

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2007 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rockton School District No. 140, Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on August 22, 2007, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call            LaForge    Meason    Pearcy    Neece    Praneis    Schubert    Warren  
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Mr. Meason arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Business Manager Julia Saunders, and various teacher guests.

**WCSEC Budget Hearing**

The budget hearing for the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperation was called to order. Mr. Zelten presented the budget for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative's budget as presented for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Lawfully closed meeting minutes - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2).

Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Meason, Percy, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

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

**Correspondence**

- A thank you card was received from Dan, Kelly and Luke Baumgartner for the baby book received for the arrival of baby Chloe .
- A thank you card was received from Barb Kubat for the plant sent in memory of her father.

**Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Neece moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Items included:

1. July 23, 2007 Regular meeting minutes and August 20, 2007 Finance Committee meeting minutes
2. August bills, September payroll, July treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donation - Nineteen-inch computer monitor donated to SMMS by Principal Larson

### **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve the following certified employments for 2007-2008 school year.

#### Certified

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| <input type="radio"/> Sue Finlen        | Music Teacher – RGS/WPES – part-time    |
| <input type="radio"/> Kelly Baumgartner | Art Teacher – RGS/WPES – part-time      |
| <input type="radio"/> Jennifer Leppert  | P.E. Teacher – RGS/WPES – part-time     |
| <input type="radio"/> Sue Walsh         | Life Studies Teacher – SMMS – part-time |
| <input type="radio"/> Abby Rinker       | Kindergarten Teacher – RGS              |
| <input type="radio"/> Sarah Kazluski    | Lunchroom Supervisor                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Lucinda Balandis  | Sixth Grade Teacher – SMMS              |

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Percy, to approve the following non-certified employments.

#### Non-Certified

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| <input type="radio"/> Kathleen Wright | Food Service – RGS – part-time            |
| <input type="radio"/> Lisa Motter     | Lunchroom Supervision – part-time         |
| <input type="radio"/> Christine Brown | Teacher Assistant – part-time – RGS       |
| <input type="radio"/> Deanna Dunlap   | Teacher Assistant – part-time – RGS       |
| <input type="radio"/> Carol Lynn Hart | Teacher Assistant – part-time – RGS       |
| <input type="radio"/> Jennifer Dewar  | Pre-K Teacher Assistant – part-time – RGS |
| <input type="radio"/> Mary Gillis     | Teacher Assistant – part-time - RGS       |

#### Transfer

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| <input type="radio"/> Kathy Rothering | Teacher Assistant – part-time – SMMS to RGS |
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Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve FMLA request as requested for Elizabeth Atkins, third grade teacher for the 2007-2008 school year, carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve resignation of Valerie Hammer, sixth grade teacher, carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Percy, to approve resignation of Rick Darling, track coach, carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the July 23, 2007 regular closed session minutes and the August 20, 2007 Finance committee closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

### **Enrollment Status**

Our new student enrollment registration conducted during the first two weeks in August resulted in 116 new students, which continues the enrollment increase for our district. An enrollment history for the past five school years and first day attendance for the 2007-08 school year was presented at the meeting. Student enrollment for the first day of school was 1,561. Last year's first day student enrollment was 1,511.

### **Draft FY08 Budget**

The FY08 draft budget was presented and reviewed at the 5:30 p.m. BOE Finance Committee meeting on August 20, 2007. The draft budget information outlined the projected revenues, expenditures and anticipated balances for FY08. The budget hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Schubert moved to place the 2007-08 tentative budget on display for public review, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Meason, Warren, Percy. Nay: None. Carried

Mr. Schubert moved to grant permission to Superintendent Harezlak to advertise a part-time middle school teacher because of increased enrollment, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Meason, Warren, Percy. Nay: None. Carried

### **New Copiers**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve purchase of three new copiers for \$30,000, one for each school building, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Meason, Warren, Percy. Nay: None. Carried

### **Policy Committee**

Mrs. Percy moved to approve the following revised policies, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

- 2:170 – Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services
- 4:120 – Food Services
- 5:186 – Health and Dental Insurance
- 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:145 – Migrant Students
- 6:160 – English Language Learners
- 6:310 – Substitutions for Physical Education and Other Required Courses
- 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
- 7:130 – Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 7:190 – Student Discipline
- 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students
- 8:30 – Visitors to and conduct on School Property

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak**

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

### **Camp Invention**

Our first "Camp Invention" summer program received positive reviews from parents, students and staff. The National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation, "Camp Invention" sponsors, also expressed their appreciation for our district's successful implementation of a rewarding summer experience for our students.

### **OTBK&C, Ltd.'s Sixth Annual School Law Conference**

An invitation for BOE members from our attorney's law firm to attend their annual law conference on Saturday, September 15, 2007 was provided.

### **Other**

Superintendent Harezlak reported that opening day teacher's institute went well.

Bulletins and newsletters were provided.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Larson

- Commented that it was a great first day of school at SMMS .

Mr. Taphorn

- Reported that the SMMS building looks great.
- Commented that the first day of school went smooth.

Mr. Rollinson

- Mentioned that he is pleased to be working with wonderful staff and great children.

Mrs. Browning

- Reported that the first day school was very busy and was amazed how fast children can adapt to a school setting.
- Commented that Diane Roth, maintenance employee, does a nice job at RGS.

Mrs. Etnyre

- Reported that Camp Invention was fun. Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Sipe, and the camp counselors did a wonderful job with the 33 children enrolled in the camp. The BOE members gave permission to Mrs. Etnyre to schedule the camp for next year.

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

## **NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: September 26, 2007

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

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