

Rowe School Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2010

1. Call to Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

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

2. Audience of Citizens:

Jack Packard – Mr. Packard presented an update on the submission of the grant for a solar PV project at Rowe School and was present for any questions from School Committee.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve the Rowe School Committee meeting minutes from January 12, 2010 and the meeting minutes from January 19th as read. Unanimous yes vote.

4. Correspondence:

- A. January 4, 2010, email from Jack Packard, Chair Rowe Energy Committee, to All Rowe Town Board/Committees/Departments re: Possible PV Solar Installation at the Rowe Elementary School – (See Appendix A and Appendix B)
- B. January 7, 2010, letter from David L. Flynn, Director of the Commission on Public Elementary and Middle School, New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc., to Principal Robert J. Clancy re: acceptance of the Five-Year Progress Report of Rowe Elementary School and continued accreditation. (See Appendix C)

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Energy Project – Glenn Thomas with Siemens Corporation will be at the school tomorrow February 10th and will look at what is in place now and will be working on improving the heating system in the 5 full-sized classroom.

6. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. Maggie Rice spoke with the Selectboard Chairman – Would like the school to pay the \$75.00 application fee for the solar project. Maggie Rice will talk with the select chairperson and they will forward the bill to Laurie Laffond at the school.

The Town Budget is over the levy limit by \$55,000.00 and the Selectboard would like the Committee to review the FY11 budget to see if \$20,000 to 25,000.00 could be cut from the schools budget.

- B. Letter from NEASC dated January 7, 2010 to Bob Clancy re: Congratulating us on our continued accreditation.

*** Officially started talking about the FY2011 budget at 7:07pm.

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adopt the Rowe School District Budget for FY2011 for \$1,216,630.00 with and additional \$153,268.00 coming from the School Choice Revolving account for a total budget of \$1,369,898.00. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix D)

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. NEASC Accreditation – See above under Correspondence
- B. Fy11 Budget Proposal – See above under Report of the Chairperson

- C. 3-District LEC Summit – Spoke to the LEC committees from all schools in the Mohawk school system. They will meet again on March 23, 2010.
- D. Business Operations – All bills are being submitted to Mohawk and the Town Hall.

8. Financial Information:

- A. FY2011 Local Aid Estimates and Assessments (Governor's Budget) -
(See Appendix E)

9. Report of the Principal:

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

10. Action Items:

- A. **Vote to adopt the FY2011 Budget** – See above under Report of the Chairperson.

11. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – None
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – None

12. Handouts:

- A. Budget Public Hearing Press Release – (See Appendix G)
- B. January 30, 2010, “Greenfield supt. says she needs more than 1 business manager” – (See Appendix H)
- C. February 1, 2010, “Obama to Seek Sweeping Change in ‘No Child’ Law” article in The New York Times – (See Appendix I)
- D. February 1, 2010, “School districts having trouble finding qualified business chiefs” article in Lowell Sun online – (See Appendix J)

13. Executive Session:

- A. Not at this time.

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson