Town of Rowe
School Committee Meeting – Minutes
Monday, February 1, 2016 – 10:00 am
Rowe Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Zavotka at 10:00am.

Present: Chair Susan Zavotka and Gail May
Absent: Lisa Miller

Also Present: Selectmen Marilyn Wilson & Susan Gleason; Finance Committee Ray Wilson, Wayne Zavotka & Loretta Dionne; NBSU: Jon Lev & Carrie Garivaltis; MTRSD Michael Buoniconti & Michael Kociela; Rowe School Principal William Knittle; Acting Secretary Administrative Clerk Janice Boudreau

Audience: Rosie Gordon

NEW BUSINESS

To meet with Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) Superintendent & MTRSD Business Manager, Rowe Finance Committee and School Committee to discuss whether Rowe wishes to join MTRSD for grades 7-12.

Discussion Included the following:

- It was agreed that population projections should be investigated for future years and historical analysis of last 10 prior analysis of enrollment years to determine whether Rowe's cost for the education of grades 7-12 would increase or decrease.

- Transportation costs were discussed as well as Rowe's responsibility of sharing capital renovation project costs for Mohawk High School only

- Other benefits aside from financial are that Rowe would have 2 voting seats on the School Committee and a voice to influence on the direction of education

- The other 9 District Towns would vote on the issue at their Annual Town Meetings to agree to have Rowe rejoin the MTRSD for grades 7-12

- The calculation used to establish Rowe Tuition Rate was reviewed.

- Rowe Voluntary contributions since 2005 was calculated at $489,000.00 for technology and various things, so would not be a significant financial change to include contributing to new capital projects if Rowe joined the District.

- New capital projects going forward Rowe would be responsible for in addition to tuition but only those pertaining to Mohawk High School.

- The process to add Rowe to the MTRSD was discussed including having a 9-Town information session as well as an informational meeting in Rowe

- There was discussion about the culture and history of having been a part of the District and the philosophical piece of being a fully contributing member ..

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chair Zavotka made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 11:10 a.m. The motion, seconded by Gail May, was accepted. (2/0/1)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau
Acting Secretary

Approval Date: 2/11/16

Approved:

Susan Zavotka
Susan Zavotka, Chair

Gail May

Lisa Miller

Attachments:

- Agenda 2/1/16
- MTRSD Calculation used to establish Rowe Tuition Rate
- MTRSD Regional School District Agreement (24 pgs)
- Projected Assessments if Rowe were a member of MTRSD
- MTRSD Major Capital Renovation Projects
- MTRSD Rowe Grant Fund FY02-15
- MTRSD Enrollment
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Rowe School District

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NOTICE OF MEETING

ROWE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, February 1, 2016 – 10:30 am
Rowe Town Hall, Rowe, MA
(Meeting to be held jointly with Rowe Board of Selectmen)

Agenda

I. **Call to order**
II. **Audience of Citizens:**
III. **Discussion**
   A. **Information regarding the possibility of The Town of Rowe rejoining Mohawk Trail Regional School District, grades 7-12. (Michael Buoniconti, Superintendent, Mike Kociela, Business Administrator)**
XI. **Adjournment:**

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.

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Posted: Thursday, January 28, 2016