

Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2003

1. Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order @ 6:40PM by Chairman Maggie Rice. Margaret Woodside, Lisa Danek-Burke, Principal Bob Clancy, Superintendent Alan Genovese and Business Administrator David Fraser were present.

2. Audience of Citizen:

Karen Denehy, Barbara VanDyke, and Cindy Laffond

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for August 12, 2003 with one amendment under item 6 letter E. Superintendent's evaluation was distributed and reviewed. Unanimous yes vote

4. Correspondence:

A. Commissioner of Education RE Cost and Quality of Public Preschool. (See Appendix A)

B. MASC 2002 year end report (Rowe is not in it) which Alan Genovese will keep at Mohawk.

C. Irradiation of Raw Meat & Poultry: A motion was made and seconded at this time to choose not to accept any irradiated food products and if we were to do so in the future that it would go through an appointed committee with much input from the community on whether or not that would be accepted in the future. Unanimous yes vote (See Appendix B)

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Discussion of Marty Rice remembrance

1. Bob reported the staff would like to get books in memory of Marty
2. He will go back to the staff and Marty's children and talk about a plaque of some sort in conjunction with the books.

B. Spanish Class at Mohawk is going very well.

ACTION ITEMS:

FY04 School Improvement Plan

1. LEC met and went over the plan and Bob will bring back changes to the next school Committee meeting.

6. Report of the Superintendent

A. FY04 Grants Update. (See Appendix C)

B. District Wide Goals-Progress Report. (See Appendix D)

7. Report of the Business Administrator

A. Review of Central Office line items

1. Lisa Burke asked about lines in the red from shared expenses with Mohawk. David explained and said when they do a transfer he will send a copy of all transfers to Rowe so it shouldn't be a problem.

B. Bob reported we have 6 student @ FCTS including 1 SPED student and 21 students @ MTRSD which are all budgeted for.

8. Report of the Principal:

A. See attached notes (Appendix E)

9. Report of the PTP

A. The Potluck dinner at the Park had a nice turnout of parents, students and staff

B. Two soccer coaches are set for fall after school programs. One is Pat Bradley for Saturday mornings, and the other is Phil Buck for Mondays after school.

10. Report of the Ed Council:

A. They will have met today at 3:30PM.

B. Agenda items were to include a last look at the School Improvement Plan, the NEAS&C visit, and brainstorming for the future.

C. Members will make a visit to the school and do a walk-around to set new goals for Capital Improvements.

D. See #1 of Principal notes regarding the School Improvement Plan

11. Report of the Teachers:

A. Preschool: Roberta is back! A very busy classroom with 12 students.

B. Primary Classroom: Another busy place with 21 students

C. Upper Classroom: grades 3 and 4 have 13 with 5 and 6 @ 15.

12. Subcommittee Reports

A. Policy Subcommittee – none

B. Transportation Subcommittee

1. Minutes from 8/21/03 (See Appendix F)

2. A motion was made and seconded to fund the late bus from Mohawk going from Mohawk through Charlemont, Rowe, and Heath. All students on the route are welcome to ride this bus. Unanimous yes vote

C. Negotiations Subcommittee – none

13. New Business

A. Hand out From Universal Access to Universal Proficiency (See Appendix G)

B. Barbara VanDyke asked the School Committee to rethink the annual TB testing as the State does not mandate it any more. The School Committee put it on hold until next meeting.

14. Report of the Mohawk Representative:

A. None

15. Any Other Business:

A. Handouts:

1. FY04 "Final" Calendar (See Appendix H)

2. Updated School Committee List (See Appendix I)

3. School Committee Meeting Calendar ('04) (See Appendix J)

16. Executive Session:

A. None

17. Adjournment:

A. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn @ 8:20PM. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Margaret Woodside

Lisa Danek-Burke