

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2009**

1. Call to Order for the Purpose of Reorganization-Superintendent Michael Buoniconti:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

- A. **Election of a Chairperson** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to elect Maggie Rice at the Chairperson of the Rowe School Committee. Unanimous yes vote.
- B. **Election of a Vice-Chairperson** – A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Maggie Rice to elect Lisa Danek Burke as the Vice Chairperson of the Rowe School Committee. Unanimous yes vote.
- C. **Appointment of a Secretary** – Maggie Rice appointed Rebecca Richardson as the Secretary of the Rowe School Committee.
- D. **Set day, time and place for regular meetings and annual meetings** – Meetings will continue on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. (See Appendix A)
- E. **Authorize Chairperson to appoint any subcommittees** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to appoint Maggie Rice, Chairperson to appoint any necessary subcommittees. Unanimous yes vote.
- F. **Authorize Chairperson to appoint Treasurer and Vice Treasurer** – N/A
- G. **Authorization to Borrow** – N/A
- H. **Reauthorization for Budget Subcommittee to act on the behalf of the full committee** – N/A

Roll call: Joanne Blier, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson, Bob Clancy, Paul McLatchy, Patricia Bell, Michael Buoniconti (via-phone), and Laurie Laffond were present.

2. Audience of Citizens:

Paul McLatchy and Patricia Bell

3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve the corrected April 14, 2009 meeting minutes and the May 11, 2009 meeting minutes. Unanimous yes vote.

4. Correspondence:

- A. Letter dated May 26, 2009 from Madison Baker – re: Thank you for the Washington, DC trip. (See Appendix B)
- B. Letter dated May 26, 2009 from Bill and Roberta Baker – re: Thank you for the Washington, DC trip. (See Appendix C)

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom – A punch list was created by architect Don Williams. Al Baker should be up and should have one day of work left on the building.
- B. Energy Project – Siemens will wait until school gets out to start work again. There is a chance they will be in within the next two weeks to do work in the kitchen.

6. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. The school budget approved at Town Meeting.

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. Franklin County Superintendent Council -
- B. Recommendation to join Hampshire Educational Collaborative – See Action Items.
- C. Transportation Contract – See Action Items.

8. Financial Information:

- A. FY09 Operating Statement – (See Appendix D)
- B. FY09 Expenditure Report –
- C. FY10 Budget – Local Aid Estimates – Senate Final Budget Proposal – (See Appendix E)

9. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – As read (See Appendix F)
- B. Calendar of Events –
- C. Rowe School Improvement Plan – Will be put on the agenda for the August meeting to review.
- D. Signatures for Scholarship for Graduation – See Action Items
- E. Increase Preschool Choice Seats by two - A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to increase the School Choice seat by two. Unanimous yes vote.

10. Action Items:

- A. **Vote to approve 2009-2010 School Year Calendar** – A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix G)
- B. **Vote to approve Retainer Agreement by and between the Rowe Public Schools and the Dupere Law Offices** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve the Retainer Agreement by and between the Rowe Public Schools and the Dupere Law Offices. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix H)
- C. **Vote to accept transportation bid** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept a five year transportation contract with First Student. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix I)
- D. **Vote to join Hampshire Educational Collaborative contingent upon the successful negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Franklin County Public School Districts and the Hampshire Educational Collaborative** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to vote to join the Hampshire Educational Collaborative for the fiscal year FY10. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix J)
- E. **Rowe School Memorial Scholarship Fund** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to transfer the sum of \$25.00 from the Rowe Memorial Scholarship Fund to the next available Town Warrant. The money will be awarded at the 6th grade graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 24, 2009. Unanimous yes vote.

11. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – Still working on a policy for the new Revolving Account.

- B. Transportation Subcommittee – January 5, April 29, and May 20, 2009 meeting minutes. (See Appendix K)
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – None

12. Handouts:

- A. JFBB School of Choice Policy – (See Appendix L)

13. Executive Session:

- A. A motion was made to go into Executive Session for the purpose of non union negotiations with the superintendent. Lisa Danek Burke – yes, Maggie Rice – yes, and Rachel Richardson – yes. Entered executive session at 7:40pm. Returned to Regular Session at 7:50pm.
- B. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to transfer the sum of \$40.00 from Office Supplies to the Superintendent's Travel line. Unanimous yes vote.

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson