MEETING MINUTES – FY2017

Rowe School Committee
Thursday, December 15, 2016 – 2:00pm
Mohawk Trail Regional School – Superintendent's Conference Room
24 Ashfield Rd, Buckland MA

Present: Susie Zavotka (SZ) and Ellen Miller (EM)
Absent: Janet Cowie (JC)

Also Present: **Rowe Officials:** BOS: Dennis May; FinCom: Ray Wilson, Wayne Zavotka
Mohawk Budget Subcommittee: Martha Thurber, Emily Robertson, Poppy Doyle
Mohawk Administration: Supt. Michael Buoniconti, Business Administrator Mike Kociela

Audience: None

Call to Order: SZ called the meeting to order at 2:09pm.

The group reviewed several tuition agreements from other towns, and discussed the following options for Rowe's grade 7-12 students attending Mohawk:

1. Continue present tuition agreement which dates back to the 1980's,
2. Develop a new agreement, probably based on the current assessment formula used for member towns, or
3. Rejoin the district as a member town.

It was estimated that if Rowe rejoined the district that its per pupil assessment would be approximately the same as Plainfield—which for FY17 is $19,909. That includes $818 for OOD SPED and $867 for transportation, but does not include any assessments for capital costs.

Mike Kociela will email to the school officials FY17 spreadsheets showing:

- assessment calculations broken down three ways: total, total less transportation, and total less transportation and OOD SPED costs; and
- merger calculation spreadsheet for Rowe rejoining the district

The committees will meet again in the new year to review financials in more depth. A town meeting vote to join the district would need to be taken by May 2017.

Adjournment: At 3:43pm EM made a motion to adjourn the meeting. SZ seconded motion and it passed unanimously (2/0/0).

Signature: Susan Zavotka
Susan Zavotka, Chair

Date Approved: 1/4/17

Attachment:
- Agenda