

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2010 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 18, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	ABS	P	P

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:26 p.m. and left at 8:35 p.m., Mrs. Neece arrived at 7:12 p.m., and Mr. Midgett arrived at 8:40 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry, Shaun Newmes, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, Business Manager Julia Saunders, Rockford Register Star reporter Greg Stanley, and various teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:27 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)), seconded by Mrs. Michowski. Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Schubert, Warren, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Michowski, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Lisa Rehfeldt for plant sent in memory of her father.
- Thank you card from Jackie Hade for plant sent in memory of her father.
- Letter received from parent Laura Rebban stating concern with fourth grade classroom sizes.

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

WCSEC Budget Hearing

The budget hearing for the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative was called to order. Mr. Zelten presented the WCSEC's proposed FY11 budget.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative's budget as presented for the 2010-2011 school year, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Consent Agenda

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

Items included:

1. July 28, 2010 Regular meeting minutes
2. August bills, September payroll, July treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
4. Request – Distribute information and conduct parent meetings regarding School Tours of America to Washington D.C. for eighth grade students in March 2011.
5. Donation – Twenty library books (value estimate \$300) from Illinois School Library Media Association Endowment Fund for WPES library.
6. District Contracts/Fund Raisers

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

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2010-11 school year

Certified

- Katherine Zierke WPES Special Education Teacher
- Jessica Yates Seventh Grade English & Science Teacher
- Jay Bigwood SMMS Soccer Coach

Non-Certified

- Carleen Hill RGS Special Teacher Assistant – part-time

b. Transfer

Certified

- Dan Baumgartner SMMS Health Teacher

Non-Certified

- Tina Bottensek SMMS Assistant Secretary

c. FMLA

Certified

- Amy Stevens RGS Teacher

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the July 28, 2010 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Enrollment Status

New student enrollment registration conducted this summer resulted in preliminary numbers that indicate 105 new students and a loss of 45 students from March 2010 projections for 2010-11 school year. At this time, there are concerns regarding class size with two grade levels. An enrollment history for the past five school years and projected first day attendance for the 2010-11 school year was provided.

Mrs. Warren moved to add one full-time second grade teacher and one full-time fourth grade teacher for the 2010-11 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

DRAFT FY11 Budget

The FY11 draft budget was reviewed. The draft budget information outlines the projected revenues, expenditures and anticipated balances for FY11. Superintendent Harezlak reported the district will be receiving an allocation of \$351,310 from a new federal program, Education Jobs Funds. This tentative budget will be placed on display for public review on August 19, 2010. 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 22, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Self-Insurance Status

Miller, Buettner & Parrott, district's insurance broker, secured a re-insurance renewal. The current self-insurance fund balance lost \$300,300 in FY10 due to a high number of claims with an ending balance of \$914,506.47. This is the second consecutive year of significant loss to our reserve. Based on the re-insurance proposals, our broker has recommended the district substantially increase its contribution as well as the employee dependent contribution to the insurance fund to maintain a fund balance. A history of medical and dental insurance contributions was provided.

Mrs. Warren moved with regret to approve medical insurance rates as recommended for the 2010-11 school year, seconded by Mr. Meason.

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

Board Reflections

Cassel, John, (September-October 2007), Five Benchmarks of Effective Teams, *The Illinois School Board Journal* article was discussed.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

Board members are invited to the annual law conference on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. presented by our attorney's law firm. If you are interested in attending, please notify Karen Binger by September 15, 2010.

Other

- Board members are invited to attend the IASB – Kishwaukee Division fall dinner meeting on Thursday, September 23rd at Harlem High School.
- Distributed IASB survey for board members to complete.
- Superintendent Harezlak thanked the board members for their support and looks forward to another great year of learning.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- Kindergarten parent orientation is August 31st, first and second grade parent orientation is September 1st.
- The Pre-K program was approved.
- Thanked board members for approving additional second grade position.
- Custodians did a tremendous job cleaning the school this summer.

- Teachers are very busy getting classrooms ready for school.

Mr. Terry reported:

- Smartboard training for teacher subs and teacher assistants was August 17th.
- New family orientation was August 18th.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- Thanked board members for approving additional fourth grade position.
- New family orientation was great.
- WPES parent orientation is September 2nd.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- SMMS parent orientation is August 23rd.
- Teachers are busy getting classrooms ready for school.
- Custodians did an awesome job this summer cleaning the building.
- Welcomed new assistant principal Shaun Newmes.

Mr. Newmes reported:

- Thanked everyone for welcoming him to Rockton School District.
- The staff picnic had a great turnout.
- Thanked Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Bottensek for their help.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Michowski thanked teachers for coming to the board meeting.
- Mr. Schubert shared his family visited from France.
- Mrs. Warren thanked Erin Salberg for accepting position as vice president of RTA.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson thanked board members on behalf of the RTA, for approving two new teacher positions. Gail also commented she enjoyed the staff picnic, and thanked administration for including RTA in meetings. Regular session resumed.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski, carried unanimously.

Approved date: September 22, 2010

President: _____

Secretary: _____