

Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009

1. Call to Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. Joanne Blier, Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson and Laurie Laffond were present. Bob Clancy was absent from this meeting.

2. Audience of Citizens:

None

3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve the February 10, 2009 meeting as read. Unanimous yes vote.

4. Correspondence:

- A. Letter to Maggie Rice – re: Capital Improvement Meeting will be next Monday, March 16th at 6:00pm.
- B. Letter from Bob Clancy to the Rowe School Committee – re: A permission slip to attend the Mohawk Musical was not sent home to parents. (See Appendix A).

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to appropriate money to continue having Craig Brown help Al Baker finish the outdoor classroom from the REAP account. Unanimous yes vote.

6. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. Maggie Rice would like to have Bob Clancy speak to the Thane family regarding the transportation issue on Davis Mine Road. Jessica Thane has been driving her son to the end of Davis Mine Road to meet the bus because of the mud. They would like Bob Clancy to discuss reimbursement for the gas that has been used to meet the bus.

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. School Calendar Revision – Has been finished
- B. School Choice Calendar - (See Appendix B)
- C. School Choice Seats 2009-2010 – (See Appendix B)
- D. School Choice Report 2008-2009 – (See Appendix B)
- E. Principal's Expenditure Requests – See Action Items.

8. Financial Information:

- A. FY09 Operating Statement – (See Appendix C)

9. Report of the Principal:

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

10. Action Items:

- A. Vote to approve REAP grant expenditures totaling \$12,734.32 as presented in March 3, 2009 memo from Bob Clancy – A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve the REAP grant expenditures totaling \$12,734.32 as presented in the March 3, 2009 memo from Bob Clancy. Unanimous yes vote.
- B. Vote to approve additional Budget expenditures totaling \$20,000.00 as presented in the March 3, 2009 memo from Bob Clancy. – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to vote to approve additional budget expenditures (purchased out of the regular budget) totaling \$20,000.00 as presented in the March 3, 2009 memo from Bob Clancy. Unanimous yes vote.
- C. Vote to approve choice slots for 2009-2010 School Year. – A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve the choice slots for the 2009-2010 School Year. Three slots for the Preschool classroom, two slots for the 5th grade class, and one slot for the 6th grade class. Unanimous yes vote.
- D. Vote to establish School Choice Calendar to include monthly deadlines (last school or business day of month) for admission into the Rowe Elementary School the next school year and weekly deadlines (last school day of week) for admission into the Rowe Elementary School during a school year already underway. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to vote to establish a School Choice Calendar to include monthly deadlines (last school or business day of month) for admission into the Rowe Elementary School the next school year and weekly deadlines (last school day of week) for admission into the Rowe Elementary School during a school year already underway. Unanimous yes vote.
- E. Vote to approve proposed contract for Superintendent Michael Buoniconti to commence July 1, 2010. - See Executive Session.

11. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – School Choice Policy needs to be changed with new deadlines (See Action Items #D).
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – Franklin County joint transportation bid went out. Should have bids back by 1st week of April.
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – Superintendent Michael Buoniconti’s contract.

12. Handouts:

- A. Rowe School Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) Newsletter – (See Appendix E).
- B. February 16, 2009 Recorder Article “Rosenberg delivers tough message to towns” (See Appendix F)
- C. February 27, 2009 Press Release “Regional Planning Grants Awarded to 12 Communities” (See Appendix G)
- D. February 28, 2009 Recorder Article “Come together, right now” (See Appendix H)
- E. 2008 School and District Reports for Town of Rowe Annual Report. (See Appendix I)

13. Executive Session:

A. Under Chapter 39, Section 23B, for the purpose of negotiations with non-union personnel. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into Executive Session at 8:10pm, for the purpose of negotiations with non-union personnel under Chapter 39, Section 23B and coming out of Executive Session for the purpose of adjournment.

Roll Call: Lisa Danek Burke-yes, Maggie Rice- yes, Rebecca Richardson-yes.
Unanimous yes vote. Out of Executive Session at 8:25pm

14. Adjournment:

A. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson