

# Minutes of Regular Meeting Held December 14, 2011

## **The Board of Education Rockton School District No. 140**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District No. 140 was held on December 14, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Stephen Mack Middle School Library, 11810 Old River Road, Rockton, IL 61072.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by President Brenda Warren at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Sarah Praneis, Larry Schubert, Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett, Laura Neece, Brenda Warren

Absent: Jim Meason

Others present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, RTA President/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various staff and community members.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **2011 Tax Levy Hearing**

The tax levy hearing was called to order. Mrs. Warren moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Mrs. Warren moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

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

5. **Correspondence**

- Five letters of out-of-school suspensions, nine letters of in-school suspensions, and one letter of bus suspension.

6. **Comments from the Community**

Mrs. Warren 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.

7. **Consent Agenda**

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

Items included:

1. November 16, 2011 Regular meeting minutes, November 30, 2011 Finance Task Force meeting minutes
2. December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
4. Donation – Computer with flat screen monitor donated by Tony Tannous

Schubert, Neece, Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes  
Motion carried.

## **8. Satellite Bills**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve December Satellite bills, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Schubert, Neece, Midgett, Praneis, Warren, Michowski-abstain – 5 ayes and 1 abstain Motion carried.

## **9. Finance Task Force Committee Report**

Randy Holland, on behalf of the Finance Task Force Committee, presented a summary and items for consideration for the BOE based on the meetings held in October, November, and December. Board members and Superintendent Greenlee thanked the Finance Task Force Committee members for all of their hard work and the tremendous amount of time that they provided serving on the committee. President Warren noted Superintendent Greenlee will review the items for consideration and then compile a list of budget reduction recommendations for board members to consider for a future board meeting.

## **10. Tax Appeal**

Mr. Midgett moved to approve tax appeal resolution in conjunction with Hononegah High School District and the Rockton Village that will be filed with the Winnebago County Board of Review, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

## **11. Collective Bargaining Committee**

President Mrs. Warren appointed Mrs. Praneis and Mrs. Michowski to serve on the Collective Bargaining (Negotiations) committee. President Mrs. Warren will be the chairperson.

## **12. Date Change for April BOE Meeting**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request to change the April BOE meeting from Wednesday, April 25, 2012 to Tuesday, April 24, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

## **13. Superintendent's Report**

- November Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys - Survey results from November parent conferences were provided.
- Holiday Cheer - The holiday spirit is alive and very inspiring in our school district due to the musical talents of our students. Last week's holiday concerts were very enjoyable. Many thanks to the students and their music teachers – Mrs. Ballard, Mr. Newman, and Mr. Mayer for their hard work and the excellent performances.
- RIF Joint Committee Agreement - On December 8<sup>th</sup>, our RIF Joint Committee met and came to agreement on the process and procedures for honorable dismissal of staff. As all of you know, the state passed some new laws regarding seniority and how it effects the reduction in force process. We will be sharing the details with the staff shortly and are gathering all of the necessary information to make sure that the process is in compliance with the new state laws. More information will be shared at the January 25th BOE meeting.

## **14. Administrative Reports**

### **A. Mr. Terry**

- RGS book fair sales totaled \$9,000.
- Kindergarten students attended a field trip to Williams Tree Farm on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Talcott librarians were invited to RGS to speak to kindergarten students about the Native American program.
- Noted he and a team of teachers attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference in St. Charles and it was very informative.

- B. Mr. Rollinson
  - Noted Zach Newman and Dan Enderle did a wonderful job with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert.
  - WPES choir performed at Cherryvale Mall on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mrs. Etnyre
  - Economy Days is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sixth grade students will be attending a movie field trip to *War Horse* after the holidays.
  - Students raised \$3,000 for Wimpy's Fund.
- D. Mr. Newmes
  - Teachers from Hononegah High School will be speaking to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students about electives on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Eighth grade students will be attending a movie field trip on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Boys basketball conference tournament begins January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**15. Comments from the Community**

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs Praneis. Gail Johnson thanked Mike Greenlee, Brenda Warren, and Glenn Terry for attending the kindergarten program and also reminded board members and staff members of the Holiday Party on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Café Belwah. Regular session resumed.

**16. Members' Comments**

- Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, and Mrs. Warren thanked all of the Finance Task Force Committee members.

- 17.** Mr. Schubert moved to go into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)3), Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Neece, Praneis, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes  
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Midgett, Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Warren – 6 ayes

**18. Personnel**

None

**19. Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the November 16, 2011 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

All voted aye – 6

Motion carried.

**20. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

None

- 21.** Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

All voted aye – 6

Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, January 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.*

Approved date: January 25, 2012

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

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