Steve Bowman was approved as vice-president.

C. Clerk: Keven Jensen and Doug Kucko nominated Miriam Vavra. Steve Bowman and Phil Henkel motioned the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Miriam Vavra. All present voting yes. Miriam Vavra was approved as clerk.

D. Treasurer: Steve Bowman and Miriam Vavra nominated Doug Kucko. Don Cuskey and Miriam Vavra motioned the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Doug Kucko. All present voting yes. Doug Kucko was approved as treasurer.

E. Designation of Committee Assignments: Steve Bowman and Phil Henkel motioned to approve the committee assignments as reviewed. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

F. Appointment of Secretary-Board Minutes: Steve Bowman and Keven Jensen nominated Colleen Kinziger as the secretary for board minutes. Miriam Vavra and Nellie Scheurer motioned to approve the nomination. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

G. CESA #11 Representative: Keven Jensen nominated Don Cuskey as the CESA #11 Representative. Doug Kucko and Steve Bowman motioned to approve the nomination. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

H. Public Policy Correspondent-WI Association of School Boards: Keven Jensen nominated Phil Henkel as the WASB Public Policy Correspondent. Steve Bowman and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the nomination. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

I. District Representative to WASB Delegate Assembly: Keven Jensen was nominated as the District Representative to the WASB Delegate Assembly. Steve Bowman and Don Cuskey motioned to approve the nomination. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

J. Designation of OPEB Trustees: Keven Jensen nominated Steve Bowman, Doug Kucko and Bert Richard. Don Cuskey and Phil Henkel motioned to approve the nominations. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA [action]: Doug Kucko and Miriam Vavra motioned to approve the consent agenda. All present voting yes. Motion approved.

A. Employment Resignations:

1. Samantha Kumm, Eighth Grade Language Arts Teacher at RLMS, effective the end of the 2022-2023 contract year
2. Paige Cimfl, Paraprofessional/Job Coach at RLHS, effective April 21, 2023
3. Alison Thorpe, Student Transportation Support, effective April 28, 2023

B. Employment Recommendations:

1. Chase Melton, Physical Education/Health Teacher at RLMS, for the 2023-2024 school year
2. Barb Kinnick, Second Grade Teacher at Haugen Elem., for the 2023-2024 school year
3. Audra Norton, Art Teacher at RLMS/Hilltop Elem., for the 2023-2024 school year
4. Jennifer Hanschke, Kindergarten Teacher at Tainter Elem., for the 2023-2024 school year
5. Heather Galvin, Kindergarten Teacher at Tainter Elem., for the 2023-2024 school year

6. Sara Drost, Paraprofessional at Tainter Elem.
7. Chase Melton, Varsity Boys' Wrestling Coach at RLHS

C. Additional Summer Hours for Attendance Coordinators (30 hrs) *this would be an addition to the 2022-2023 staffing report

IX. COMMENDATIONS:

A. RLASD Student Recognition: Building principals and staff commended the following students and identified their areas of achievement for the month of April 2023.

Student	School	Grade	Parent(s)
Spencer Erickson	RLHS	9	John and Karen Erickson
Dixie Skomaroske	RLHS	11	Eric and Holly Skomaroske
Kalvin Miller	Hilltop Elem.	3	John and Alizabeth Miller
Cora Nelson	RLMS	5	Brandi Blomquist and Brian Nelson
Daniel Zappa	Haugen Elem.	3	Merannnda and Joseph Zappa
Cheyenne Hom	Tainter Elem.	2	Shauna Hom
Keith Hamilton	Tainter Elem.	3	Michelle and Brock Hamilton

B. Third Term Outstanding Student Achievement Awards-Mark Beise: High School Assistant Principal Mark Beise commended the high school students of the third term.

SUBJECT	STUDENT	PARENTS
Art	Norah Hastreiter	Joseph and Jenny Hastreiter
	Jackie Solum	Gary and Janice Solum
Health	Julia Holthaus	Dr. Stephen and Shannon Holthaus
Business Education	Finn Grenier	Karla and Tim Grenier
	Adam Anderegg	Jeffrey and Tamara Anderegg
Family/Consumer	Cooper Vesper	Dan and Tracy Vesper
Language Arts	Madison Weichinger	Joshua and Karla Weichinger
	Blake Bader	Tina and Michael Bader
Mathematics	Ayla Zuzek	Dale and Kristin Zuzek
	Ayumi Dennis	Bryan and Yukiko Dennis
Music	Saydee Davis	Ashley and Justin Davis
Physical Education	Lukas Zegarowicz	Jacob and Tabitha Zegarowicz
Science	Cody Kahl	Evelyn and Jeffrey Kahl
Social Studies	Colin Zurn	Jennifer and John Zurn
World Languages	Brenner Packwood	Garry and Donna Packwood and Marcelle Morris
	Tegwen Romportl	Ingrid Anderson and Christopher Romportl
	Kalani Rodriguez	Vidal Rodriguez and Araceli Jimenez
	Ella Bailkey	Luke and Emilie Bailkey
Agriculture	Samuel Wallace	Kurt and Stacy Wallace
Technology Education	Braden Thomas	Melissa and Doug Toberman and Melinda Dees and Steven Thomas
WOW	Jazmin Sprague	Tiffany and Jonathan Walls

X. REPORTS:

A. Northwood Technical College/RLHS CNC Academy Partnership Overview and Newsletter Highlights-Erika Spear: High School Counselor Erika Spear provided information on the Northwood Technical College CNC Academy partnership with the Rice Lake High School. Erika also shared some newsletter highlights from Northwood Technical College. RLHS students Aiden Hoffman and Ashton Lowrie shared their experience with the CNC Academy partnership.

- B. 2023-2024 RLHS Student Informational Booklet-first reading-Mark Beise:** Assistant High School Principal Mark Beise provided an overview of the draft 2023-2024 Rice Lake High School Student Informational Booklet.
- C. 2023-2024 Board of Education Meeting Schedule-first reading-Keven Jensen:** The Board of Education reviewed a draft 2023-2024 Board of Education meeting schedule. Bert Richard requested that an item be added for the July Board in-service to include each Board member to share their expectations of the Board of Education as well as long range and short range goals.
- D. Calendar Committee Meeting Update-Steve Bowman/Randy Drost:** The Calendar Committee met on Thursday, April 13, 2023. Steve Bowman and Randy Drost provided an update from the meeting.
 - **2024-2025 School Calendar-first reading:** The Board of Education reviewed a draft 2024-2025 school calendar.
- E. District Safety Committee Meeting Update-Doug Kucko:** The District Safety Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The committee received an update on the Critical Incident Mapping Data Grant and on an athletic training agreement. The committee also discussed CPR training for staff and reviewed recent incidents in the district. Doug Kucko provided an update from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023.
- F. BOE Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting Update-second reading-Keven Jensen [action]:** The BOE Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee reviewed the following policies as a first reading on Monday, April 10, 2023. Phil Henkel and Doug Kucko motioned to approve the policies as reviewed. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
 - Policy #164, Board of Education Member Compensation and Expenses (revise)
 - Policy #341.21, School Wellness Policy and Physical Activity and Nutrition (revise)
 - Rule (1) #341.21, School Nutrition Standards (revise)
 - Rule (2) #341.21, Physical Activity (revise)
 - Policy #460, Student Awards and Scholarships (revise)
 - Rule #460, Student Award and Scholarship Guidelines (review)
 - Policy #673, Payment Procedures (revise)
 - Policy #683, Inventories/Asset Management (revise)
 - Policy #833, Weapons on School Premises (review)
 - Exhibit (1) #833, MOU between the City of Rice Lake and the RLASD (delete)
 - Exhibit (2) #833, MOU between the Barron County Sheriff's Dept and RLASD (delete)

XI. INFORMATION:

- A. WASB Public Policy Correspondent Update:** Phil Henkel provided an update on the following:
 - April 12-WASB legislative video update
 - April 26-Capitol Chat
- B. Upcoming Meeting Schedule:** The Board reviewed a schedule of upcoming meetings/events.

XII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES: Student Representative Daniel Broker shared the following information:

- Rice Lake High School students are proposing the development of a bonfire pit at the high school to be used for upcoming events (clubs, camps, classes, etc.) The initial bonfire is planned for May 4th as there will also be home sporting events that evening.
 - This will be the inauguration of an upcoming penny drive-a fundraiser for a garden at the conservancy.
 - Students will also be signing commitment banners with positive messages to be hung up around the school.

XIII. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

- **Upcoming District Events:** District Administrator Randy Drost shared the following information:
 - Wednesday is the Academic Awards ceremony at the high school.
 - Tuesday night the American Legion in Cumberland is sponsoring a High School to Heros banquet-honoring students throughout Barron County that are entering the military.
 - Thursday this week is the middle school band concert.
 - Next week Monday is the high school band concert.
 - Next week Tuesday is the district retirement party.
 - Next week Thursday are the high school parent/teacher conferences and the middle school choir concert.
 - Next Friday, May 5, is a teacher in-service day and students will not have school.
 - Next Saturday, May 6, is the state solo and ensemble competition at UW-Eau Claire.
 - Check the district calendar and Facebook page for changes in event schedules as they may change due to weather.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION: Doug Kucko and Miriam Vavra motioned to move into Closed Session. By roll call vote, all present voting yes. Motion approved. The meeting was moved into Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

XV. OPEN SESSION: Phil Henkel and Bert Richard motioned to reconvene into Open Session. All present voting yes. Approved. The meeting was moved into open session at 8:22 p.m.

- **ACTION:** No action was taken following closed session.

XVI. MEETING ADJOURNED: Miriam Vavra and Bert Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Miriam Vavra, Clerk