

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2006 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 December 18, 2006, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:01 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	ABS	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Schubert arrived at 6:18 p.m. and Mr. LaForge left at 7:00 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Georgiann McKenna, Barb Browning, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Curriculum Coordinator Kindyl Etnyre, Teachers Glenn Terry, Jane Schamell, Lisa Larson, Amy Limke, Robin Hardyman, Roger Eckdahl from Larson and Darby, and George Lingel, financial consultant.

2006 Tax Levy Hearing

The tax levy hearing was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Mrs. Percy moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. LaForge. No one wished to address the Board. Mr. LaForge moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Percy moved to enter closed session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the 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). Potential litigation involving a construction dispute - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11). 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: Percy, LaForge, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. LaForge moved to return to open session at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Math Study Team

Kindyl Etnyre and representatives from the district's Math Study Team presented a brief overview of the process being utilized to select a new math series for BOE approval.

Correspondence

- A thank you card was received from the Rockton Teachers' Association for the Board of Education's support and commitment to education.
- Six letters of school suspension and four letters of in-school detention.

Mrs. Percy moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Third grade teachers Lisa Larson and Jane Schamell thanked Principal Browning for the use of classrooms at RGS while construction was being completed and also thanked the BOE for the wonderful new addition. Tonia Mason reported that the Rockton Warriors Booster Club donated a second scoreboard for SMMS valuing \$2,800.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Percy moved to approve items on the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Items included:

1. November 15, 2006 Regular meeting minutes and November 14, 2006 Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donations
 - Laidlaw donated a 1996 GMC bus van with a lift valued at \$6,000 that will replace our old food services bus.
 - Dawn Newgard donated a 10 foot, pre-lit artificial pine tree to SMMS.
 - The local American Legion Post 332 donated \$1,915 towards the purchase of an AED for RGS.
 - Rockton Warrior Booster Club donated a lighted eight-foot scorers table valuing \$2,300 and a second scoreboard for the north end of SMMS gym valuing \$2,800.

Policy Committee

1. Mrs. Warren moved to approve policy updates noted in the October 24, 2006 Policy Committee minutes, seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.
 - o 6:70 – Teaching About Religions
 - o 6:80 – Teaching About Controversial Issues
 - o 6:150 – Home and Hospital Instruction
 - o 6:210 – Instructional Materials
 - o 6:220 – Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption
 - o 6:280 – Grading and Promotion
 - o 6:290 – Homework
 - o 6:330 – Awards and Scholarships
 - o 7:80 – Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
 - o 7:90 – Release During School Years
 - o 7:220 – Bus Conduct
 - o 7:290 – Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs
 - o 7:310 – Publications
 - o 7:340 – Student Records
 - o 8:40 – Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship for Athletic and Extracurricular Event
2. At the November 14, 2006 Policy Committee meeting, the following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for BOE action at the January meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes. Copies of the policy changes were provided.
 - o 2:10 – School District Governance
 - o 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
 - o 2:50 – Board Member Term of Office
 - o 2:80 – Board Member Oath and Conduct
 - o 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
 - o 2:130 – Board-Superintendent Relationship
 - o 2:140 – Communications To and From the Board
 - o 2:150 – Committees
 - o 2:200 – Type of School Board Meetings
 - o 2:210 – Organizational School Board Meetings
 - o 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
 - o 2:240 – Board Policy Development

- o 3:10 – Goals and Objectives
- o 6:230 – Library Resource Center

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Percy, to approve the following.

1. Resignations
 - Sandy Crean – RGS part-time special education aide – effective January 11, 2007
 - Brenda Lisitza – WPES part-time special education aide – effective January 9, 2007
2. Employments
 - Rosemary Marks – RGS/WPES custodian/maintenance
3. Release from Teacher Contract
 - Cynthia Huber – SMMS Special education teacher – effective January 11, 2007

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the November 15, 2006 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Settlement Agreement

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the release and settlement agreement between Rockton School District and architect for the original construction of SMMS, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Tax Appeals

Mrs. Percy moved to approve three resolutions for Attorney Jack Cook to begin tax appeal process for tax appeals that have been filed with the Winnebago County Board of Review, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Life/Safety Amendments

Mr. Schubert moved to approve life/safety amendments pertaining to security issues as presented by Architect Roger Eckdahl, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Update on Construction Projects

Mrs. Percy moved to approve change order #4 as presented by Architect Roger Eckdahl for the RGS/WPES construction project.

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

Mr. Eckdahl reported that Larson and Larson will provide a cost to pave the drive around WPES.

Financial Projections

George Lingel, financial consultant, presented his five-year projections and recommendations. Some items discussed were budget planning, planning multiple year budgets, trend analysis, fiscal policies, and scenario analysis.

January 6, 2007 Board Retreat

Board members were reminded of the retreat scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2007, at 8 a.m. in the RGS retreat room.

Negotiations

Mrs. Percy moved to give authorization to the BOE Negotiations committee to negotiate with the RTA on behalf of the BOE including the authority to approve tentative agreements, seconded Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

A Negotiations Team meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

November Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys

Survey results from November parent conferences were enclosed.

Musical Gift

Our Rockton students shared their musical talents these past two weeks providing the perfect holiday gift. Beginning with the amusing "test anxiety songs" at the third grade concert, to the "blitzen boogie" from our second graders, followed by the creative musical presentation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by the SMMS band, and ending with the delightful "Couch Potato" song at the fifth grade concert, it was a very enjoyable two weeks of holiday concerts. Many thanks to the students and their music teachers – Ms. Araoz, Mrs. Broaddus and Mr. Mayer for the gift.

Generous Students

Hats off to the generous contributions from our RGS and SMMS students who raised funds for the local Wimpy's Fund to provide holiday gifts to Rockton families. RGS students collected \$745 and SMMS students contributed over \$1,700.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning

- RGS holiday parties will be held December 19th at 1:45 p.m.

Dr. McKenna

- Shared pictures of WPES rock painting project with students.
- The PTO has allocated \$18,000 to all three schools.

Mr. Larson

- Seventh grade went to a play at the New American Theatre.
- Students collected 20 milk jugs of pop top tabs to help a local charity.
- Regional basketball tournament begins this week at SMMS.
- Recognized Mrs. Etnyre, Curriculum Coordinator, for her hard work that is very beneficial to all the schools.

Mr. Taphorn

- Reported that the band concert was wonderful.
- Commented that the holiday student dance was great.
- SMMS students donated \$1,700 to Wimpy's Fund.

Mrs. Etnyre

- Reported that 27 people have signed up for Quantum Learning. Sessions are in January and February.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.

Approved Date: January 24, 2007

President: _____

Secretary: _____