

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held December 20, 2017**

The Board of Education  
Rockton School District No. 140

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1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield **6:02pm**

2. **Roll Call** (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Matt Roer, Lindy Daniels, Susan Sherbon, Sue Miller

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **2017 Tax Levy Hearing**

Katie Littlefield opened the tax levy public hearing at 6:07pm. There was no public comment. Katie Littlefield closed the public hearing at 6:08. Shawn Connors moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

5. **Lindy Daniels Presentation - Results of the PARCC Testing**

Overall growth for the district was stable from 2016 to 2017, but Rockton's students achieve at a much higher level than the state of Illinois as a whole. Both ELA and Math scores show an increasing trend from 3rd to 8th grade. Rockton sends students to Hononegah well-prepared for the standards. Growth goals were highlighted to focus on continuing to increase student achievement.

6. **Comments from the Community**

None.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

7. Josh Houghton motioned into **Executive Session** 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), and Self-evaluation, practice and Procedures or

professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide Association of which the public body is a member (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), seconded by Shawn Connors.

Josh Houghton moved to return to open session at 6:35pm, seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

## **8. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

8.1 Approval of regular Closed Session Minutes of 11/15/2017 Katie Littlefield motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes and recommend they are to remain close, seconded by Chad Papke.

8.2 Approval of Personnel:

### **NON-CERTIFIED STAFF**

**Brittney Legowski** was hired as the Assistant Play Director for the SMMS musical.

**Michelle Marella** was hired as an EC and 1<sup>st</sup> grade paraprofessional.

**Dawn Kreinke** resigned after 14 years of service in order to accept other employment outside the district.

All in favor-7 ayes, Motion passes.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

## **9. Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Barb Kubat for the floral arrangement sent after her back surgery.
- Thank you card from Emily Dummer for the floral arrangement sent after her sister passed.
- 6 letters of in-school suspension, 2 letters for half day of in-school suspension, 4 letters of out of school suspension, and 1 bus suspension.

## **10. RSD #140 Policy Approval**

The following policy was reviewed at the 12/13/17 Special Purpose Meeting and is now recommended for approval:

4:50 Payment Procedures

Gail Johnson motioned for approval of the above listed policy, seconded by Chad Papke. All in favor-7 ayes, Motion passed.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

**11. SMMS HVAC Repair**

Mr. Ehlers and Mr. Terry are recommending approval to contact Miller Engineering to repair all leaks and structural supports to the coils within the thermal storage unit at a cost of \$40,214.00. This includes reassembly of the unit.

Brett Lundsten motioned for the approval to contact Miller Engineering to repair leaks and structural supports to the coils within the thermal storage unit at a cost of \$40,214.00, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

**12. Self Insurance Fund Resolution**

Mr. Terry is asking for approval of a resolution between the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative and the Rockton School District to split excess money held in our joint self-insurance fund account. The funds would be split based on historical enrollment data, 65% for Rockton and 35% for WCSEC. This resolution will also dictate future division of funds.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the Resolution between the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative and the Rockton School District to split excess money held in a joint self-insurance fund account, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

**13. Consent Items**

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 below:

- a. Cooperative: Action taken at the meeting of the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action. Your approval is recommended.
- b. Approval of 12-13-17 Special Purpose Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of 11-15-2017 Open Session Minutes
- d. Approval of Board Members expenses for Triple I Conference
- e. Approval of lease with the WCSEC to use classrooms at WPES and SMMS

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: (Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield)

#### 14. New Business

None.

#### 15. Superintendent's Report

- FOIA Request from The Beloit Daily News
- District Christmas Party is tomorrow at the Grand Ave. Pub from 3:30-7:00PM.
- Gear Up grant

#### 16. Administrative Reports

##### RGS Administrative Report

December 20, 2017

1. **PTO:** Through the Fun Run fundraising event, the PTO will once again donate to the technological advances and goals for the district. Thank you PTO for your \$25,000 donation!
2. **Preschool Screening and Kindergarten Registration:** Preschool screening and kindergarten registration for 2018/2019 is just around the corner for Rockton Grade School. Please pass along the following information to any neighbor or family who lives within our district boundaries with children between three years old and kindergarten age.
  - a. Contact Mrs. Carey Hubbell (RGS Nurse) at 815.624.8585 or by email at [hubbell@rockton140.org](mailto:hubbell@rockton140.org) to schedule an appointment.
  - b. **Dates & Times:**
    - i. Tuesday, February 6 (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
    - ii. Wednesday, February 7 (12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)
    - iii. Thursday, February 8 (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
  - c. **Location:** Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative at 11971 Wagon Wheel Road, Rockton, IL 61072
3. **And for the W.I.N.**
  - a. Wimpy's Fund - RGS raised \$1547.80! This is an amazing accomplishment for our students. It is also a true reflection of our giving community.
  - b. I scream, you scream, we all scream for a beautifully decorated ice cream tree! Thank you to Mrs. Graves for encouraging our students' creativity!
  - c. Thank you to Mrs. Ballard and the second grade students for a very 'cool' winter concert!

##### WPES Administrative Report

12/20/17

1. Measuring Success at WPES (beyond the test scores...)
  - a. Student Recognition Programs: Good as Gold; Student of the Month; Character Trait Recognition (Leadership, Integrity, Empathy, Perseverance) ; Quarterly Reward Celebrations

- b. Excellence in teaching: 21 Golden Apple Nominees; Golden Apple Finalist, Lance Tuula; Teacher of the Week
  - c. Extra-curricular activities: Art Enrichment Classes (Digital and Clay), WPES Choir, Concert Performances, field trips, Running Club, STEM Club, Young Rembrandts, Art Sadler Basketball, assemblies
  - d. Staff morale: positive environment; spend time together outside of the school
  - e. Attendance rate: average daily attendance is over 97%
  - f. Community Service Outreach: Old Stone Food Pantry; Adopt a classroom in Houston; Animal Shelter Donations; Wimpy's Fund (Raised over \$3,000 to purchase gifts for 34 kids to find under their tree)
2. Thank you to Mr. Newman and the students for two fantastic concert performances by our 3rd and 5th graders, as well as our WPES Choir!
  3. Whitman Post wishes Dawn Krienke all the best in her next adventure as a paraprofessional at Hononegah High School. Thank you, Mrs. Krienke, for your 14 years of spreading joy throughout our school. You'll be missed!

### **SMMS Administrative Report**

December 20, 2017

1. Thank you to Mr. Mayer and the bands for a wonderful winter concert!
2. Thank you for all of the support with our Wimpy's fundraiser this year. We were able to raise enough funds to purchase gifts for 20 children this year. We appreciate the support from our students and families.
3. Sixth grade students will be holding their December Economy Day on Thursday, December 21. Stop out and see all of the great ideas that the students have come up with this year!
4. Stephen Mack NJHS along with the area stateline schools held a day of silence on Friday, December 15 in order to raise funds for the Little Angels Orphanage in Africa. Students were raising money to sponsor the education of students. SMMS raised \$1,081 and all of the schools combined raised almost \$4,500. Thank you to Mrs. Blecker and the NJHS students for helping organize this event.
5. Thank you to Mrs. Kaz and the student council for organizing a door decorating contest that helped make SMMS very festive this year! Thank you also to our school board members for helping judge the entries.
6. RWBC-Thank you to all of our families for all of the support for the Booster Club Candle Sales. We had a record sales year with over 1,000 candles sold!

### **Special Education Administrative Report**

1. RGS was hit hard with illness last week. The staff showed great flexibility and support with covering where needed.
2. Thank you to the WCSEC for inviting our paraprofessionals to participate in some staff development at our upcoming Institute Day.

**17. Comments from the Community**

None

**18. Members' Comments**

Gail Johnson stated that she went to Cherryvale Mall to listen to the band concert. She stated that there was a good crowd. Josh informed the Board about a meeting he, Glenn and Sue had with Bob Lewis from PMA regarding the potential refunding of bonds and there will be more information at the January 10th Committee of the Whole meeting.

**19. Adjournment**

Josh Houghton moved to adjourn, seconded by Chad Papke. 7 ayes, Motioned carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on Wednesday, January 24, 2017.

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Katie Littlefield, President

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Stacey Heiar, Secretary