

# ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Rowe School Committee

### **Additional Open Session Meeting Minutes February 15, 2011**

**Note:** This conversation was held in Executive Session; however, should have occurred in Open Session. In a roll call vote, William Loomis moved and Lisa Danek Burke seconded to enter into executive session at 8:05 pm for the purpose of discussing the ongoing contract negotiations with the Rowe Teachers Association (RTA) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 21(a): William Loomis, yes, Lisa Danek Burke, yes; Maggie Rice, yes.

**Mohawk Response to Rowe School Study:** Superintendent Michael Buoniconti and Business Administrator Joanne Blier discussed the potential for litigation from the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) should the Town of Rowe choose to leave the current Mohawk Trail Regional School System (MTRSS) shared superintendency. Two documents were presented and discussed: The MTRSS Shared Expense Agreement and the MTRSD Regional Agreement. The MTRSS Shared Expense Agreement is a contract between the Mohawk, Hawlemont, and Rowe School Districts defining how transportation and shared administrative expenses will be allocated among the three member school districts. Superintendent Buoniconti and Business Administrator Blier also discussed the MTRSD Regional Agreement, specifically the section that pertains to calculating the Rowe tuition rate. The two administrators pointed out that the current language in the MTRSD Regional Agreement results in a tuition rate that is substantially less than actual costs to the MTRSD.

On a motion by Lisa Danek Burke, seconded by William Loomis, the School Committee on a roll call vote exited executive session at 8:55 pm for the purposes of adjournment: Lisa Danek Burke, yes; Maggie Rice, yes; William Loomis, yes.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Danek Burke