

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13,2004**

1. Call To Order:

Chairman Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:40PM. Margaret Woodside, Lisa Danek-Burke, Cindy Laffond, Secretary, Principal Bob Clancy, David Fraser, Business Manager and Superintendent Alan Genovese were present.

2. Audience of Citizen:

None

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for November 18, 2003 were accepted unanimously.

4. Correspondence:

- A. MIAA RE District F Sportsmanship Award (See Appendix A)
- B. Letter from Alan Genovese RE: K-12 District Budget (See Appendix B)
- C. Letter from Cindy Laffond informing of her Retirement as of Dec. 31,2003. Accepted unanimously with regret. (See Appendix C)
- D. David Flynn's letter in regard to Accreditation visit. School committee expressed it must be done in April or Oct. (See Appendix D)

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Update on suburban snow tires. ALL suburbans have snow tires.
- B. Marty Rice remembrance update. Bob looked into a granite bench, the School Committee was in favor of this and Bob will continue to look into this.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adoption of CORI Police: A motion was made and seconded to adopt CORI recommendation as a policy. (See Appendix E) Unanimous yes vote

6. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. School Committee Orientation
 - 1. Lisa Danek-Burke reported it was a good learning experience.
- B. 2003 Mid-Cycle AYP Report (See Appendix F)
- C. Articles
 - 1. Targeting Subgroups (See Appendix G)
 - 2. Living (or Dying) With Your NCLB Tests (See Appendix H)
- D. Funding Massachusetts' Rural School – tabled until Feb. meeting (See Appendix I)
- E. Discussion on Kindergarten Transition. (See Appendix J)

7. Report of the Business Administrator

- A. Preliminary FY05 Budget was handed out and gone over. David F. explained the FY05 changes (implications for Rowe). Bob C. and Maggie will meet with the Finance Committee on January 27th.
- B. The School Committee will hold a public hearing on the budget at the March Meeting.

8. Report of the Principal:

- A. (See Appendix K)
- B. Spaghetti Supper will be March 26th.

9. Report of the P.T.P.:

- A. The Holly Berry Craft Fair was another success, \$2,800 was raised.
- B. Movie nights are back. In January they will be the 9th and 23rd.
- C. \$800 was donated to the ski program to offset prices for all students and provide scholarships.
- D. January 31st starting at 1:00PM there will be a snow sculpture contest at the Park.
- E. The next PTP meeting is set for February 9th at 8:30AM.

10. Report of the Ed Council:

- A. The next meeting will have happened on Tuesday, January 13th. Agenda items include a FY05 budget discussion, confirming recommendations for capital improvements for summer work, continued discussion on class configurations for next school year, and the NEAS&C self-study and visit.
- B. The LEC meeting to follow is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 26th, at 3:30PM.

11. Report of the Teachers:

- A. Upper classroom students began practicing January 5th plays involving famous Native Americans and their myths. A 2:00PM performance of the plays is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 11th, with a snow-date of the 13th.
- B. Classroom projects included student made and painted region maps of the United States, book projects and reports, a Plymouth Plantation display in the primary classroom, and a variety of holiday celebrations.

12. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee - none
- B. Transportation Subcommittee
 - 1. Margaret did attend
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee

13. New Business:

- A. None

14. Report of the Mohawk Representative:

- A. None

15. Any Other Business:

A. Handouts:

1. Chapter 70 Working Group Report (See Appendix L)
2. Proposition 2-1/2 Referendum Trends (See Appendix M)
3. Early Education for All (See Appendix N)
4. Long range professional development goals (See Appendix O)

17. Executive Session:

- A. None

18. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn @ 9:27PM. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Margaret Woodside

Lisa Danek-Burke