

**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, December 19, 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, December 19, 2017 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, President presiding.
- II. Roll Call:** Present— Karen Chilson, Cindy Cragg, Jean Havenor, James Kiffmeyer, Andrew Mommsen, Dave Myre, Pete Peterson, Brandon Van Guilder  
Absent—Dave Armstrong, Sue Pederson  
Others Present—Curt Pacholke
- 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 11-21-17 Minutes:** Karen Chilson motioned and Cindy Cragg seconded to approve minutes as submitted. All present approved. Motion carried.
- V. Murder Mystery Showcase Explanation:** Michael Duerkop presented information to the council regarding the Murder Mystery Showcase scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018. There will be two seatings offered; one at 5:00 and the second at 6:45, each featuring a four-course meal and a play similar to the game of Clue. The play was written by students and audience members will have a chance to guess who the "murderer" is. Tickets may be ordered online through the school website and individuals are encouraged to make reservations early as each performance/meal is limited to 40 individuals. Michael also requested that the school be able to apply for a Class B raffle license in order to sell tickets that evening as opposed to Class A pre-sell or a silent auction. Jean Havenor motioned and Dave Myre seconded the request to apply for a Class B raffle license. All present approved. Motion carried.
- VI. Budget Update:** Pete Peterson reported for Sue Pederson that there has been no change in the budget from last month. The balance is currently \$1263.82.

**VII. School Updates:**

**A. Recruitment Updates:** Pete, along with several students, presented to all Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, including those from St. Joe's. Pete and Mark have also been holding parent informational meetings for those interested in attending NLRA. Karen Chilson wondered if there was some way enrollment information could be given to home-schooled students. Curt Pacholke related that there is no formal list of such students that he is aware of. James Kiffmeyer stated that there was a library connection to homeschooled students that could be utilized and he will address that with his wife who is a public library employee.

**B. Murder Mystery Projects** —Most students at this time are working on their projects to be showcased the evening of January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Murder Mystery.

**C. Book Projects/Groups**—During the 2017-18 school year students are required to write six critical analyses as opposed to four in previous years. Things are going well with this change which Pete feeling that Megan Raether has had a large impact with the successful change.

**D. DPI Expansion Grant Information**—Pete attended a half-day conference in Chippewa regarding monies available for school expansion. Federal money up to \$600,000 is available should the district decide to expand into the Middle School with a project-based learning model. We cannot be ready for the application due by February 2018, but we should be better prepared for the February 2019 deadline.

**E. Testing Information**—All juniors will be taking the ACT exam on February 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Prior to that, they will have taken the ACT Prep classes offered at NLRA. Freshmen and Sophomores will take the ACT Aspire test on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. Proposal of New Contract**—A copy of the contract NLRA holds with the RLASD was e-mailed to each governance member. The council looked over the document and suggested changes which Pete will make in order to present to the school board. The chief change is the proposal to extend the current contract from a one-year to a five-year contract.

**IX. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 4:00.

**X. Adjournment:** James Kiffmeyer motioned and Pete Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 5:06.

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Jean Havenor

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Date