

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held April 22, 2015**

**The Board of Education  
Rockton School District No. 140**

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1. **Call to Order** by President Meason at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Brenda Warren, Chuck Kleeberger, Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett, Gail Johnson, Larry Schubert, Jim Meason

Retiring Board Members Chuck Kleeberger, Bill Midgett, and Larry Schubert were excused from the meeting for another appointment at 7:39 p.m.

Others present: Dr. Robert Willis, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, RTA Co-Presidents Mark Donaldson and Rich Mayer, Lindy Daniels, Robin Hardyman, Annie Rohrer, Theresa O'Hea, Kim Ward, Diane LaForge, Kathy Sipe, and several community members.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting to audience input, seconded by Mrs. Michowski. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

5. **New Rockton Grade School Reading Series**

Lindy Daniels and the Reading Textbook Selection Committee, Mrs. Hardyman, Mrs. Rohrer, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. O'Hea, presented to the Board the new reading series, Super Kids, by the Roland Foundation, to be used by the Rockton Grade School K-2 students.

Mr. Meason made the motion to approve the Super Kids reading series. Further clarification determined that \$49,330 would be coming from a combination of FY15 district funds and PTO contributions. FY16 Title I and II grant funds will be used for professional development and additional money from FY16 textbook funds is requested up to \$15,000. This was seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

6. **Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Craig & Leah Carter for the flowers sent celebrating the birth of their son, Colton.
- One letter of in-school suspension.

7. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Kleeberger.

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, 2015 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action. Your approval is recommended.

\*Policies: Approve Policies 5.185 and 7.185

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

8. **Personnel**

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the following personnel changes made for the 2014-2015 school year, seconded by Mr Kleeberger.

**CERTIFIED STAFF**

Lucinda Balandis – (Hire) Yearbook Advisor FY16 – Shared Position

Penny Lee – (Hire) Yearbook Advisor FY16 – Shared Position

Rachel Maddix – (Hire) Summer School Teacher

Erin Salberg – (Hire) Summer School Teacher

Jessi Yates – (Hire) Summer School Teacher

Stori Dimke – (Hire) Summer School Director

**NON-CERTIFIED STAFF**

Terri Ruchti – (Resign) Health Professional SMMS effective end of FY15

Tammy Welcher – (Resign) WPES Secretary, June 11, 2015

Cindy Mizner – (Hire) Summer School Aide

Wendy Enos – (Hire) Summer School Aide

Kerri Carroll – (Hire) Summer School Aide

Kelly Gilliam – (Hire) WPES Secretary replacing Tammy Welcher effective FY16

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of the Educational Support Personnel Employees of the Winnebago County Special Education Personnel, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

- Diane Beck
- Christina Gillis
- Robin Heckman
- Linda Johnson
- Elaine Maurer
- Cristy McKenzie
- Angela Morgan

- Gail Starkey
- Kallie Svedin
- Stephanie Way

9. **Quarterly Investment Review**

The quarterly investment report of the District's investment portfolio was presented for information purposes only. As per BOE policy, the BOE reviewed the investment performance.

10. **Approval of 2015-2016 School Calendar**

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

11. **Summer Maintenance Personnel**

Dr. Willis recommended the Board approve the hiring of 3 positions to help with summer cleaning. These staff members will be needed to help with summer cleaning as well as give Tracy Wam the opportunity to shadow Dean Snowdon to learn Dean's position.

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the hiring of 3 positions for summer maintenance, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

12. **Trash Dumpster Enclosures**

The Village of Rockton's Zone Ordinance 152.279 requires the screening of trash areas. Construction of the enclosures is part of the Maintenance Grant which must be completed by September, 2015. Dean Snowdon recommended approval of the Odling Construction bid for \$28,200 to complete the fencing, gating and concrete pad.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the bid for \$28,200 to complete the fencing, gating and concrete pad, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 4 ayes, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert – 3 nays. Motion carried.

13. **Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Willis, along with Brenda Warren, updated the BOE on progress at the last TIF meeting.

#### 14. Administrative Reports

##### Mr. Glenn Terry

- In honor of Administrative Professional's Day, a big thank you to Lisa Rehfeldt and Kelly Gilliam for the fantastic job they do keeping the RGS office running smoothly.
- Thank you to the Board for approving the Roland Super Kids reading series and to the PTO for partially funding this great series.
- Congratulations to our kindergartners for their performance of Musical Animals. They did a wonderful job at their concert last week. Mrs. Ballard did a great job preparing them and planning the program.
- I had the wonderful opportunity to call 40 families and offer them spots in our pre-k program. They are so appreciative of the opportunity and our program is such a benefit to those children and the district.
- Thank you to Chuck, Bill, and Larry for their service to the Rockton School District. They definitely made a positive impact on our schools and the community and will be missed.

##### Mr. Scott Rollinson

- Thank you to Zach Newman for an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> grade concert last week!
- Congratulations to Betsy Atkins for being awarded a \$2,300 Ecolab grant for a Lego Story Starter Kit for writing.
- Today is Administrative Professional's Day. A big thank you to Tammy Welcher and Donna Hayenga for all that they do!
- Upcoming events: Heritage Run in Rockford on April 26<sup>th</sup>; WPES Art Show on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00; Pacer Race on May 13<sup>th</sup>, PTO Warrior 5k race on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre & Mr. Shaun Newmes

- Our NJHS induction ceremony will occur on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Emily Lopata and Daniel Rebban were recognized as role models at the annual Illinois Principal Association's Student Leadership breakfast on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- SMMS will begin their end of year PARCC testing on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Tom Shook received an Ecolab grant for the school's first 3-D printer.
- Economy Day is Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30 a.m. The third grade students at SMMS will be coming over to shop. Please stop by!
- SMMS would like to thank Mrs. Jenny Middleton and Mrs. Tina Bottensek for their loyalty to our staff and students.
- Thank you to PTO and Booster Club for the PTO Family Dance last Friday.
- 5k Warrior Run will take place on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. There is still plenty of time to sign up.

#### 15. Members' Comments

President Jim Meason presented plaques to the following BOE members and thanked them for their years of service to the Rockton School District:

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| • Chuck Kleeberger | 1 year  |
| • Bill Midgett     | 6 years |
| • Laura Neece      | 9 years |

- Sarah Praneis 9 years
- Larry Schubert 28 years

Mark Donaldson, RTA Co-President, thanked the retirees for their service and stated that the RTA had made a monetary donation to REEF in their names.

16. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. 4 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval date: May 20, 2015

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_