

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
March, 11, 2008**

1. Call To Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. Audience of Citizens:

Joanne Blier, Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson, Bob Clancy, Jack Packard and Laurie Laffond were present.

3. Update on Energy Committee:

- A. Jack Packard attended the School Committee meeting to address issues that have been brought up regarding the Energy Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept the February 12, 2008 meeting minutes as read. Unanimous yes vote.

5. Correspondence:

- A. Maggie Rice reported that the School Committee will need to write a report for the Town Report. It was decided that Maggie Rice would write the report and submit to the Town Office.
- B. Letter from Brian Beck, Principal of Mohawk dated March 3, 2008 – Re: LEC's proposal of hiring an additional high school teacher at Mohawk. It was decided by the School Committee that this item should come from Superintendent Michael Buoniconti and will be discussed further at the next scheduled meeting. (See Appendix A).

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom – A worker for Vaughn Tower was up and covered up all of the materials that had been exposed to the elements. The weather still hasn't allowed the work to resume.
- B. Security System – Bob Clancy resubmitted the paperwork to MIIA since the first time it was denied. Still waiting to hear back from them if it was approved. Joanne Blier to contact Bob Maronelli at MIIA for more information.

7. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. Maggie Rice has taken out papers to run for re-election for the School Committee.

8. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. School Choice Slots – Bob Clancy discussed what classes had potential open slots. They are as follows: Prek-3 slots; 1st and 2nd grade-2 slots; 3rd –4th grade-5 slots. We should start advertising for School Choice slots early this year. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to amend the Rowe School Choice Policy that was adopted on April 10th 2007. The wording change would be in the 3rd paragraph to read: The number of School Choice students should not exceed the number of Town of Rowe Students. Unanimous yes vote. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the recommended number of School Choice Slots for the FY2008-2009 of 10 Choice Students as presented. Unanimous yes vote.
- B. 3-District Shared Expense Agreement – See handouts below.

9. Financial Information:

- A. Budget vs. Actual Report - (See Appendix B)

10. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report - (See Appendix C)
- B. Calendar of Events

11. Action Items:

- A. Vote to approve choice slots for 2008-2009 School Year – See above under Report of the Superintendent.

12. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – (See Appendix D)
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – Will go into Executive Session at the end of this meeting.

13. Handouts:

- A. GDCA Support Staff Sick Bank Policy (Please place in your policy manuals) – (See Appendix E).
- B. Three-District Shared Expense Agreement – (See Appendix F)
- C. 2007 School and District Reports for Town of Rowe Annual Report – (See Appendix G).
- D. March 1, 2008 Rowe Elementary School Committee to the Rowe Teachers Association M.T.A./N.E.A. (See Appendix H).

** Superintendent Michael Buoniconti will not be able to attend the Rowe Town Meeting on Monday, May 12th. It was discussed and decided that there will be a Special Meeting at 6:00pm before the Town Meeting starts. We will not have a meeting on Tuesday, May 13th. Joanne Blier will be present for the Monday meeting.

14. Executive Session:

- A. Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining under M.G.L.c.39, 223B(3). - A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Teacher Contract with respect to collective bargaining and coming out of Executive Session for the purpose of adjournment. Inviting Superintendent Michael Buoniconti and Business Manager Joanne Blier to the meeting. Roll call: Lisa Danek Burke-yes, Maggie Rice- yes, Rebecca Richardson-yes. Unanimous yes vote. Out of regular session at 8:02pm

15. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson