

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held December 16, 2015**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Brenda Warren, Jim Meason, Chanice Michowski, Stacey Heiar, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield
Absent: Kevin Finnegan

Others present: Superintendent Robert Willis, Assistant Superintendent Glenn Terry, Principals Megan Forsythe, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Autumn Czizek, RTA President Mark Donaldson, Sue Miller, Lindy Daniels, Barb Kubat, Sherril Erickson, Diana Kelly, Sally Southworth, Mrs. Brien, Marianne Stenzel,
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Presentation of Thank You Certificate to Marianne Stenzel, Talcott Librarian**
Barb Kubat and Glenn Terry presented a Thank You Certificate and cards from teachers to Marianne Stenzel who is retiring from the Talcott Library.
5. **2015 Tax Levy Hearing**
President Littlefield moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board. Mrs. Littlefield moved to adopt the Levy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, motion carried.
6. **Comments from the Community**
Mrs. Littlefield moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Warren.
 - Sherril Erickson thanked the Board for honoring Marianne Stenzel.
7. Mrs. Littlefield informed the Board that there was no need to move to Executive Session. Mr. Meason agreed and the Board moved on to the next item on the agenda.
8. **Correspondence**
 - Thank you card from Sheryll Sager for the Peace Lily sent in memory of her mother-in-law.
 - Thank you note from Elizabeth LaLande for the plant sent after her surgery.
 - Five letters of in-school suspension, four letters of out-of-school suspension and one letter of bus suspension.

9. **PARCC Test Results**

Lindy Daniels gave a Power Point presentation explaining PARCC test results for the Rockton School District – 3rd grade through 8th grade.

10. **First Student Bus Contract Rollover**

Glenn Terry presented the latest information regarding the bus contract rollover discussion with First Student.

11. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Warren. Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report and all items identified.

- **Cooperative**
Action taken at the executive meeting of the Winnebago County Special Education.
- November 2 Insurance Committee Minutes
- November 16 Building & Grounds Committee Minutes

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, motion carried.

12. **Personnel**

Mrs. Littlefield made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Heiar to approve the following employments for the 2015/2016 school year.

A. Certified

- Sue Vermett (Hire) – Play Director – Stipend Position
- Kindyl Etnyre (Transfer) – SMMS Principal to RGS Principal effective 1-4-16
- Autumn Czizek (Hire) – Interim Principal SMMS
- Eric Eiss (Hire) – Interim Assistant Principal SMMS.
- Rebecca Scheppmann (Leave) Maternity leave approximately April 20, 2016 with intent to return FY2017 school year
- Glenn Terry (Hire) – Superintendent effective 1-4-2016

B. Non-Certified Staff

- Sarah Baines (Resign) – Pre-K Teacher Assistant effective 12-18-15
- Kathy Doering (Transfer) – Teacher Assistant to Pre-K Teacher Assistant effective 1-4-2016
- Stori Dimke/Kelly Baumgartner (Resign) – shared Fair Project position
- Sally Burie (Hire) Project Fair Coordinator – Stipend Position
- Stacey West, Temporary Paraprofessional at SMMS
- Lisa Tenhundfeld, 1:1 Paraprofessional at RGS

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **Superintendent Contract**

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the contract to hire Glenn Terry from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 as Superintendent, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Closed Session Minutes**

Minutes were not reviewed this month.

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

None.

16. **Superintendents Report**

Dr. Willis thanked the Board for the opportunity serve as Interim Superintendent of RSD #140 and encouraged the District to give Glenn Terry a warm welcome starting in January, 2016.

17. **Administrative Reports**

WPES – Mrs. Megan Forsythe

- Congratulations to Andrea Leitner for being WREX's Teacher of the Week. News coverage tonight!!
- A shout out to Mr. Newman for putting on fantastic winter holiday concerts with our 3rd and 5th graders.
- 'Back the Badge' third graders presented cards to Rockton police officers who came in to read stories and answer questions.
- Wimpy's Fund was a success! Through candy cane sales and our "Spirit of Giving" week, WPES raised over \$2,500 to provide families in our community with a happier holiday.
- PTO Update:
 - a. Holiday Shoppe at WPES was well attended and an excellent community event.
 - b. IceHogs Rockton Night will be January 15th – the WPES choir will perform our National Anthem.

SMMS – Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre & Mrs. Autumn Czizek

- SMMS would like to recognize Mrs. Sarah Kazluski, Mrs. Melissa Blecker, Student Council and NJHS for organizing our Wimpy's fundraiser. SMMS raised over \$3,500.00 for 35 local children
- Please come listen to our winter band and choir concert this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the SMMS gym.
- Still need to finish your Christmas shopping? 6th grade Economy Day is this Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the SMMS cafeteria.
- The SMMS teachers would like to thank Lindy Daniels for explaining and analyzing the PARCC results.
- SMMS is in the beginning stages of starting a LEO Club. Mrs. Vermett is working on the details with Mr. and Mrs. Peavy of the Macktown Lions Club. HCHS recently started a club.
- Thank you to Mrs. Laura Zimmerman for organizing the RSD #140 Holiday Get-Together on December 11th.
- Thank you to the Board for giving her the opportunity to start as the Principal at RGS in January. "I am very excited for January!"

RGS – Mr. Glenn Terry

- Congratulations to our second grade students for a wonderful concert. Great job Mrs. Ballard preparing our second graders!

- Thank you to the RGS students for raising \$371.00 for Wimpy's Fund and Mrs. Scheppmann for organizing.
- Copier Bids – Our copier bids were due Monday and we are looking at a significant rate hike. We will be rating each bid in conjunction with HHS, Kinnikinnick, and North Boone.
- We will be starting the process to appoint a new Board member due to Brenda Warren's retirement from the Board effective December 18, 2015. Thank you to Brenda Warren for her 20 years of service and passion for the Rockton School District.
- Glenn Terry also updated the BOE on the large volume of tax appeals and the pending financial impact on the District. In order to respond to this time sensitive issue, the Board needs to adopt a Resolution authorizing District intervention.

18. **New Business: Adoption of Resolution**

Mr. Meason proposed the adoption of a resolution authorizing the District's hiring of Atty. Jack Cook and Associates to intervene on the District's behalf in the property tax appeals filed with the Board of Review by Chemtool, Lubrisol, and other entities, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

19. **Members' Comments**

- Jim Meason thanked Dr. Willis for his service at Rockton School District as Interim Superintendent and expressed his appreciation of Dr. Willis's leadership style.
- Board members Katie Littlefield, Chanice Michowski, and Gail Johnson also thanked Dr. Willis and shared personal stories.
- Katie Littlefield presented a plaque to Brenda Warren and thanked her for her 20 years of service as member of the Rockton BOE. Laura Neece, Jim Meason, and Gail Johnson also thanked Brenda Warren and shared personal stories.
- On behalf of all the teachers, Mark Donaldson thanked Dr. Willis for his time and commitment to the Rockton School District. Mr. Donaldson also thanked Brenda Warren for her time and commitment to the students in Rockton School District and commented a donation to REEF was made in Brenda Warren's name.

20. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Littlefield moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Heiar. 6 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval date: January 27, 2016

President: _____

Secretary: _____