Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2007

1. **Call To Order:**
   Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
   Laurie Laffond, Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Margaret Woodside, and Bob Clancy were present.

2. **Audience of Citizens:** Jack Packard was present from the Energy Committee to review energy savings.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   A motion was made by Margaret Woodside and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the minutes from the March 13, 2007 meeting as read with the correction on item 7C. Unanimous yes vote.

4. **Correspondence:**
   A. March 13th, 2007 letter from New England Assoc. of Schools & Colleges, Inc. to Robert Clancy – re: Two-year Progress Report and continued accreditation. (See Appendix A).
   B. March 2007 letter from David P. Driscoll, to Superintendent Michael Buoniconti – re: Approval of Rowe School District Technology Plan. (See Appendix B).
   C. March 19, 2007 press release from Senator Benjamin B. Downing – re: expanding resources for public schools. (See Appendix C).
   D. Town of Rowe letter to Marie Guerin, Hampshire Council of Governments – re: electricity program. (See Appendix D).
   E. Letter from Trout Unlimited – re: Salmon Program. (See Appendix E).
   F. Information from the Board of Selectmen – re: Open Meeting Law, Conflict of Interest Law, and Public Records Law. (See Appendix F). To be filed with school policies and procedures.

5. **Unfinished Business:**
   A. Flower Gardens in the front of the school – re: the work bee scheduled for April 22nd, 2007.
   B. Open Classroom – Americorp will be meeting with Mr. Clancy on Thursday, April 12, 2007 to discuss construction of the new open classroom.

   ADDENDUM: The Flower Garden work bee scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd was postponed until Sunday, May 13th due to the weather.

6. **Report of the Chair:**
   None

7. **Report of the Superintendent:**
   A. Chapter 71 Update – FY08 Local Aid Estimates. (See Appendix G).
   B. R.E.D. Circuit Breaker Update – (See Appendix H).
   C. Business Manger License - Joanne Blier has received her license.

8. **Financial Information:**
   A. Operating Statement – (See Appendix I).
   B. FY07 Monthly Expenditure Report – (See Appendix J).

9. Report of the Principal:

A. (See Appendix K).

10. Action Items:

A. School of Choice Policy – A motion was made by Margaret Woodside and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the Rowe School - School of Choice Policy as presented on April 10, 2007. (See Appendix L).

B. Open Choice Seats – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Margaret Woodside to declare two open School of Choice seats in the K-1 classroom for FY08. Unanimous yes vote.

11. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Policy Subcommittee – Letter from Attorney Dupere regarding Field Trips. – (See Appendix M).

B. Transportation Subcommittee – A motion was made by Margaret Woodside and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the bid from First Student for the FY2008 school year. Unanimous yes vote.

C. Negotiations Subcommittee – None

12. Handouts:

A. Handed out above.

13. Executive Session:

A. Contract negotiations with non-union personnel – Lisa Danek Burke – Yes; Margaret Woodside – Yes; Maggie Rice – Yes – Executive Session began at 8:35pm
End Executive Session at 8:40pm.

14. Adjournment:

A. A motion was made by Margaret Woodside and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

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Margaret Rice, Chairman

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Margaret Woodside

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Lisa Danek Burke