

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
April, 8, 2008**

1. Call To Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Roll Call:

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

2. Executive Session:

- A. 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 negotiations. Out of regular session at 6:41pm. Roll call: Lisa Danek Burke-yes, Maggie Rice- yes, Rebecca Richardson-yes. Unanimous yes vote. Invited Superintendent Michael Buoniconti and Business Manager Joanne Blier to the meeting. Returned to regular session at 7:09pm.

3. Audience of Citizens:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the March 11, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Unanimous yes vote.

5. Correspondence:

- A. March 12, 2008 letter from Senator Benjamin B. Downing re: Joint Resolution to increase state aid to cities and towns. (See Appendix A).
- B. April 1, 2008 letter from Superintendent Buoniconti to Commissioner Mitchell Dan Chester re: tuitioning Rowe students to Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School. (See Appendix B).
- C. April 2, 2008 letter from Brian Beck was added (not in packet)– re: Resources to Mohawk from the Rowe Community. (See Appendix C). It was discussed by the school committee that we would not be able to present these items at this time due to the time they were requested being so close to the date of Town Meeting.
- D. Report card information that was sent out to parents in the last newsletter.

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom – Vaughn Tower has assigned the work to Al Baker who will be finishing the Outdoor Classroom. Work should be completed by the end of April.
- B. Security System – We will be looking into the Security System for next year. The grant should be available again in July.
- C. Maggie Rice commented on the Spaghetti Supper. It was a great turnout and the food was delicious (as usual) with a profit of \$940.00 to fund the 5th and 6th grade trip to Nature's Classroom.

7. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. None

8. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. Annual Town Meeting 2008-2009 School Budget Proposal – (See Appendix D).
- B. School Choice – School Choice Applications – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to set two school choice application deadlines for the FY08-09 school year with a first date Wednesday, April 30th and the second will be on Monday, June 16th. Unanimous yes vote.

9. Financial Information:

- A. Operating Statement - (See Appendix E)

10. Report of the Principal:

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

11. Action Items:

- A. Student Transportation Policy – Revised existing policy (revised language in bold italics) – (See Appendix G)
- B. Need to vote current transportation contract for 1 year. – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to extend the current transportation contract for 1 year as specified in the contract. Unanimous yes vote.
- C. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve an out of state field trip to Washington, DC for next May 18th – 22nd, 2009. Unanimous yes vote.
- D. Baseball Field – Money for the infield work for \$1,000.00 to reseed the infield. Bob Clancy asked for money to be paid out of the REAP grant. The school committee decided to wait at this time. After much discussion it was decided to wait until the snow has melted and wait and see what the field looks like and decide from there.
- E. Update on Energy Committee – Our contract with Hampshire Government has expired as of this month. We were under the Real Time Plan and we saved approximately \$1,683.00 over using National Grid. The other town buildings are under a different plan, which is called the Basic Plan, and they saved approximately \$763.00. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to recommend to the Selectman to enter into another contract for 1 year with the Hampshire Council of Governments to supply electricity to the school using the Real Time Rate. Unanimous yes vote.

12. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – (See Appendix H)
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – See above

13. Handouts:

- A. Annual Town Meeting 2008-2009 School Budget Proposal – This form can be handed out at the Town Meeting on Monday, May 12th. Will be available at the door before the meeting starts. The School Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 12, 2008 from 6:00pm – 6:30pm with no meeting on Tuesday,

April 13th. If a meeting is needed on Tuesday it will be decide after the Town Meeting on Monday.

14. Executive Session:

A. See above

15. Adjournment:

A. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson