

**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, February 20, 2018**

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, Chairperson presiding.

- II. **Roll Call:** Present— Karen Chilson, Jean Havenor, Andrew Mommsen, Dave Myre
Absent—Dave Armstrong, Cindy Cragg, James Kiffmeyer, Sue Pederson, Pete Peterson, Brandon Van Guilder
Others Present— Curt Pacholke

- III. **Notice of Posting:** Curt Pacholke 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 1-16-18 Minutes:** Because of the lack of a quorum, this action was tabled until the next meeting.

- V. **Budget Update:** Jean Havenor reported for Sue Pederson that there is a current balance of \$1253.82 following a payment of \$10.00 as a State Reporting Fee.

- VI. **School Updates:**
 - A. **School Board Contract Update**—The School Board approved a one-year contract for NLRA at their most recent board meeting. Curt Pacholke related that because of all the changes potentially taking place, a one-year contract made the most sense at this time.
 - B. **2018-19 Enrollment Watch**—Two completed applications are on file as of 2-15-18. There are several more partial applications on file with 3-15-18 being the next enrollment deadline. At this point enrollment should again be around 42 students.

- VII. **NLRA Future Discussion Questions:**

- A. **Rationale for decision not to pursue a DPI charter grant for this year—a great deal more information is needed before we are ready to keep from a grant dictating what is best for kids/district/NLRA**
- B. **What are some clearer pictures of what NLRA or a new engineering academy/Gab Lab would look like if embedded at RLHS starting the 2019-20 school year? Would it be a charter school or just a program and what information is needed to make that decision? Why is this a good move for both NLRA and for the district as a whole given some of the problems with more than half of our students not choosing NLRA based off our current mission and vision?**
- C. **What type of information is needed for the governance to move forward with a vote to move the engineering part of RLHS?**
- D. **If the engineering academy moves to RLHS in some format, what is the motivation of the governance council to be part of a process of either redefining NLRA's mission to better meet the needs of NLRA students choosing NLRA for other reasons than STEAM or possibly creating another charter school to better help these students in the district and surrounding areas?**
- E. **If committees were forming to look at these questions more, what governance members are more drawn to redefining an Engineering Academy vs which are more drawn to helping formulate the structure for an offsite school (not at RLHS) to meet the varying needs of the other students not looking for a traditional Carnegie method?**

These questions were discussed in no particular order with Curt Pacholke leading said discussion.

For charter contract purposes, a timeline on any proposed actions should be in place by Dec. 31, 2018 for school board input and approval.

Is it a charter or a program at the High School? It could be a math, English, history in the morning and then engineering in the afternoon.

How many credits can be offered in different scenarios?

If NLRA moved the engineering component to the High School would Red Cedar be renovated as opposed to Jefferson?

Are we a charter or a program if we move the Fab Lab? How do we fit that Fab Lab in physically and philosophically into the High School?

If we take STEAM away, what is the identity of NLRA?

Does the Governance Council make the recommendation for a new model with the School Board approving or disapproving?

There were far more questions than answers during this discussion!

Karen Chilson left the meeting at 5:05 pm.

VIII. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment: Because of a lack of a quorum, by general consensus, those present left the meeting at 5:29.

Jean Havenor

Date