

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held February 26, 2014**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Meason at 6:40 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Larry Schubert, Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett, Laura Neece, Brenda Warren, Chuck Kleeberger, Jim Meason

Others Present: Dr. Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, Rich Mayer, Theresa O’Hea, Betsy Atkins, Leah Carter, Mark Schroeder, Diane Roth, Dean Snowdon

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. Ms. Neece moved to go into Executive Session at 6:42 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 Mr. Schubert.

Roll Call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Ms. Neece. Roll Call: Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Correspondence**

- Thank you letter from Allison Pierson, WCSEC, thanking the Board, Mrs. Etnyre, and Mr. Newmes for allowing Co-op to host a Special Education Winter conference at SMMS.
- Thank you letter from Hononegah Boys & Girls Track Club for the monetary memorial gift given in memory of Randy Holland.
- Eight letters of in-school suspension, three letters of out-of-school suspension and one letter of bus suspension.

6. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

7. **Election of Board Vice President**

Laura Neece resigned as the Vice President effective February 26, 2014. Mrs. Warren made a motion to nominate Chuck Kleeberger as Vice President, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll Call: Mrs. Michowski, Ms. Neece, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion Carried.

8. **Consent Items**

Mr. Midgett moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Items included:

1. January 22 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. February bills, March payroll, January treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

Roll Call: Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, – 6 ayes, Mr. Meason – abstained. Motion carried.

9. **Personnel**

- Certified Employment
- Non-Certified Employment
 1. Katherine Hodge – 1-1 aide WPES

10. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the January 22, 2014 regular closed session minutes and recommend they are to be opened, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, Ms. Neece, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

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

None.

12. **SMMS Boiler Change Order**

At the last meeting, the Board approved a change order for the SMMS boilers of \$31,700. After conversations with Larson and Darby, the boilers can be vented individually for \$14,700. Dr. Greenlee recommended to the Board to accept the second change order in place of the original change order that was approved in January.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to accept the second change order, seconded by Ms. Neece.

Roll call: Ms. Neece, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **SMMS Carpeting**

SMMS has 15 rooms that are left to be carpeted between the summer of 2014 and the summer of 2015. We received a quote from Benchmark Flooring that will lock in our price and assure matching carpet to complete the project. The total cost to carpet 7 rooms for the summer of 2014 is \$34,400 and the total cost to carpet 8 rooms for the summer of 2015 is \$40,240. Dr. Greenlee recommended approval to the Board.

Mrs. Warren made a motion for approval, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Ms. Neece, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **RGS and WPES Life Safety 10 Year Surveys**

The Ten Year Life Safety Surveys are due for the RGS and WPES buildings. We have received a proposal from Larson and Darby to conduct the surveys for \$18,000. Mr. Schubert made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Bill Midgett – Nay - Motion carried.

Bill Midgett expressed his gratitude to Dean Snowdon for answering all the Board's questions in a professional, prompt manner.

15. **School Maintenance Grant**

The State of Illinois is offering a School Maintenance Grant of \$50,000 that would need to be matched by the school district. Dr. Greenlee recommended the Board approve application for this grant. The money would be used on identified items on our life safety and maintenance repair lists.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve applying for this grant, seconded by Ms. Neece.

Roll Call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

16. **Illinois Security Grant**

The State of Illinois is offering a Security Grant to assist schools in reinforcing entry ways and doors as well as other protective measures to ensure student safety. Dr. Greenlee recommended we apply for the grant. The money would be used to reinforce doors and windows of each school and classroom. Ms. Neece made a motion to approve application for this grant, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll Call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

17. **2014-2015 School Calendar Approval**

The draft calendars were sent to all staff and board members after the January BOE meeting. In this calendar, Emergency Days are placed on Martin Luther King Day and the Monday following Easter (The remaining three days will be placed at the end

of the year.) This allows two days to be made up during the school year and prevent the year being extended so long at the end. Dr. Greenlee recommended the Board approve the 2014-15 School Calendar as presented.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the calendar, seconded by Mr. Schubert. – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

18. **Rockton School District Booth at RoRo**

The Rockton School District would like to have a booth at the RoRo Event at Hononegah High School on March 15th and 16th. This will be the second year participating in the RoRo Event and this year the PTO will partner with the District to staff it.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve having a District booth at the Rockton RoRo, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll Call: Ms. Neece, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

19. **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.

- 2:105 - Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:120 – Board Member Development
- 2:150 – Committees
- 2:250 – Access to District Public Records
- 3:60 – Administrative Responsibility of the Principal
- 4:100 – Insurance Management
- 4:110 – Transportation
- 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
- 5:20 – Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:50 – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition
- 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100 – Staff Development Program
- 5:120 – Ethics and Conduct
- 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- 6:250 – Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- 6:310 – Substitutions for Physical Education and Other Required Courses
- 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics
- 7:340 – Student Records
- 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

20. **Superintendents Report**

- Teacher's Institute Day evaluations attached for Board Review.
- Strategic Plan Update – On Monday our Task Force reconvened and approved the action plans that our teams worked on with a few minor adjustments. We are

now making sure that each of the four action teams is ok with those suggestions and if they approve, we will bring the Strategic Plan to the March Board meeting for acceptance.

- Sub Pay Rate – We have been finding it tough to find substitutes to fill spots for teachers and assistants. This is an issue with other districts and Harlem recently raised the rate for substitute teachers to \$90. We are looking into ways to increase our sub pool.

21. Administrative Reports

Mr. Glenn Terry

1. Congratulations to Mrs. Ballard and our first grade students for putting on a wonderful concert Feb. 13th titled, A Little Night Music.
2. Congratulations to Annie Rohrer for winning the WZOK Teacher of the Week Award. Steve Shannon was here Thursday to present her with flowers and cupcakes.
3. “Excellent staff at RGS. They were very helpful and made me feel very welcome.” “Amazing students.” “What an awesome environment!” These are quotes that a new substitute teacher left after a day at RGS. We get these comments regularly and it’s a tribute to our students, parents, and staff.

Mr. Scott Rollinson

1. Carrie Lynn Center has been at WPES to present on Erin’s Law. Thank you to Rebecca Rathe and Kristin Bindl for setting this up!
2. Thank you PTO for putting on a great Fun Fair!
3. WPES just had a design contest for our student assignment notebook next year; Kennedy Seger was the winner.
4. ISAT Testing, Read Across America, PARCC Pilot testing season all are coming up!

Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre & Mr. Shaun Newmes

1. SMMS would like to thank Sue Patterson and our student/parent volunteers for running a successful book fair.
2. Track season is starting at SMMS! Parent meeting is March 5th at 6:00 p.m.
3. The 8th graders will be attending their Washington D.C. trip this weekend. Jeanna McAfee, Deb Cesario and Eric Eiss will be joining our students.
4. Thank you to Lance Tuula and Zach Newman for a wonderful school and public performance of Captain Louis, Jr.!
5. SMMS will be hosting the 7th grade girls’ basketball tournament on March 10th, 11th and 13th.
6. Allie McLarty earned first and Collin Moist earned second at the SMMS Spelling Bee. Allie will advance to the Boone-Winnebago Regional Spelling Bee on March 18th. Thanks to Mrs. Vermett, Mrs. Shouler, Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Shook for organizing the live event for SMMS.

22. Comments from the Community

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Ms. Neece. No one wished to address the Board of Education. Regular session resumed.

23. **Members' Comments**

None.

24. Mr. Schubert made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 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 Ms. Neece. – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Roll Call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 9:26 p.m., seconded by Bill Midgett.

Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

25. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn at 9:27 p.m., seconded by Mr. Midgett. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Approved date: March 19, 2014

President: _____

Secretary: _____