

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held May 1, 2013**

**The Board of Education
Rockton School District #140**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District No. 140 was held on May 1, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL 61072.

1. **Call to Order** by President Brenda Warren at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Brenda Warren, Jim Meason, Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, Larry Schubert

Others present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, Mark Donaldson, Rich Mayer, Diane Roth, Dean Snowdon, Gail Johnson, Sheri Ford, and Tom Littlefield.

3. **Comments from the Community**

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Tom Littlefield and Sheri Ford addressed the Board expressing their positive views of continuing field trips to Timber-lee Christian Center.

4. Brenda Warren moved to go into Executive Session 6:10 p.m. to Discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) seconded by Miss Neece.

Mrs. Warren moved to return to open session at 6:55 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Michowski. **Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Miss Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren** – 7 ayes Motion carried.

5. **Pledge of Allegiance**

6. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Kelly Cleaveland for the flower arrangement sent after her surgery.
- Thank you cards from Lisa Rehfeldt, Lisa Rudy, and Jenny Middleton for the gift cards given to them for Administrative Professionals' Day.
- Seventeen letters of in-school suspension and five letters of out-of-school suspension.

7. **Review Election Results**

BOE reviewed the results of the canvass of votes from the April 9th, 2013 election as provided by the Winnebago County Clerk.

Congratulations to the following four elected board members:

Jim Meason – 806 votes
Chanice Michowski – 759 votes
Laura Neece – 837 votes
Sarah Praneis – 815 votes

8. **Administer Oath – New BOE Members**

President Brenda Warren administered the oath of office to four elected BOE members from the April 9th, 2013 elections: Jim Meason, Chanice Michowski, Laura Neece, and Sarah Praneis.

9. **BOE Adjourns – sine die**

President Brenda Warren moved to adjourn sine die seconded by Sarah Praneis to complete reorganization with new members.

Jim Meason moved to appoint Brenda Warren to serve as president *pro tem*, seconded by Larry Schubert. Per IASB Election Rules: "If there is only one nomination for office, the president pro tem may recognize the election without asking for votes."

Bill Midgett nominated Jim Meason as Board President. Nomination was approved by acclamation.

Bill Midgett nominated Laura Neece as Board Vice President. Nomination was approved by acclamation.

Sarah Praneis nominated Larry Schubert as Board Secretary. Nomination was approved by acclamation.

Newly elected officers were seated. After organizing the new school board, President Jim Meason called the meeting to order. The Board rescheduled the May 22, 2013 and the June 26, 2013 Board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Board then reviewed and approved dates and location of the 2013 – 2014 School Board Meetings noting that meeting times will be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

10. **SMMS Life Safety Final Approval**

Superintendent Mike Greenlee recommended to the Board to approve the complete Life Safety Plan for SMMS, which includes 19 rooms of new carpeting and re-enforced cafeteria doors. The total Life Safety costs for SMMS are approximately \$1.1 million. Attachment D

Larry Schubert made the motion to approve the Life Safety Plan, seconded by Sarah Praneis.

Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Miss Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert 7 ayes. Motion carried.

11. **SMMS Boiler Bid Approval**

Three bids were received from contractors to remove our old furnaces and install three new boilers at SMMS. Those bids were reviewed by Larson and Darby. Superintendent Mike Greenlee recommended approving the Miller Engineering bid.

Larry Schubert made the motion to approve the new boilers at SMMS, seconded by Sarah Praneis.

Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Miss Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren 7 ayes Motion Carried.

12. **SMMS Carpeting Approval**

Superintendent Mike Greenlee recommended the Board approve the replacement of 4 rooms of carpeting for SMMS by Benchmark Flooring not to exceed \$17,140. This will be the first installment over the next several summers as we replace 19 rooms total.

Larry Schubert made the motion to approve Benchmark Flooring, seconded by Chanice Michowski.

Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Miss Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason 7 ayes Motion carried.

13. **Disposal Bids**

We had two companies that placed bids for disposal. Superintendent Mike Greenlee recommended that we reject both and go back out to bid in one month. Neither bidder listed surcharges that will be imposed as asked in specifications. Superintendent Mike Greenlee recommended that we extend our current contract and go back out to bid in one month. At that time we will go out to bid with Kinnikinnick and Prairie Hill in an effort to lower costs.

Larry Schubert made the motion to reject bids and bid again in a month, seconded by Chanice Michowski.

Mr. Midgett, Miss Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski 7 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, committee meeting open session minutes, April bills, May payroll, March treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.

***Cooperative:** Action taken at the April 11, 2012 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action. Your approval is recommended. Attachment A

***Renewal:** Board approval is recommended for the annual renewal of the district's membership of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) for the 2013-14 school years. The membership enables our students to participate in IESA sanctioned sporting and academic events.

Bill Midgett moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Laura Neece.

Miss Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midget 7 ayes, Motion Carried.

15. **Personnel**

A motion was made by Jim Meason to approve the following personnel changes, seconded by Sarah Praneis.

Certified

- Approved principal contracts for the 2013-2014 school year
- Accepted the retirement of Tom Breese from SMMS Girls Basketball
- Accepted the resignation of Jeanna McAfee from Lunchroom Supervisor

Non-Certified

- .Accepted the retirement of Geri LaRosa effective June 30, 2013
- Approved Sarah Baines as 3rd Grade Substitute Teacher Assistant/WPES
- Approved shared cheer stipend – Courtney Ward and Darla Ward

Recognized Tenured Teachers Zach Newman, Craig Carter, Jessica Steinmiller at the completion of 2012-2013 school year.

16. **Closed Session Minutes**

Approval of March 20, 2013 and May 1, 2013 Closed Meeting Minutes are scheduled for May 22, 2013.

17. **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

None.

18. **Quarterly Investment Review**

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided. As per BOE policy, board members are requested to review the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type.

Superintendent Greenlee presented information and recommendations regarding third quarter investments.

19. **Superintendent's Report**

- I had a chance to see to see the kindergarten concert on April 4th and the 4th grade concert on April 25th. I would like to compliment Stephanie Ballard and Zach Newman. The students were wonderful and they had a very entertaining performance that I know everyone enjoyed.
- Congratulations to Kelly Baumgartner. She wrote and received a grant from the State of Illinois for \$3000 that can be used for books, CDs and DVDs for our libraries.
- SMMS received a \$500 grant for taking the Tobacco Youth Survey. Mrs. Etnyre will use the money to assist Mr. Baumgartner with the Health Curriculum.
- Congratulations to all the SMMS students inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on April 22, 2013.
- Policy Committee Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. May 22, 2013.

20. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Glenn Terry

- RGS Art Show will be held May 15th from 6:00p – 7:30p at RGS.
- Thank you to Joyce Fitzsimmons for organizing the RGS Project Fair. We had 74 entries.
- RGS had a very successful SIP day April 12th. Teachers worked on creating new assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards and participated in grade level articulation meetings. Thank you, Lindy Daniels for arranging the day.
- Sherril Erickson was awarded an Ecolab Grant for \$2,100 which will be used for Learning Carpets and accessories. Great job, Mrs. Erickson.

Mr. Scott Rollinson

- Ecolab grant winners at WPES: Kelly Baumgartner \$2,250 for science related non-fiction books for all 3 libraries and Zach Newman \$624 for a set of drums.
- 145 students participated in running club this semester and 80 of them completed the Heritage 2-mile Race this past weekend.
- Upcoming events: McTeacher Night 5/9, Teacher Appreciation week next week, Nurse's Day on 5/8, WPES Art Show on 5/8 and 5th grade Muffins with Mom on 5/10.
- PTO created a 3-year strategic plan that includes a goal of raising \$120,000 towards the purchase of curriculum supplies.
- A big Thank You to Stori Dimke and Ruth King for all their work in the WPES Project Fair.

Mr. Shaun Newmes

- 7th Grade is at Upham Woods this week 4/29 – 5/3.
- 8th Grade is taking a Science Field Trip to the Burpee Museum on 5/1 & 5/2.
- Awards Night will be held on Monday, May 6th at 7 p.m. in the Hononegah Performing Arts Center. 198 invitations were sent out.
- Last week we held our annual donation drive for Carpenter's Place.
- Congratulations to Penny Lee and Cori Taylor who were awarded an Ecolab Grant for \$1,390 which they will use for Math manipulatives and games.
- Congratulations to all the SMMS students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, April 22, 2013.
- Thank you to our Secretaries (Administrative Assistants Day was 4/24), Teachers (Appreciation Week 5/6-5/10) and Nurses (Nurse Appreciation Day is 5/8) for all of their hard work.

21. **Members' Comments**

Jim Meason thanked Brenda Warren for her 12 years of service to the Board as President and commented that her depth of School Board knowledge will prove invaluable with her continuing service as a Board Member. Thank you.

Jim Meason moved to go into Executive Session to Discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Miss Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren 7 ayes. Motion carried.

22. **Adjournment**

Jim Meason moved to adjourn at 8:03 pm, seconded by Laura Neece.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on May 22, 2013, 6:30 pm.

Approved date: May 22, 2013

President: _____

Secretary _____

Attachments

- A. Cooperative
- B. Investment Report
- C. Meeting Dates
- D. SMMS Life Safety Plan