

Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes – Corrected Minutes
April 14, 2009

1. Call to Order:

Maggie Rice reconvened the meeting at 6:50pm after a short trip outside to the Outdoor Classroom. Bob Clancy, Joanne Blier, Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson, and Laurie Laffond were present.

2. Audience of Citizens:

Jack Packard

3. Approval of Minutes:

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

4. Correspondence:

- A. Jack Packard was in to discuss electricity choices. Whether we should lock into a fixed rate or to go with the market. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to lock in our electricity cost with LPVEC for the next three years with the rate from Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative and designate Joanne Blier to be our electricity representative. Vote: 2 voted yes – 1 voted no
- B. March 23, 2009 letter from Patricia Bell to Superintendent Michael Buoniconti re: ESE letter re: Revised Procedures to Use When Seeking the Department's approval for Individual Student Program. - (See Appendix A)
- C. March 30, 2009 letter from Ellen Babcock, Town of Rowe, to Rowe School Committee re: Revolving Fund for School Programs. - (See Appendix B) See motion below under Action Items.
- D. April 7, 2009 letter from Superintendent Buoniconti to Dr. Mitchell Dan Chester, Commissioner of Education, re: permission to tuition Rowe students to Mohawk. - (See Appendix C)
- E. March 30, 2009 letter to Dr. Mitchell D. Chester, Commissioner of Education from Superintendent David B. Hopson re: proposed modifications to 180 day requirement. – (See Appendix D)
- F. Letter received from Jessica Thane to Bob Clancy re: transportation reimbursement. (See Appendix E)

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom –
- B. Baseball Backstop Quote – A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the proposal from Fitzgerald Fencing for the baseball backstop in the amount of \$11,907.00. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix F)
- C. Storage Shed Quotes – (See Appendix G)

6. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. Maggie Rice received notice from the Gracy House Committee to have the school remove all items from the Gracy House and the Fire Station by the end of the summer.

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. District Improvement Plan – (See Appendix H)
- B. Annual Town Meeting – (See Appendix I)
- C. School Choice – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to rescind the vote from the March meeting on the two 5th grade School Choice slots. Unanimous yes vote.
1 new 6th grade choice student from Buckland has been accepted for next year.
- D. Outdoor Equipment – See above under Unfinished Business.

8. Financial Information:

- A. Regular Education Transportation Bid Update – Has been postponed until April 28th.

9. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – as read (See Appendix J)
- B. Calendar of Events –
- C. Discussed putting in a Porta-Potty behind the school to be used during baseball season so the kids and adults won't have to use the restrooms inside the school. Approval given to Bob Clancy to put in a Porta-Potty behind the school. A motion is not needed because it is under \$500.

10. Action Items:

- A. Vote to ask the Town of Rowe to establish a School Program Revolving Fund as allowed by MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ with a dollar limit of \$10,000.00. Since this fund requires annual town meeting approval, it will be placed on both the annual town meeting warrant for FY10 as well as the special town meeting warrant for FY09. This fund will be used to collect fees for ski and skate program participation and for field trip participation. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to vote to ask the Town of Rowe to establish a school Program Revolving Fund as allowed by MGL Chapter 44, Section 53½ with a dollar amount of \$10,000.00 for the Special Town Meeting FY09 and a second article on the FY10 Annual Town Meeting warrant. Unanimous yes vote.

11. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – School Choice Policy 1st reading.
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – None
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – None

12. Handouts:

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 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. Entered into Executive Session at 8:56pm.

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson