

**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, August 15, 2017**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:06 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Dave Myre, Vice-Chairperson presiding.
- II. Roll Call:** Present—Dave Armstrong (joined at 4:15 pm), Karen Chilson, Jean Havenor, James Kiffmeyer, Dave Myre, Sue Pederson, Pete Peterson,
Absent—None
Others Present— Cindy Cragg
- 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, Curt Pacholke. 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 6-13-17 Minutes:** Karen Chilson motioned and Pete Peterson seconded to approve minutes. All present voted aye.
- V. Vote to Approve New Governance Member:** Pete Peterson motioned and Dave Myre seconded to vote in a new member, Cindy Cragg. All voted aye.
- VI. Budget Update:** Sue Pederson reported that there is currently a balance of \$1719.27 in the account; no change from June.
- VII. Confirmation Vote for Consultant Contract (Jean Havenor):** Following a brief discussion Dave Myre motioned and Karen Chilson seconded to extend a consultant contract to Jean Havenor for the 2017-18 school year. All voted aye.
- VIII. Vote to Approve 2017-18 NLRA Calendar:** Pete Peterson shared the proposed school calendar, pointing out the ISN conference days on April 19th and 20th, Virtual Learning Days and Showcase Days. James Kiffmeyer motioned and Dave Armstrong seconded to approve the 2017-18 calendar. All voted aye.

- X. Approval to Use District Allocated Budget for Purchase:** Pete sought approval to use monies from the district budget to purchase a bench lathe and mill for use in smaller projects and for a hands on machining tool for prototyping. The total cost will be \$3,742.00. James Kiffmeyer motioned and Cindy Cragg seconded the use of district money for this purchase. All vote aye.
- XI. Curriculum/School Updates (Pete):**
- A. Enrollment Update** There are currently 44 students enrolled for the 2017-18 year with some more expressing interest.
 - B. Daily Schedule Framework** Pete shared what the daily schedule will look like.
 - C. Overview of Morning Seminars/Workshops** Same as above.
 - D. Floating Afternoon Workshops** These will be more student driven and individual choice.
 - E. Increased Focus on Literacy During SSR** SSR will still feature student-choice reading, but also give students a chance to read more classic literature through teacher-led book groups.
 - F. Camp Phillips Retreat** Students will go to Camp Phillips on Sept. 7th, spend the night and return on Sept. 8th. Governance members are invited to take part as help is needed for Friday, the 8th. Should let Pete know if you are interested.
 - G. August 10th Leadership Retreat** The Student Leadership Team met on Aug. 10th to plan for the year from team building to morning announcements
 - H. Fab Lab Professional Development through FtF** A number of school districts took part in Facilitating the Future at NLRA in June.
 - I. Technology Boot Camp for Staff** Full time staff learned new technology tools at the high school on August 14.
 - J. Compiling of NLRA Student Handbook** Pete and Mark completed the laborious job of finalizing the student handbook for NLRA. This puts all the rules, graduation requirements and other pertinent information in one place.
 - K. Cell Phone Lockers** The cell phone lockers have been ordered. Students will be storing their phones during the day with the exception of break and lunch. These lockers will have charging capability.
 - L. NLRA Involvement in Backpack Program** On the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, elementary level students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch will be able to take home a bag of food for weekend use. NLRA students will rotate throughout the year for packing and dispersal duties and will receive community service hours.
- XII. Approval of Increase in Number of Critical Analyses Required for Graduation:** At present, students are expected to submit four critical analyses per year based on guided or independent reading. Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, this requirement will increase to six per year with the total for each class as a graduation requirement as follows: Class of 2018—18 analyses; Class of 2019—20 analyses;

Class of 2020—22 analyses; Class of 2021—24 analyses. Jean Havenor motioned and Dave Myre seconded to approve this increase. All voted aye.

XIII. Graphing Calculator Sponsorship: Most students have a graphing calculator. They will need to supply one for the ACT test, and because of the ban on cell phones, they will not be able to access the app on their phone as in the past. Students who are unable to afford the cost of a calculator could apply for the use of one during the school year through a checkout system. If the calculator is damaged or not returned, they or their parents/guardians would be liable for the replacement cost of \$48.00. James Kiffmeyer motioned and Sue Pederson seconded a motion to purchase 7-8 calculators for the 2017-18 school year. All voted aye/

XIV. NLRA Governance Funding Support Needs:

A. Field Experience Support There were a number of items brought forward by Pete that, as a co-lead teacher, he would like to see support from the Governance Council. Both he and Mark Beise would like to send the entire school to Wolf Lodge, and environmental school on the North Shore. The price per student would be \$130.00 and this would be a team building experience next September. Secondly, Mark and Pete would like to send the Leadership Team and staff to the ISN Conference next April. Meals would be provided but the cost of lodging would not. Lastly, the purchase or acquisition of an NLRA specific bus/passenger van would be desirable. Some discussion followed regarding fundraising possibilities for this support. Corporate fundraising letters, working concessions stands for sporting events and sponsoring a dinner/dance gala type event were all mentioned. Because of the enormity of this issue, it was decided to table this for a future meeting.

XV. 2017-18 Governance Meeting Date Confirmations: Pete Peterson motioned and Dave Armstrong seconded a motion to confirm the following dates for Governance meetings.

- A. September 19, 2017
- B. October 17, 2017
- C. November 21, 2017
- D. December 19, 2017
- E. January 16, 2018
- F. February 20, 2018
- G. March 20, 2018
- H. April 17, 2018
- I. May 15, 2018
- J. June 19, 2018

All present voted aye to approve these dates.

XVI. Adjournment: Dave Myre motioned and Pete Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:33. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 5:00.

Jean Havenor

Date