

Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009

1. Call to Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Laurie Laffond Bob Clancy, Rebecca Richardson, Maggie Rice, Lisa Danek Burke, Michael Buoniconti Joanne Blier were present.

2. Audience of Citizens:

None

3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve the January 6, 2008 meeting minutes with the discussed change. Unanimous yes vote.

4. Correspondence:

- A. January 16, 2009 letter from Superintendent Michael A. Buoniconti to Dr. Mitchell Dan Chester, Commissioner of Education, re: The Rowe Elementary School District K-6 Committee vote to continue as a School of Choice District for the 2009-2010 school year. (See Appendix A).
- B. January 26, 2009 letter from Dawn Brown, First Student, Inc., to Robin Pease, District Transportation Coordinator, re: problems that occurred with their buses on January 16, 2009. (See Appendix B).

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom – Al Baker is back from vacation. Craig Brown is helping Al Baker with the work.

6. Report of the Chairperson:

None

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. School Calendar Revision – (See Appendix C)
- B. FY10 School Budget Proposal –
- C. District Improvement Plan – (See Appendix D)
- D. Beacon Hill Update – (See Appendix E)

8. Financial Information:

- A. FY2010 Local Aid Estimates and Assessments (Governor's Budget) – (See Appendix F)
- B. Rowe School Capital Plan – (See Appendix G)

9. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – as read (See Appendix H)
- B. Calendar of Events –

10. Action Items:

- A. Vote to revise 2008-2009 School Year Calendar – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to vote to revise the 2008-2009 School Year Calendar to move the three half days March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th to be days 177, 178, and 179 at the end of the school calendar.
Unanimous yes vote.
- B. Vote to adopt the FY10 Budget – A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the proposed FY10 Budget as presented.
Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix I)

11. Subcommittee Reports:

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

12. Handouts:

- A. MIIA Property & Casualty endorsement Credit due to removal of Old Central Office Building – (See Appendix K)
- B. Budget Hearing Press Release – (See Appendix L)
- C. District to Explore Horace Mann Charter School Press Release – (See Appendix M)

13. Executive Session:

- A. None

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson