

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held February 27, 2013

**The Board of Education
Rockton School District #140**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District No. 140 was held on February 27, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Cafeteria, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL 61072.

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

2. **Roll Call**

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

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes and various other guests.

3. Mr. Schubert moved to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to Discuss the 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. Neece.

Roll call: Michowski, Midgett, Neece, Praneis, Schubert, Warren - aye
Motion carried 6-0.

Jim Meason arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

5. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Lindsey Campbell, thanking everyone for the flowers sent to her for the new member of her family
- Thank you card from Marilyn White for our kind words of comfort
- One letter of bus suspension
- Eight letters of in-school suspension and five letters of out-of-school suspension

6. **Comments from the Community:**

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

7. **Sign Language Club**

At the start of the school year the board approved a sign language club for the students of WPES. Angelique Bell and several students demonstrated for the board some of the skills they have worked on.

8. **Consent Items**

Mr. Meason moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Items included:

1. January 23, 2013 regular meeting minutes
2. January 9, 2013 special purpose board meeting minutes
3. January 16, 2013 special purpose board meeting minutes
4. February 20, 2013 special purpose board meeting minutes
5. February bills, March Payroll, January treasurer's report
6. Winnebago county Special Education Cooperative Action

Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert to approve the following employments for the 2012-13 school year.

a. Employment – 2012-13 school year

Non-Certified

- Teresa Tomblinson – Administrative Assistant to Supt./Board
- Tina Lewandowski – SMMS Assistant Track Coach
- Nicole Hickox – SMMS Spirit Squad Coach

b. Resignations

Non-Certified

- Carly Schmidt – Assistant Track Coach

Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

9. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the January 23, 2013 regular closed session minutes and February 20, 2013 special purpose closed session minutes. Minutes are to remain closed. Second by Mrs. Praneis. Roll call. All ayes - Motion carried 7-0.

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

None

11. **Regional Learning Academy**

The Regional Learning Academy is an alternative setting for students that functions through the ROE. For the Rockton School District to be a part of this, the board of education needs to approve and sign the agreement from the Regional Learning Academy to retain this as an option to refer students. I am recommending that the board approve the agreement with the Regional Learning Academy.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the Regional Learning Academy contract seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried. 7-0.

12. **Running Club**

Scott Rollinson is asking for permission from the board to start an after school running club for students at WPES. He will provide the board with details regarding the club. It is my recommendation the board approve the after school club at no additional cost to the district.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve a WPES Running Club seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

13. **Budget Reductions for 2013-2014**

The administration is looking for direction from the board of education on an amount to target for reductions for the upcoming 2013-14 school year. This direction will allow the administration to bring back specific recommendations to be reviewed by the board at a March board meeting.

Greg Kubitz from PMA gave a presentation showing the board the affect budget cuts ranging from \$500,000 to \$800,000 would have on next year's budget given certain assumptions made by the board and administration in regards to revenue and expenses. The board instructed the Superintendent to bring back a list of budget reduction recommendations for next year ranging from \$500,000 to \$600,000. These recommendations will be shared with the board at a Special Purpose meeting to be held on March 13, 2013.

14. **2013-2014 School Calendar Approval**

The draft calendar was sent to all staff and board members before the January BOE meeting. There are no additional changes or adjustments that are needed to be made, and any emergency days that need to be added will be added at the end of the school year. I am recommending the board approve the 2013-14 School Calendar as presented.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve 2013-014 School Calendar seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

15. **SMMS HVAC**

The members of the SMMS Life Safety Committee have met several times to review and analyze the different options that need to be addressed based on our Life Safety Audit. At this time, a decision from the board is needed to move the process along on the HVAC system. The cracked heat exchangers have worsened and as a result, we need to make a decision quickly on one of the options so that work can hopefully begin

this summer and be completed for the 2013-14 school year. Recommendations were presented to the board,

Mr. Meason moved to approve moving forward with Life Safety Option A4, which includes installing three hot water boilers and combining it with a minimum air option to maximize efficiency, seconded by Mr. Midget. Roll call. All ayes Motion carried 7-0.

The cost of this repair will be paid for by selling Life Safety and/or Working Cash bonds

16. **Lawn Bid Approval**

Summer Lawn Service was sent out for bid and three services returned quotes. At this time I am recommending Lookin' Good Turf be approved for the summer mowing. Their quote was significantly lower and the reference checks were positive.

Mrs. Neece moved to approve contract for Lookin' Good Turf seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Roll call All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

17. **Policy**

- The following policy changes were reviewed and will be recommended for Board action at the March BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.
 - 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the Board of Education
 - 2:30 – School District Elections
 - 2:110 – Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers
 - 2:125 – Board Member Expenses
 - 2:200 – Types of Board of Education Meetings
 - 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
 - 4:45 – Insufficient Fund Checks
 - 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:70 – Resource Conservation
 - 4:100 – Insurance Management
 - 4:110 – Transportation
 - 4:170 – Safety
 - 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
 - 5:125 – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
 - 5:300 – Schedules and Employment Year
 - 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 - 6:65 – Student Social and Emotional Development
 - 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School
 - 6:210 – Instructional Materials
 - 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy

18. **Superintendents Report**

- Teacher's Institute Day evaluations are attached.
- Special purpose board meeting on March 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm

- Update on Bus Bid process

19. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Terry:

1. RGS families had a great time watching Ice Age III at the Booster Club sponsored movie night.
2. McTeacher night is Thursday March 14th. Come out for dinner and help support the PTO.
3. We had a great first night at the RGS Book Fair. A special thanks to Joann Eischeid and Judy Davis for all their work setting up and running the sale.

Mr. Rollinson:

1. WPES received a \$500 Exxon Mobil Grant and a generous \$100 donation from Alliant Energy in honor of Robert Tangye (Leah Carter's father) and his 25 years of service to Alliant Energy.
2. The PTO has decided not to purchase the sign in front of RGS and WPES. They are instead going to use the money towards programming and curriculum.
3. Thank Angel Bell for her sign language clubs at WPES and SMMS.
4. Thank Dan Enderle for his Armory Art Enrichment classes.
5. Thank the BOE for approving the WPES Running Club.
6. ISAT Testing March 5-15.
7. WPES is looking forward to hosting the ESM program next year.

Mrs. Etnyre:

1. Morgan Elementary administration & staff toured SMMS on Monday to gain ideas for their reconfiguration next year.
2. NJHS students are volunteering at each school during conference nights to help in the collections of parent input for the 5 essentials survey.
3. SMMS would like to thank Lindy Daniels for organizing the ISAT materials. SMMS teacher and students are ready!

Mr. Newmes:

1. Forty Six 8th Graders are flying to Washington D.C. this weekend with Jeanna McAfee, Laura Zimmerman and Matt Hammes.
2. Our girls basketball teams will be playing in the conference tournament on March 11,12, & 14 (7th grade.@ RMS, 8th grade @ Harlem).

3. Track parent meeting happened on 2-26-13. We currently have 157 students signed up to participate.
4. Quiz Bowl is in mid-season. The two teams are coached by Diana Kelly and Matt Hammes.

20. 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. No one wished to address the Board of Education. Regular session resumed.

21. Members' Comments

Mr. Midget commented on the Status of getting ready for RoRo. They received \$100.00 from the RTA. He asked board for up to \$200.00 just in case they ran short of funds. They are in need of volunteers for time slots at the booth at RoRo.

22. Mrs. Warren moved to go into Executive Session at 8:30 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. Michowski.
Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Michowski moved to return to open session at 9:47p.m. Seconded by Mr. Meason. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried. 7-0.

23. Adjournment

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Midgett. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47.

Approved date: March 20, 2013

President: _____

Secretary: _____