

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

Thursday September 27, 2018

Minutes

- I. **Call to order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday September 27, 2018 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, WI, with Andrew Mommsen, President, presiding.

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

- 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, has been properly given by the presiding officer's designee, Mark Beise. 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 8/21/2018 Minutes (Action):** Dave Armstrong motioned and Pete Peterson seconded to approve minutes. All present approved.

- V. **Open Floor for Guests to Share Concerns/Questions:** No parents or guests were present at this meeting.

- VI. **Budget Update:** Sue Pederson was absent but had contacted Pete to say the balance is still \$971.24. No change since last meeting.

- VII. **Staffing Approval (Action):** Pete Peterson motioned to approve the hiring of NLRA's new staff member, Kyle Polzin. James Killmeyer seconded. All present approved. Kyle comes to NLRA with a strong Social Studies background. Dave Armstrong, Dave Myre and Cindy Cragg had the opportunity to meet Kyle briefly before our meeting started.

- VIII. **School Updates (Peterson)**
 - A. Enrollment update: 32 students presently enrolled in NLRA. One student has moved out of district.
 - B. December 6th showcase overview: Details are still being worked out but the showcase will involve more open ended themed projects by the NLRA students with casual food choices as well. More detail by November's meeting.

C. Wolf Ridge Experience: (\$1532.39 paid from SII. \$2000.00 from NLRA field trip budget) 4 or 5 students missed the Wolf Ridge Experience due to AP classes or just not feeling comfortable going. For staff and students who attended, it was, by all accounts, an extraordinary experience. Pete Peterson said there is talk of a possible Wolf Ridge Winter Experience being offered in February for a smaller group. Mark Beise and Jeremy Peterson both said it was a phenomenal experience this year, the Best Yet!

D. Youth Apprenticeship at NLRA: (3 currently enrolled, 3 more likely) The apprenticeships are now through, Dove Healthcare, Jenny 'O and Norske Nook with possibilities at Rice Lake weighing. The NLRA students who are enrolled in the apprenticeships are usually at NLRA through lunch and then interning in the afternoon. These are paid internships.

IX. Fabrication Lab Transition:

There have been 3 meetings with the curriculum council including the September 18th meeting. By our November NLRA meeting there should be a clear vision as to what the district envisions for NLRA's future and for the move of the Fabrication Lab and coordinator to the Rice Lake High School. Pete Peterson laid out a vision of possibilities to the governance board including the district remodeling a wing of the High School that would be adjacent to the new High School science lab. The vision includes having the Fab Lab used not just for tech, but used by students for other learning opportunities. It was also mentioned that Community use of the Fab Lab is also part of the discussion. James Killmeyer suggested that we not use the abbreviation; Fab Lab, for Fabrication Lab. James suggested that when the lab is moved to the Rice Lake High School, the lab could be named: Warrior Fabrication and Engineering Lab. Those of us present agreed with James suggestion. Pete also mentioned that a separate space for a future NLRA site is still on the table.

X. **Next Meeting Date:** Next NLRA Governance meeting is set for Thursday November 29, 2018

XI **Adjournment:** Dave Armstrong motioned and Pete Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Jean Havenor
(these minutes taken by Cindy Cragg)

Date

