

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2009 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 16, 2009, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	P	P	P

Mrs. Warren left the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and Mr. Meason left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and came back to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry, Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:01 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: Michowski, Midgett, Schubert, Meason, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

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

President Brenda Warren left at 6:25 p.m. and Vice President Sarah Praneis finished the meeting.

2009 Tax Levy Hearing

The tax levy hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Praneis moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Mr. Schubert moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Mr. Meason.

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

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Julie Breese for purchasing a SmartBoard for her classroom.
- Three letters of in-school suspension.

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

Consent Agenda

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

Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. November 18, 2009 Regular meeting minutes, November 18, 2009 Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

Policy Committee

- The following policy changes were reviewed and will be recommended for Board action at the January BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.
 - 4:120 – Food Services
 - 4:130 – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
 - 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
 - 4:160 – Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
 - 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:120 – Ethics
 - 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
 - 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications
 - 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
 - 6:50 – School Wellness
 - 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
 - 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program
 - 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students
 - 7:190 – Student Discipline
 - 7:240 – Conduct code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 - 7:300 – Extracurricular Activities
 - 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
 - 8:100 – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies
- Mr. Midgett moved to approve the following policy changes, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.
 - 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
 - 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications
 - 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
 - 3:40 – Superintendent
 - 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
 - 4:40 – Incurring Debt
 - 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
 - 4:100 – Insurance Management
 - 4:110 – Transportation
 - 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
 - 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria

Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Praneis, seconded by Mrs. Michowski, to approve the following personnel report.

a. Employment – 2009-2010 school year

Certified

- o Christine Wolfe After-School Reading Teacher – 3rd Grade (2nd semester)

Non-Certified

- o Corine Hughes Food Service Aide – RGS – part-time

b. Resignation

Non-Certified

- o Regina Bruckner Food Service Aide – RGS – part-time

Certified

- o Richard Mayer SMMS Quiz Bowl Coach

c. FMLA – 2009-10 school year for 6 weeks

Non-Certified

- o Katie Kramar Satellite Teacher Assistant

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Michowski, Schubert, Midgett, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Praneis moved to approve the November 18, 2009 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Michowski, carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan – Growth Committee

Kathy Sipe and David Lynch, representatives from the district Growth Committee, presented the report from the building and district growth committees regarding short-term accommodations for student enrollment growth.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys

Survey results from November parent conferences were provided.

Holiday Cheer

The musical talents of our students filled the community with sounds of the season. It was a very enjoyable week of holiday concerts. Many thanks to the students and their music teachers – Ms. Aroz, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Finlen and Mr. Mayer for the perfect holiday gift.

Spirit of Giving

Once again our students have made generous contributions to the local food pantry and Wimpy's Fund to spread holiday cheer to many families in the Rockton community.

Other

- SmartBoards and projectors have been installed in 41 classrooms.
- The first paycheck in January is scheduled for January 1. Due to the holiday, paychecks will be deposited on December 31.
- The Rockton School District Winter Fling is Saturday, January 9.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- RGS collected \$900 for Wimpy's fund. Thank you to Rebecca Rathe for doing the shopping for Wimpy's.
- Second grade concert is December 17th.
- Holiday parties begin at 1:30 p.m. on December 18th.
- Teachers and students are excited with the new Smartboards in their classrooms.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- The WPES holiday concerts were wonderful. Mr. Newman did a great job.
- Officer Cure did a wonderful job at DARE graduation.
- HHS seniors are planning to come to RGS and WPES on April 29th to do service projects.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- The SMMS choir performed at HHS on December 14th. Thank you to Mrs. Walsh.
- SMMS collected \$3,000 for Wimpy's fund.
- The fall and winter sports and activities pep assembly is December 17th.

Mr. Terry reported:

- The WPES choir performed at Cherry Vale Mall and it was a great experience for the children.
- Thanked Mr. Snowdon and Mr. Shook for their hard work installing SmartBoards and projectors.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- SMMS band concert was remarkable.
- Students created a hat and mitten tree. Hats and mittens are being donated to Goldie Floberg children.

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

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Schubert stated the School Board conference was very informative.
- Mrs. Michowski thanked teachers for attending the meeting.
- Mr. Meason stated he attended the IMEA Honors band and choir concert at NIU and said it was tremendous. Mr. Mayer was in charge of the performance.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski, carried unanimously.

Approved date: January 27, 2010

President: _____

Secretary: _____