MEETING MINUTES – FY2015
Rowe School Committee
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 – 5:30pm – Rowe Town Hall

Present: Lisa Danek-Burke (LDB) and Susie Zavotka (SZ)
Absent: Lisa Miller (LM)
Also Present: Supt. Jon Lev (JL), Business Manager Carrie Garivaltis (CG)
Audience: Marilyn Wilson from Board of Selectmen

1. **Call to Order**: Chair Lisa Danek-Burke called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. **Expenditures Related to Rowe School Fire Account:** Marilyn Wilson reported that there is a $76,000 construction bill to pay, but there is only about $40,000 to pay it, so they are trying to find out why. SZ has been working very hard on this with the town accountant. Marilyn has worked on this also. They think it may be a matter of accounting. After we do that, then we have to figure out what we can do about some prior year expenses. Marilyn will be talking to the DOR about that.

   SZ provided a written summary titled Summary of Rowe Fire Account Deficit. The insurance blanket policy of $6,980,700 covered construction and replacement of contents. For "Loss of Income/Transition" an unlimited amount was provided for year one (Aug 4, 2012 to Aug 4, 2013) and up to $200,000 post year one. This covered rental at Hawlemont over and above what was budgeted in FY2013 for facilities operations and maintenance, additional costs for bussing to/from Hawlemont (an extra bus was needed), snowplowing costs for parking offsite at Hawlemont, and any extra work hours for teachers and staff.

   Monies received by Rowe were placed in one account when received, so this caused a lot of confusion. In order to receive money from MIIA, formal requests were submitted to them requesting reimbursement. Initially Ellen Miller requested these funds. This was then taken over by Dan Pallotta of P-3 (Owner's Project Manager). Checks from MIIA came in lump sums; i.e., not segregated by blanket policy vs. loss of income.

   Hawlemont Lease Year 1 (FY13) - $74,032.50: Under the Loss of Income portion of the insurance policy MIIA agreed to reimburse any annual lease payment to Hawlemont over and above what was budgeted in FY2013 for operations and maintenance of the old school. Business Manager Joanne Blier determined that amount in the FY2013 budget to be $63,285. In the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hawlemont, the year 1 lease was broken down into two payments (Oct 1 and March 1) of $37,016.25 each. In the fall of 2012 the first half payment of $37,016.25 was made on W07 charging it to the School Fire account. That was later reversed by a journal entry correctly charging it to the Regular School account. The second half payment of $37,016.25 was made on W18 also charging it to the Regular School account. SZ stated that it has been verified that the Regular School account paid the full rental amount. Via a journal entry dated 4/24/2013 the accountant transferred $10,747.50 paid for the lease from the Regular School account (the amount above $63,285) to the School Fire account. **A request to MIIA to reimburse the $10,747.50 was never submitted.**

   Hawlemont Lease Year 2 (FY14) - $86,532.50: In year two the lease increased to $86,532.50, broken down into two payments (Oct 1 and March 1) of $43,266.25 each. MIIA agreed to reimburse $23,247.50 of this amount—the amount over and above $63,285. The school's portion of $63,285 was correctly paid from the Regular School account (first half payment of $43,266.25 on W08 and second half of $20,018.75 on W18). The amount to be reimbursed by MIIA ($23,247.50) was correctly paid from the School Fire account on W19. A request to MIIA for reimbursement was submitted, and **MIIA reimbursed the town $23,247.50.**

A March 14, 2014 document prepared by town accountant Jackie Cashin titled "Minutes School Committee Member Meeting" (a meeting she had with School Committee member Cindy Laffond) states in Item 4 that a journal entry was done moving the $20,018.75 payment for the Hawlemont lease to the School Fire account. SZ cannot find any reason as to why this journal entry should have been made. SZ has spoken to Cindy Laffond who is away for an extended period. Cindy cannot recall the details of her discussion with Jackie, and she does not have any information with her to check her records.

LDB stated that she recalled that LM indicated at meetings that she had discussions with Tom Donaldson of MIIA trying to get more Loss of Income insurance money. One of the allegations was that Rowe School lost School Choice students when we had the fire. LDB disagreed with that. She felt the loss of School Choice students was due to the Committee's actions and the town's actions before the fire and after the fire that lead to peoples' uncertainties as to why they left. She doesn't have any documentation that any vote was taken regarding this. She has found nothing in the minutes. She recalls LM bringing this more than once to meetings, but there is nothing in writing from MIIA concerning this. BK stated he recalled that those conversations took place in the spring of 2014.

Concerning the $20,018.75: CG printed reports from FundWare on 3/14 and saw there was an adjustment of $20,018.75 charged to the Regular School account and moved from the School Fire account. In Joanne Blier's BudgetSense records that $20,018.75 charge remained in the Regular School account at the end of the year. These records were not reconciled at year end. On the town's records it showed there was a credit balance of $20,018.75 in the Regular School account at year end, and that money got lumped into Free Cash. When CG spoke with Sandy Gaffey who works at the Mohawk Central Office Sandy stated that the FY2013 school accounts were never fully reconciled with the town, and only a few months of FY2014 were reconciled. SZ asked how we really know how much money the school has. CG stated that we have to find out what the school started with in FY2014, and then we have to fully reconcile FY2014. Marilyn agreed that this is right—we have too many cooks. CG stated that because no one looked at what money was there, and Schedule A needed to be filed—they just took that money [the $20K] and rolled it into Free Cash. Marilyn stated that we had some non-accountants giving directions and things got very muddled. CG spoke with Jackie who confirmed that the money was rolled into Free Cash. Marilyn asked if CG was going to be able to reconcile with Jackie. CG stated that yes, she could. She said there are also expenditures in FY2015 school accounts that should not be there. Also, she stated that Sandy Gaffey said there are quite a few outstanding items that were never paid; i.e., $8,000 for a Spanish teacher. LDB this would be a prior year bill that cannot be paid.

Marilyn stated that it appears that CG has a handle on it and that she's the one with the expertise. She stated their problem is that they've gone through accountant, and accountant, and accountant; and non-accountants giving direction. It has gotten very messy. Now we're going through another change. FRCOG is charging us too much. Marilyn told them the town can't afford them. Tracy Baronas, a very experienced municipal accountant who works in three other towns, has been hired to start July 1st; however, FRCOG has just stated that they will not close out FY2015 for us, and we also just learned that our town accountant Jackie is leaving in two weeks for another job. Marilyn is now working with Dale Kowacki to purchase his software—MuniWare. She is working with Tracy and Dale now to see if Tracy can come in early, then FRCOG can be cut off and that money be used to pay for Tracy and for Dale's municipal software. Then there will be one person to work with to clean up this mess.

SZ stated that the result is that the $10K should be requested from MIIA, and the $20K should be shifted back to the school somehow. Unless something can be done about reimbursement for any lost School Choice revenue. She left a message for LM asking if she had any information on this, but has not heard back. She's also looked through the minutes and found no information. Marilyn stated that to get the funds back from Free Cash would require a town meeting vote; and to get that vote we'd need to show the accounting transaction(s) that took place erroneously putting the money in Free Cash.

SZ's recommend solution for recovery of the $30,766.25 ($10,747.50 and $20,018.75) are:

a) Request reimbursement from MIIA for the year 1 lease payment of $10,747.50 with payment to be credited to the School Fire account.

b) Reverse the transfer of the $20,018.75 lease payment to the School Fire account back to the Regular School account. That would then leave the Regular School account with a $20K deficit. Marilyn stated that the funds would need to come from Free Cash, which is where the $20K in the Regular School account at year end went to. Perhaps the way to handle it would be to leave the $20,018.75 lease payment in the School Fire account (since it is a revolving account) and cover the deficit with funds from Free Cash.

CG stated that Sandy Gaffey sent her three emails re the following:

1) On 10/1/13 Hawlemont rental of $43,266.25 was sent to Mohawk School District in error (Ck #3029). The check total was $61,713. The Mohawk treasurer deposited the check into their account. Mohawk then sent Ck #40308 on 11/8/13 to Rowe with a note to Rowe Treasurer Kris Nartowicz to credit the check back to where Ck #3029 was charged to. Sandy sent the information suggesting that we check and make sure everything was credited properly. The $43,266.25 portion of Ck #3029 should have gone to Hawlemont, not Mohawk. Marilyn stated that the town has had four treasurers in two years. LDB stated she found a Feb 2014 ledger showing the payment was made, but there was no indication that the payment went to Mohawk.
2) Rowe owed Hawlemont for some insurance damages in the amount of $8,181 for FY2014. MIIA paid Rowe and Rowe cut a check—again to Mohawk in error. Mohawk deposited the check and then cut a check to Rowe for the same amount and sent it to Rowe. Sandy suggested this be reviewed to make sure it was credited properly, and that Hawlemont was appropriately paid. It was stated that this was for some accidental damage that occurred at Hawlemont involving the Rowe School custodian. LDB stated that this was the first she heard of this. Typically the School Committee would be informed. As it involved property insurance, the payment was made from the town, not the school.
3) $10,100 that was to be refunded to the Town of Rowe from Franklin County Tech by June 30th for an overpayment of tuition in FY2014, and was to be credited back to the account it was paid from. CG does not know where that money went. LDB recalls that we were to get this refund, but does not know if it was received. This money would then have been returned to Free Cash at year end.

SZ asked what we need to do to rectify these matters to pay the overdue $76,000 construction bill. LDB stated there is no action the School Committee can take as it is not a School Committee matter. SZ stated that since a School Committee member asked that the $20,018.75 be transferred to the School Fire account, we need to recognize this mistake and somehow rectify the matter. Marilyn stated that she will contact DEW tomorrow to tell them what is going on, and that we will pay them as soon as we can. SZ suggested that we at least send them a partial payment at this time, and pay the balance once this is sorted out. Marilyn said we're not going to get anything from the town, and the town is not going to vote on this until we can prove the linkage. Once we prove it and it's very clear, then we won't have a problem. LDB stated we can ask for assistance from Mohawk. Heretofore she has not asked for assistance because she wasn't sure what we were looking for. SZ thanked CG for putting the school pieces together. LDB asked if there is still a possibility of LM providing documentation as to why we would be requesting an additional $20K from MIIA. Both LDB and BK recall she was working with Tom Donaldson to obtain more MIIA insurance funds. LDB asked if there is any way that both the $10K request and the $20K request could possibly be made to MIIA.

CG stated that Joanne Blier had told her that she didn't think the $23,247.50 reimbursement from MIIA was appropriate because the building rental expense had not gone over what it was supposed to, and the intention was to use the money to reduce School Choice. CG asked if the $20K had been reimbursed by MIIA. SZ stated that no, it wasn't, and that's the problem. But Dan never asked for the money. He claims he didn't know these transfers had ever happened. They were reclassifications done in FundWare. SZ thinks Jackie did give him this spreadsheet, but it didn't register. He didn't know what they were for. He is now willing to go back and make some requests. But, to be fair to him, these requests need to be well-founded. I think we can argue for the $10K pretty easily. LDB agreed. SZ stated if someone wants to go after the $20K, someone is going to have to come up with the School Choice figures and perhaps some notes from LM's conversation(s) with Tom Donaldson where he had agreed to something. Marilyn said the people who do have information about this are not here anymore, and had they stayed out of it and let the accountants and insurance company work, it would have been fine.

SZ stated we need to have a reason why the $20K charge was moved to the School Fire account. BK stated that if LM had some notes on requesting the $20K from MIIA, then maybe that's why Cindy made the request to Jackie to move the $20K to the School Fire account. BK stated the $23K was reimbursed by MIIA, as it should have been. CG stated that on Mike Kociela's End of Year Report to the DOE the $20K was reported as part of the rental charges. LDB stated it would be difficult to come up with the $20K number. School Choice receipts are $5500 per student. JL said we can check with LM again, but realistically he doesn't think we're going to get anything from that. SZ stated she is leaving town tomorrow morning, and she guesses neither she nor LDB should be having conversations with LM about this unless the conversations were at a meeting. JL will call LM to see if she can find any documentation. LDB asked if perhaps we can at least get this information from her memory. No other School Committee member was having conversations with Tom Donaldson. Marilyn stated that she was not having conversations with Tom either. Selectman Noel Abbott was working with Tom Donaldson. LDB stated that if LM can't come up with this information, we are going to have to go to the town for the money, and LM will have to be part of explaining why that is.

Marilyn stated she will call DEW tomorrow to tell them where we are at with this, and to negotiate a partial payment. CG stated that she can log into the accounting system and look into what Joanne gave her for expenses, looking to see how far she can get. She said maybe we can show the bottom line as of June 30th with all of the encumbrances was off. Then that money would have had to have gone somewhere. LDB stated that we need to verify what went into Free Cash. That will be the trail. Either we need to find some documentation for reimbursement and we ask the insurance company to pay us, or we go to the town. To do that we have to be able to show that that money went back into Free Cash at year end, and that it will not cost the town anymore. That this was an accounting error. Getting a reimbursement from MIIA would be the first option to pursue.

Marilyn stated that Free Cash was certified at $305,000. SZ stated we need to know what that $305K was comprised of. CG stated that Schedule A (completed by the accountant and filed with the DOR) should have a worksheet that shows where the Free Cash came from. That information should be in the accountant's records. There should be an amount that was carried over in the school's budget.

SZ stated that in looking through records she and Marilyn found various other payments made for Loss of Income items (ones that didn't involve the School Committee) that also need reimbursement from MIIA. SZ will have Dan prepare a spreadsheet with backup materials (copies of payroll items, invoices, etc.) for submission to MIIA. This request will include the $10,747.50 year one lease payment that was never reimbursed. Marilyn stated there was one funny item for $939.36 that is a payroll item for Laurie Laffond. It was put in after the fact and it was charged to the School Fire account. She stated there is no backup documentation on this. BK stated he will get it from Laurie tomorrow. LDB remembered that item. She said the School Committee did approve this. It was submitted significantly after the fact. It was related to the work after the fire that teachers were getting paid per diem for. Laurie was also working, sorting through records, ordering supplies, etc., but had not put in for those hours. Perhaps at the time she didn't know she could.

CG stated that Joanne's projected operating surplus was only $1,231 as of June 30, 2014. LDB stated that it makes her wonder about the $20K. The most logical place where it went would be that something else was paid out of School Choice, or there was a budget transfer. BK stated there were budget transfers at year end. CG stated that it went to tuition and School Choice.

Marilyn stated that Jackie Cashin's numbers of Regular school cost and Actual school cost...the Regular is what it would have been had we been there, and the Actual is the rent. LDB confirmed that the Regular cost is what was in the budget in FY2013 for operations and maintenance of the facility, and the Actual cost is what was paid for rent.

3. **Warrant Article/Draft Regional Agreement Rowe joining Mohawk 7-12:** LDB provided copies of red-lined draft Mohawk Trail Regional School District Regional District Agreement, along with a draft warrant article for Rowe joining Mohawk SD effective July 1, 2016 (FY2017). She spoke with Russell Dupere today. He stated this is the version that had been put in the Mohawk packet. It has been sent to Christine Lynch of DESE. He assumes that Christine will have changes. He also indicated to LDB that the School Committee would recommend a warrant article to the town so that can be put on the warrant, and that the regional agreement would be an attachment. Whatever DESE has for changes will have to be considered, and then finalized shortly before the town meetings. He said that since it was an addendum to that, the committee did not have to vote at this point. Marilyn stated that she has to close the warrant on April 10th. LDB stated she will have the recommendation of the warrant article on March 30th School Committee meeting agenda. She said that Russell thought that Christine would probably want to see some sort of transition plan, and he thought there might be a possibility of them requesting that two members be part of the Mohawk School Committee beginning July 1st, specifically to be able to review the budget for the following year, because Rowe would be part of that FY2016 budget. He indicated that eventually they would be voted positions as is in Hawley and Charlemont, but that for next year (FY2016) it could be two members appointed by the Select Board. He initially mentioned possibly two school committee members, but then said that would actually be a quorum of our committee, so that wouldn't work. Russell is waiting to hear what DESE will come back with. LDB has asked him to come to the March 30th School Committee meeting.

4. **Adjournment:** SZ made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm. LDB seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (2/0/0).

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Miller,

Signature: _____
Lisa Danek-Burke, Chair

Date Approved: April 27, 2015

Correspondence/Handouts:

- Agenda
- SZ Summary of Rowe Fire Account Deficit – dated 3/4/15
- MOU with Hawlemont – Year 1 (FY13) $74,032.50
- MOU with Hawlemont – Year 2 (FY14) $86,532.50
- Copies of warrant payments to Hawlemont FY13 & FY14
- Copy of journal entry moving W13-07 lease payment $37,016.25 from School Fire Acct to School Acct
- Jackie Cashin notes from 3/14/14 meeting w/Cindy Laffond
- P3 MIIA Request for Funds dated 3/31/14 (incls. $23,247.50 rent delta)
- Minutes (p. 1) of June 23, 2014 SC meeting
- Email J Blier to J Boudreau re $10,100 overpayment of FCTS tuition – dated 6/26/14
- School Budget transfer of $10,747.50 from Bldg Rental to Bldg Rental—Fire – dated 4/24/13
- Warrant Article re Rowe joining Mohawk (for May 2015 Annual Town Meeting)
- Red-lined draft of MTRSD Regional District Agreement

The Mohawk Trail School System

Mohawk Trail Regional School District | Hawlemont Regional School District

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February 26, 2015

Town of Ashfield
Town of Buckland
Town of Charlemont
Town of Colrain
Town of Hawley
Town of Heath
Town of Plainfield
Town of Shelburne

Dear Mohawk Member Towns:

Re: Annual Town Meeting Capital and Regional Agreement Warrant Articles

Enclosed please find the warrant articles that the Mohawk Trail Regional School District is requesting to be included on your Annual Town Meeting Warrants. The Mohawk Trail Regional School District School Committee approved the submission of these warrant articles at their meeting on February 25, 2015.

Please contact Mike Kociela at 625-0192, extension 1012, or me at 625-0192, extension 1010, if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

J A. Willis
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent
MTRSD School Committee Secretary

Capital Improvement Warrant Articles

School Committee Votes:

Vote to appropriate, with the approval of the member towns, $250,700 for the purpose of capital improvements at the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle & High School (detailed listing attached)

Vote to appropriate, with the approval of the member towns, $90,000 to purchase a school bus for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District as listed in the attached Capital Budget.

Vote to appropriate, with the approval of the member towns, $744,532 for the purpose of capital improvements at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School (detailed listing attached).

Vote to appropriate, with the approval of the member towns, $100,000 for the purpose of capital improvements at the Sanderson Academy School (detailed listing attached).

Vote to appropriate, with the approval of the member towns, $75,000 for the purpose of capital improvements at the Colrain Central School (detailed listing attached).

rrant Articles – At the February 25, 2015, school committee meeting, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District School Committee voted to request member towns to place the following articles on the town warrant:

To see if the Town will vote to allow the District to borrow, a sum of money, not to exceed $250,700 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle & High School located at 26 Ashfield Road in Buckland, Massachusetts, to include (project listing attached): boiler, doors, locker room, security, ventilation, and window upgrades totaling $250,700. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

To see if the Town will vote to allow the District to borrow, a sum of money, not to exceed $90,000 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee to purchase a school bus to be used district wide totaling $90,000. The bus would replace a bus owned by the district in excess of ten years.

To see if the Town will vote to allow the District to borrow, a sum of money, not to exceed $744,532, to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School located at 75 Mechanic Street in Buckland, Massachusetts, to include (detailed listing attached) re-pointing/re-caulking and masonry repairs, asbestos abatement and floor replacement, bandshell repairs, asphalt repairs/replacement totaling $744,532. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

To see if the Town will vote to allow the District to borrow, a sum of money not to exceed $100,000, to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Sanderson Academy located at 808 Cape Street in Ashfield, Massachusetts, to include (detailed listing attached) boiler replacement and heat valve replacement totaling $100,000. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

To see if the Town will vote to allow the District to borrow, a sum of money not to exceed $75,000, to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Colrain Central School located at 22 Jacksonville Road in Colrain, Massachusetts, to include (detailed listing attached) heating system upgrades totaling $75,000. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIVE YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET
FY16 - FY20

SCHOOL	CAPITAL PROJECT	FY15 CAPITAL VOTED	FY16-FY20 CAPITAL NEEDS	FY16 CAPITAL REQUEST	TOTAL BORROWING AUTHORITY	FY16 OPERATING BUDGET	NOTES
HS/MS			$25,000	$25,000	$25,000		
HS/MS			$15,000	$15,000	$15,000		
HS/MS			$50,000	$50,000	$50,000		
HS/MS			$34,200	$34,200	$34,200		
HS/MS			$35,000	$35,000	$35,000		
HS/MS				$0	$0	$7,000	
HS/MS			$25,000	$25,000	$25,000		
HS/MS				$0	$0	$4,608	
HS/MS			$12,500	$12,500	$12,500		
HS/MS			$12,000	$12,000	$12,000		
HS/MS			$30,000	$30,000	$30,000		
HS/MS				$0	$0	$5,000	
HS/MS			$12,000	$12,000	$12,000		
		$0	$250,700	$250,700	$250,700	$16,608	
		$0	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000		
			$10,000	$10,000	$10,000		
			$59,500	$59,500	$59,500		
			$53,550	$53,550	$53,550		
			$13,450	$13,450	$13,450		
			$34,080	$34,080	$34,080		
			$34,080	$34,080	$34,080		
			$6,393	$6,393	$6,393		
			$55,000	$55,000	$55,000		
			$200,000	$200,000	$200,000		6,250sf x $32/sf
			$200,000	$200,000	$200,000		6,250sf x $32/sf
			$18,240	$18,240	$18,240		11 Pilasters 570sf x $32/sf
			$21,000	$21,000	$21,000		6 Pilasters x $3,500
			$18,240	$18,240	$18,240		11 Pilasters 570sf x $32/sf
			$21,000	$21,000	$21,000		6 Pilasters x $3,500
				$0	$0	$3,500	
				$0	$0	$7,500	
		$0	$744,532	$744,532	$744,532	$11,000	

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIVE YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET
FY16 - FY20

SCHOOL	CAPITAL PROJECT	FY15 CAPITAL VOTED	FY16-FY20 CAPITAL NEEDS	FY16 CAPITAL REQUEST	TOTAL BORROWING AUTHORITY	FY16 OPERATING BUDGET	NOTES
	Digout and replace surface drainage below eaves	$40,500			$40,500		
	Repair/replace 25% of walkways at rear	$8,000			$8,000		
	Install paved walkways in back to C3 & C4	$6,000			$6,000		
	Add snow bars and heat tracing at valleys	$20,000			$20,000		
	Add snow bars at roof above door A4 and seal existing slip joint	$2,000			$2,000		
	Add snow bars and install new gutters at gym shed roofs and roof over loading dock	$2,250			$2,250		
	Recaulk aluminum window frame to brick masonry openings	$17,600			$17,600		
	Perform exploratory work at large mulled window openings	$10,000			$10,000		
	Allowance to repair window flashing details at large mulled windows	$100,000			$100,000		
	Major service to Bioclere sanitary water treatment system	$10,000			$10,000		
	Replace condenser units	$12,500			$12,500		
	Heat Valve Replacement		$10,000	$10,000	$10,000		
	Phone System			$0	$0	$6,000	
	Replace Boilers (2)		$90,000	$90,000	$90,000		
	Sanderson Total	$228,850	$100,000	$100,000	$328,850	$6,000	
	Recaulk Windows	$13,200			$13,200		
	Replace VCT Flooring	$11,200			$11,200		
	Repair Sidewalks	$8,000			$8,000		
	Replace Exterior Stairs	$10,000			$10,000		
	Upgrade Heating System		$75,000	$75,000	$75,000		
	Drain Repairs					$7,000	
	Univent Repair					$5,000	
	Colrain Total	$42,400	$75,000	$75,000	$117,400	$12,000	
HTH	Replace Walkways	$8,000			$8,000		
HTH	Replace Surface Drainage	$40,500			$40,500		
HTH	Replace Attic Insulation	$15,000			$15,000		
HTH	Replace Carpet in Multipurpose Area	$9,000			$9,000		
HTH	Replace Carpeting in Classrooms	$16,000			$16,000		
HTH	Front Door Replacement				$0	$3,925	
	Heath Total	$88,500	$0	$0	$88,500	$3,925	

Warrant Article – Pupil Allocation

The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 71, hereby requests that the following Article be placed on the Warrant for the next regularly scheduled Annual Town Meeting of the Town of [insert town name]:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL D by striking the following language contained in Section III(B):

Subject to the provisions of this section, it is intended that all residents of the member towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Heath, Plainfield, and Shelburne (the "K-12 Member Towns") in grades kindergarten to six, inclusive, will receive their education in facilities located in the District: Ashfield and Plainfield residents at Sanderson Academy; Colrain residents at the Colrain Central School; Buckland and Shelburne residents at the Buckland-Shelburne Regional School and Heath residents at the Heath Elementary School.

and replacing said language with the following:

Subject to the provisions of this section, it is intended that elementary students residing in the members towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne (the "K-12 Member Towns") will receive their education in facilities located in the District and will be assigned as follows: Ashfield and Plainfield residents to Sanderson Academy; Colrain residents to Colrain Central School; Buckland and Shelburne residents to Buckland Shelburne Elementary School; and Heath residents to Heath Elementary School. Notwithstanding the above, students may be educated in a District school other than as assigned above upon (i) a majority vote of the School Committee, and (ii) an affirmative vote by both (a) the member town or towns whose students are so assigned, and (b) the member town or towns served by the District school to which such students will be assigned, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at an annual or special town meeting.

However, it is also the intent of this Agreement that the closure of a District elementary school building and the reassignment of all students being educated in that building may not be accomplished under this section. Rather such action requires an amendment to this Agreement, the process for which is contained in Section XIV.

Warrant Article - Rowe

The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., c. 71, hereby requests that the following Article be placed on the Warrant for the next regularly scheduled Annual Town Meeting of the Town of [insert town name]:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement, as enclosed, which provides for the addition of the Town of Rowe as a 7-12 member of the District effective July 1, 2016.

ROWE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF MEETING

ROWE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 04, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
Rowe Town Hall, 321 Zoar Road, Rowe, MA

Agenda

I. **Call to order**
II. **Expenditures related to Rowe School Fire Account (Loss of Income/Transition Funds)**
III. **Warrant Article/Draft Regional Agreement Rowe joining Mohawk 7-12**
IV. **Other**
V. **Executive Session, if necessary**
VI. **Adjourn**

Correspondence/Handouts:
School Fire Accounts, Town of Rowe Insurance Expenses FY 13 and FY 14
Email Correspondence RE: Fire Expenditures
Town Meeting Warrant Article
Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Regional District Agreement - Draft Redline

NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING:
Monday, March 30, 2015, 5:30 pm, Rowe Elementary School

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Posted: 03/02/2015

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