

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2008 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 27, 2008, at the Stephen Mack Middle School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

	<u>LaForge</u>	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Pearcy</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. LaForge arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Scott Rollinson, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, Business Manager Julia Saunders, and various guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:03 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), student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

WCSEC Budget Hearing

The budget hearing for the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative was called to order. Mr. Zelten presented the WCSEC's proposed FY09 budget.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative's budget as presented for the 2008-2009 school year, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Correspondence

- Thank you card was received from Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Rollinson for approving the construction of the fitness path at Whitman Post.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Items included:

1. July 22, 2008 Regular meeting minutes
2. August bills, September payroll, July treasurer's report

3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Request – School Tours of America to Washington D.C. for 8th grade students

Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve the following personnel report.

a. Employment – 2008-2009 school year

Certified

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| ○ Kristin Bindl | SMMS Social Worker/Counselor |
| ○ Rachel Leamon | RGS Kindergarten Teacher |
| ○ Dan Baumgartner | SMMS Geography Club Advisor |
| ○ David Lynch | SMMS Chess Club Advisor |
| ○ Jeanna McAfee | SMMS Lunchroom Supervisor |
| ○ Sue Muraski | SMMS Lunchroom Supervisor |

Non-Certified

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| ○ Jennifer Parrish | WPES Teacher Assistant – part-time |
| ○ Barb Maxey | ELL Teacher Assistant – part-time |
| ○ Gina Radke | SMMS ACE Teacher Assistant – part-time |
| ○ Terri Watson | SMMS Track Coach |
| ○ Jerry Binger | SMMS Maintenance |
| ○ Kimberly Norwood | RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time |

b. Transfer – 2008-2009 school year

Certified

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| ○ Sherril Erickson | RGS Instructional Coach Teacher |
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c. Resignations

Certified

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| ○ Dan Baumgartner | Lunchroom Supervision |
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Non-Certified

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| ○ Rich Petersen | SMMS Maintenance |
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Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Neece, LaForge, Meason, Percy, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the July 22, 2008 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

403(b) Plan Document

Mr. Schubert moved to adopt Code 403(b) plan to implement 403(b) Retirement Plans for Rockton School District employees effective as of January 1, 2009 and also designate Alpine Bank & Trust Company and First National Bank & Trust Company as custodian(s), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Residency Hearing Officer

Mr. Schubert moved to approve services of an independent hearing officer to conduct residency hearings for the district, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Student/Parent Handbook Change

This agenda item is on hold until the September BOE meeting.

Enrollment Status

Our new student enrollment registration conducted during the first two weeks in August resulted in 129 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 2008-09 school year was provided.

Self-Insurance Status

Miller & Buettner, district's insurance broker, negotiated cost effective re-insurance renewal that has \$556,788 risk to the reserve. The current self-insurance fund balance gained \$90,000 in FY08 with an ending balance of \$1.4 million. Our broker has recommended the district reduce its contribution as well as the employee dependent contribution to the insurance fund. This one-year reduction results in over \$73,200 less expenditure in the FY09 budget.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve one-year reduction of medical/dental insurance rates, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

DRAFT FY09 Budget

The FY09 draft budget was presented and reviewed. The draft budget information outlines the projected revenues, expenditures and anticipated balances for FY09. This tentative budget will be placed on display for public review on August 28, 2008. According to the ILSC, Section 17-1, a tentative budget must be available for public review for 30 days prior to the final adoption of the school district budget at a public hearing. The budget hearing is scheduled for September 30, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the following requests, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

- Allow Superintendent Harezlak to increase SMMS staff one or two sections to eliminate class size overages.
- Advertise for additional Science Olympiad advisor.
- Pursue purchase of tractor for SMMS.

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

Policy Committee

- Mrs. Percy moved to approve July 22, 2008 Policy Committee minutes, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.
- The following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for Board action at the September BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.
 - 2:105 – Ethics and Gift Ban
 - 2:120 – Board Member Development
 - 4:20 – Transfer of Funds

- 4:46 – Duplication of and Stop Payment of Checks
- 4:50 – Payment Procedures
- 4:55 – Use of Credit Cards
- 5:334 – Job Descriptions/Categories/Multi-Level Pay

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Excellent First Day

Many thanks to our staff and parents for insuring a positive and enjoyable first day of school for our students.

Camp Invention

Once again “Camp Invention” summer program was very successful. Parents, students, staff and the regional coordinator of the program expressed their appreciation for this valuable summer experience for our students.

OTBK&C, Ltd.’s Sixth Annual School Law Conference

Board members are invited to the annual law conference on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. presented by our attorney’s law firm. If you are interested in attending, please notify Karen Binger by September 12th.

AASA Statement on the 2008 PDK/Gallup Education Poll

The American Association of School Administrators issued the following statement ... The PDK/Gallup poll findings are consistent with the 2008 AASA Legislative Agenda. Like AASA, the American public is calling for a fundamental reframing of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the law currently known as No Child Left Behind. Two-thirds of Americans believe NCLB needs to be changed significantly or permitted to expire, and only 1 in 4 believe it has helped local schools. The poll results confirm that educators must have a leading role in crafting sound education policy. More than 7 in 10 Americans believe the next president should turn to education leaders -- not politicians or business leaders -- for guidance on education policy.

Other

- Superintendent Harezlak urged board members to attend a meeting on September 11th at 7 p.m. located at the Loves Park City Hall to learn more about the new law regarding sales tax for school facilities.
- Shared a positive letter from a parent regarding bus safety issues that Principal Browning resolved.

MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mrs. Praneis

- In order to save cost of paper and printing, Mrs. Praneis suggested sending one item (i.e. handbook) home per family for those families that have more than one child attending.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- The start of school went very well at WPES.
- Open house was very good.
- Students are very excited about using the fitness path at WPES.
- The breakfast program started at WPES on Monday. Each day, the number of students eating breakfast increased. The RGS breakfast program starts in October.
- The new laptop lab at WPES is great.
- Commented that Mr. Terry is doing a wonderful job.
- PTO Fun Run is scheduled for October 2nd with a rain date of October 9th.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- The first days of school have been amazing.
- SMMS had a great turn out for parent orientation.
- Volleyball and soccer begin on September 2nd.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- The eighth grade class has 196 students.
- A memorial service will be held at SMMS at 7:30 a.m. on September 11th.
- He also had a wonderful start of the new school year.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Percy. Mrs. Johnson commented that she attended an IEA informational training session regarding RtI. Information that she gathered from the session established that an instructional coach teacher is the best way to offer services to teachers and commended Mrs. Browning for her research for the position and the Board for approving the position, regular session resumed.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Neece moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.

Approved date: September 30, 2008

President: _____

Secretary: _____