

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2010 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 February 24, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:06 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

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

**Closed Session**

Mrs. Neece moved to enter closed session at 6:07 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 Mr. Midgett.

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

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

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

**Correspondence**

- Thank you cards from the fifth grade team, fourth grade teacher Andrea Leitner, and the first grade team for purchasing SmartBoards.
- Four letters of in-school suspension and four letters of out-of-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**

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

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

Items included:

1. January 27, 2010 Regular meeting minutes
2. February bills, March payroll, January treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

**Personnel**

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

- a. Employment – 2009-2010 school year
  - Certified
    - o Jeanna McAfee SMMS National Jr. Honor Society – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
  - Non-Certified
    - o DuWayne Jones SMMS Assistant Track Coach
- b. Resignation
  - Certified
    - o Lucinda Balandis SMMS National Jr. Honor Society Advisor
- c. Retirement with regrets – effective end of 2012-2013 school year
  - Certified
    - o Tom Breese SMMS Physical Education Teacher

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

**Closed Session Minutes**

- Mrs. Warren moved to approve the January 27, 2010 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Warren moved to open the March 17, 2009 and October 7, 2009 previously reviewed closed session minutes, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Warren moved to destroy verbatim record of closed meetings prior to June, 2008 seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

**Annual Report of Gifted Programs**

Lindy Daniels, Curriculum Coordinator, presented a summary review of the programs and services offered by the district for high ability students.

**Rtl Brochure**

Dr. Barb Browning presented progress report of the district Rtl programs and a 'draft' copy of the parent brochure prepared by the district Rtl Committee.

**Transportation Contract**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve three year contract with Illinois Central to provide transportation services for the district, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

**Mowing Contract**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request to renew contract for three years for mowing district property with Stonegrove Inc., seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

**School Calendars**

Calendars for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years were provided. District staff was given the opportunity to provide feedback regarding these draft calendars. Also, the proposed calendars were coordinated with the area school districts. Adoption of the 2010-2011 calendar and tentative approval of the 2011-2012 calendar is scheduled for the March BOE meeting.

### **SMMS Golf Proposal**

Principal Etnyre requested this agenda item be placed on hold due to budget projection concerns.

### **Annual Financial Report**

The district received a financial profile score from ISBE. Our financial designation for 2010 is a score of four or 'Recognition' status. Superintendent Harezlak shared details of this top score.

### **"Budget At a Glance" Brochure**

A draft copy of the district's "Budget At a Glance" brochure was shared at the meeting for BOE review. When completed, the brochure will be available on the district website. Hard copies will also be available to the public. Superintendent Harezlak thanked Kris Holland and Julia Saunders for creating this brochure.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **ISBE Certificate of Recognition**

Each of our school buildings as well as the district received a "Fully Recognized" certificate from the Illinois State Board of Education. This annual recognition certifies our fulfillment of the standards established for Illinois public schools.

### **Pre-School Screening**

RGS staff will conduct screening for pre-schoolers and next year's kindergarten students on March 9, 10, 11, 2010 at Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative.

### **Bulletins and Newsletters:**

Teacher Institute evaluations and IASB Constitution and Position Statements were provided.

### **Other**

- Congratulated Rockton schools for earning a place on the 2009-10 Illinois Academic Honor Roll.
- Informed board members that the gas company is relocating the gas meter at WPES.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Dr. Browning reported:**

- Pre-School screening is March 9-11 at the Winnebago Special Education Cooperative.
- Students have raised over \$1,800 for "Pennies for Patients" leukemia and lymphoma society.
- Endangered animal displays created by RGS students are currently in the RGS library.

### **Mr. Rollinson reported:**

- Two hundred fifty students participated in "Jump Rope for Heart".
- Special team planning days are being held at WPES.
- Project Fair is March 16<sup>th</sup> at RGS and WPES.
- PTO Fun Fair is March 6<sup>th</sup> at SMMS.

### **Mr. Terry reported:**

- REEF grants were awarded to Kelly Cleaveland and the kindergarten team, Zach Newman, and Brian Martin.
- ISAT testing begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Terry and Mrs. Etnyre thanked Lindy Daniels and Kris Holland for their help.

- Three hundred eighty students went to CoCo Keys and it was a great experience.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- The Pick-a-Time online program is working out very well for scheduling parent-teacher conferences.
- The Booster Club Rec Night was fun and another one is scheduled for April.
- Congratulations to the girl's basketball team for an excellent season.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- The Valentine's Day dance was a great success.
- SMMS had a great turnout for the track meeting held February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. begins February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Daniels reported:

- Teachers are working very hard to get students ready for ISAT testing.

**MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Michowski thanked teachers for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Eric Eiss and Mark Donaldson presented a proposal for a SMMS sixth grade boys basketball program. Regular session resumed.

**NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Midgett, carried unanimously.

Approved date: March 17, 2010

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

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