

**Rice Lake Area School District  
Northern Lakes Regional Academy  
Red Cedar School  
33 Ann Street  
Rice Lake, WI 54868  
Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, President presiding.
  
- II. Roll Call:** Present—Dave Armstrong, Karen Chilson, Jean Havenor, Andrew Mommsen, Dave Myre, Sue Pederson, Pete Peterson  
Absent—James Kiffmeyer
  
- III. Notice of Posting:** Pete Peterson announced the following: The Council hereby finds communication and public notice of the open meeting, as required by section 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, had been properly given by the presiding officer's designee, Pete Peterson. Such a notice and agenda to the official newspaper, the Rice Lake Chronotype, to the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, the school district website, and to radio stations WJMC and WAQE, indicating the date, time and place of the meeting and such notice was given more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
  
- IV. Approval of 3-28-17 Minutes:** Dave Myre motioned and Pete Peterson seconded to approve minutes with the amended correction of the spelling of Sue Pederson's name and the changing of the presiding officer's designee. All present approved.
  
- V. Member Leaving the Council:** Jolene Anderson submitted a letter of resignation to President Andrew Mommsen, which was accepted. Jolene was one of the original members of the governance council, accepting the position in the spring of 2012. Following a general discussion, it was decided to present a plaque and a gift certificate from Lehman's to her at the Makerpalooza event in May as a token of gratitude for her years of service.
  
- VI. Contract Update Discussion:** Mark Beise presented highlights from the school year to the School Board at their regular meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Sue Pederson was also in attendance. The Board expressed frustration with themselves for not following NLRA evaluation protocol. They would like to establish greater communication with NLRA with updates from Governance minutes, monthly and twice a year appearances before the Board.

**VII. Budget Update:** There have been no changes to the budget in the past month. The balance remains at 1468.02.

**VIII. School Updates:**

**A. Staff Update**—Steve Adams has returned to work full time with a clean bill of health.

**B. Garden Project**—During spring break the swingset behind the school was removed and the adjoining area leveled. Pete spoke to the group who runs the farmers' market and they have agreed to let NLRA, through Students in Innovation, sell the produce grown provided it is a quality product. Some students will be getting credit for caring for the garden this summer. Pete inquired where we could obtain quality compost. Dave Armstrong will speak to the County Extension Agent.

**C. Drill Cart Project**—Some students have expressed an interest in taking part in the Aquafest parade so they are assembling a cart which will be powered by a power drill. It will provide innovative way to publicize the school.

**D. 2017-18 Enrollment Update--** Enrollment figures continue to be very strong for this time of year. A total of 17 new enrollees (14 freshmen, 3 sophomores) with 5 being open-enrollees have completed the paperwork for the fall. All these potential students seem to be a good fit for the STEAM model.

**E. Testing Update (ACT Aspire/Forward Exams)**— On April 26<sup>th</sup>, all freshmen and sophomores will be taking the ACT Aspire test and sophomores will also take the Forward exam.

**F. May 23<sup>rd</sup> Senior Defense from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.**—Pete is finalizing the panels for senior defense. He has had very good response from the public and from administration to serve. His goal is to try to have six to seven on a panel, with four panels in different rooms.

**G. May 25<sup>th</sup> Makerpalooza Event from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**—Students will be sharing one of their projects from the school year at this event. The public is invited and there will be no food sales this year.

**H. June 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation at Lehman's from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**—Mark is in charge of coordinating the graduation events this year. Governance members received their meal reservation forms which must be returned by Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Schedule Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. Karen Chilson motioned and Dave Myre seconded a motion to accept this date for our next meeting. All voted aye.

**X. Adjournment:** Pete Peterson motioned and Dave Armstrong seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 4:46.

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Jean Havenor

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Date