Town of Rowe – FY2010

Board of Selectmen

Minutes – Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 6:00pm

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Bill Loomis.

Present: Selectmen Bill Loomis and Paul McLatchy III; Town Coordinator Ellen Miller

Absent: None

Also Present: Anne Besgen, FinCom; School Committee: Maggie Rice and Lisa Danek-Burke; School Supt. Michael Buoniconti; School Business Manager Joanne Blier; School Principal Bob Clancy.

Tape Backup System: Ms. Miller informed the Selectboard that a new tape backup system is needed. This was not budgeted for. Current system is not working. Cost will be approximately $1500. The Selectboard voted unanimously to purchase the new system as this is a critical need. Existing funds will be used (Computer Hardware/Software or General Administration).

School Budget: The school committee presented at budget with an overall 2.5% increase for FY2011. It includes salary/wage increases of generally 6% or more, but Superintendent Buoniconti assured the Selectboard that educational programs were not cut to afford these salary increases.

	FY2010	***FY2011***	***Incr***
School Budget	$1,272,000	$1,369,898	7.70%
Less School Choice Rcpts used to defray budget	(84,977)	(153,268)	
Net School Budget from Taxation	$1,187,023	$1,216,630	2.49%

Non-teaching staff will receive a 2.0% COLA, along with anywhere from a 0.0% to 4.0% merit increase. It was stated that the 2.0% was based on Social Security. Teachers will receive their steps plus a COLA. Supt. Buoniconti stated that merit increase system at Mohawk is: 0.0% - not doing your job; 3.0% - meeting job requirements; 5.0% - exceeding job requirements.

Retirement: It was stated that the Food Manager may retire at end of 2010 (December 31st). Individuals with 20 years of service do receive a retirement bonus. It is planned that if the Food Manager retires, the position will be filled with a lower salary individual. *[The Food Manager's date of hire is Sept 1, 1983, and therefore has > 20 years of service. EM]*

Fix Needed: An error of $1000 was found on the school budget worksheet. Ms. Blier will fix the document in the morning and email new copies to Ms. Miller.

Response: The Selectboard stated that they would review the school budget in detail and get back to the School Committee with any questions or changes they would like to see. The School Committee stated that they meet again on February 9th, at which time they plan to adopt their budget.

Budget Worksheet: Ms. Miller will update the town budget worksheet with this new school information.

Next Meetings: Regular Selectboard meeting Wed, Jan 20th at 5:00pm. Next budget meeting: Perhaps Wed, Jan 27th at 5:00pm. Everyone will check their schedules.

Adjournment: The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen B. Miller, Town Coordinator

Approved:

William A. Loomis, Chair

Paul McLatchy III

[Vacant]

Feb 19, 2009
Date Approved