

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held February 15, 2017**

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

01. **Call to Order** by President at 6:00 p.m.,

02. **Roll Call**

Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason,
Katie Littlefield
Absent: Chanice Michowski

Others Present: Superintendent Terry, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Assistant Principal Matt Roer, RTA Vice President Gina Tuula, Business Manager Sue Miller, 1st Grade teachers Annie Rohrer, Emily Dummer, Maggie Campbell, Samantha Hawkinson, Hayley Miller, Mary Spors, Amy Stevens, Erin Hauser, Student Teacher Hannah Fleming, Community Member Mr. Chad Papke, Christine Taylor from The American Heart Association.

03. **Comments from the Community**

Christine Taylor, American Heart Association, recognized Brian Martin and Rockton School District for their exemplary fundraising. Over the last eight years, Rockton School District has raised approximately \$305,000. Last year, Rockton Grade School raised \$21,089 and \$141,184 over the last eight years.

04. **First Grade Presentation**

First grade teachers demonstrated to the Board what a student who has sensory processing concerns, struggles with on a daily basis in the classroom. After the very effective demonstration, they outlined solutions such as flexibility in seating, schedules, lunch hours, as well as time spent with an occupational therapist.

05. **Executive Session**

None.

06. **Correspondence**

- Two In-School Suspension letters

07. **Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, February bills, March payroll, January treasurer's report and all items identified Below:

- Co-op Employment & Personnel, Bills Paid
- January 27, 2017 Personnel Committee
- February 9, 2017 Special Purpose Meeting Minutes

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jim Meason.

Roll call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield - 6 ayes, Motion carried.

08. Personnel

Jim Meason motioned to approve the following employments for the 2016-2017 school year, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

CERTIFIED STAFF

- Blake Miglin (Resign) – Track Coach effective immediately
- Laura Lueshen (Hire) – Early Childhood Teacher
- Diana Kelly (Leave) – Maternity leave approx. 3/21/2017 through FY2017 Return 2018
- Keegan Ray (Hire) – Speech and Language Pathologist
- Erin Parker (Hire) – Speech and Language Pathologist
- Laura Erwin (Hire) - Speech and Language Pathologist

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

- Cheryl Butler (Hire) – Library Aide effective 2/1/2017
- Tyson Young (Resign) – Maintenance/Custodial 1st Shift RGS
- Shannon Carlson (Hire) – Maintenance/custodial 1st Shift RGS
- DuWayne Jones (Hire) – Head Track coach from Assistant Track Coach
- Bernice Wirries (Hire) – 1:1 Paraprofessional @ SMMS

Roll call: Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Katie Littlefield, 6 ayes, Motion carried.

09. Closed Session Minutes

None.

10. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

None.

11. Approve 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 RSD #140 School Calendars

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 Rockton School

District school calendars, seconded by Josh Houghton.

All in favor - 6 ayes

12. Approval of Policy

Jim Meason motioned to approve the following policies which were reviewed and presented in January, seconded by Josh Houghton.

All in favor - 6 ayes.

- 5:260 Student Teachers

- 5:30 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:140 Education of Homeless Children
- 6:145 Migrant Students
- 6:160 English Learners
- 6:170 Title 1 Programs
- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment
- 7:50 Student Admissions and Student Transfer to and From Non-District Schools
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:260 Exemption from Physical Activity
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

13. New Auditors for RSD #140

Approval is requested for Benning Group, LLC - located in Freeport, to be Rockton School District's auditors. Glenn Terry updated the BOE on specific reasons why RSD changed auditors.

Katie Littlefield motioned to approve Benning Group, LLC as Rockton School District's new auditors, seconded by Jim Meason.
All in favor - 6 ayes.

14. Proposed Cell Tower on RSD Property

Glenn Terry updated the BOE regarding Uniti Company approaching RSD on leasing space on school property for a cell tower. Board members asked Mr. Terry numerous questions and Board members shared initial thoughts including pros and cons.

15. Aide Categories

Josh Houghton motioned for the creation of a new category of paraprofessionals titled, Early Childhood - Special Education, seconded by Stacey Heiar

Roll call: Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Katie Littlefield - 6 ayes, Motion carried.

16. New Business

Katie Littlefield stated she will be distributing the Superintendent Evaluation form for each Board Member to complete.

17. Superintendent's Report

- Glenn Terry updated the BOE on topic for the upcoming committee meetings:
 - a) Personnel Committee: staffing, retirements, class size projections.
 - b) Finance Committee: E-Rate grant, Technology priorities, Administrative Contracts, non-certified salaries.
 - c) Building & Grounds Committee: Setting up a parking lot committee
- Pre-K Grant
Kindyl Etnyre will write the Pre-K grant this year. Mrs. Etnyre, Mr. Terry, and Mrs. Miller will work on alternative funding options in case we are not approved for the grant.
- Mr. Terry thanked the RSD Staff for the wonderful support they offered the Goodsell family during the past several weeks.

Administrative Reports

WPES/Megan Forsythe

- Chromebook Cart at WPES: Cart of 30 HP Chromebooks have already made their way into 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms. Teachers have been using them for student-driven investigations, projects, technology components to the Wonders Reading and Pearson Math curriculum series. The new set of Chromebooks have also been helpful in planning for PARCC testing. It's exciting to get these devices into our student hands and see how they can enhance learning!
- Wonderful Community: Just want to thank Mr. Terry and all of the Whitman Post staff for the incredible support for our students, colleagues, and families over the past few weeks. While we have had heavy hearts during difficult times, it's comforting to be reminded of what a wonderful community we have.
- Blues in the Schools Assembly with Frutel and Jackson, February 23rd
At RGS and WPES.
- PTO Update:
 - a. PTO Spring Family Reading Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th; As always, we are looking for volunteers!

RGS/Kindyl Etnyre

- Paws for Reading Program: Mr. Tom Shook and his therapy dog, Mya, have been visiting our reading room and two second grade classrooms every two weeks.
Students are awarded the opportunity to read with Mya.
- 1st grade concert: RGS would like to thank Mrs. Ballard, the first grade students and staff for a delightful singing experience reflecting all four seasons!
- Pre-School Screening & Kindergarten Registration: This event takes several individuals to operate smoothly and successfully. Special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Rehfeld, Mrs. Naomi Wilterdink, Mrs. Laura Lueshen, Mrs. Rebecca Schepmann, pre-K/kindergarten teachers and volunteers (Mrs. Brandy Graves, Mrs. Barb Hazelwood-Miller, Mrs. Andrea Enderle & Miss Taryn Gille).

- I would like to echo Mrs. Forsythe's comments about the support we have received from our Rockton Families and local public education school communities. In a time of need and afterwards, we have been surrounded by kindness.

SMMS/Autumn Czizek & Matt Roer

- Carpenter's Place Donation Drive - We currently have our Carpenter's Place donation drive going on. Students are bringing in items to donate to Carpenter's Place and participating in spirit days this week. Thank you to Peer Support for the organization of this week!
- Constitution Test - Eighth grade students took the Constitution test on Monday. Students had great success in preparing for the exam. We had 6 students end up with a perfect score.
- Smashball Tournament - NJHS students are hosting a smash ball tournament to benefit the Rockton Food Pantry. The tournament will be held on March 15th after school.
- Post-It Note Decorating - Thank you to student council and Mrs. Kaz for hosting our post it note door decorating contest. We had lots of fantastic entries. Congratulations to Mrs. Balandis, Mrs. Limke, Mrs. Crowley and their homerooms for winning the contest.
- Taste Testing - Thank you to Teresa Guerra for organizing taste testing opportunities for SMMS students. Students had a great time giving feedback on possible new menu items.
- Spelling Bee - SMMS will host our all school spelling bee on Monday, March 20 at 8:00 am in the library.
- Rockton Warriors Booster Club - Spring Wish Lists are due on February 27. We are looking forward to granting some of those wishes!
- Congratulations to Diana Kelly being named WREX Teacher of the Week!

18. Comments from the Community

None

19. Members' Comments

- Gail Johnson stated that REEF Trivia Night was a success and that from the proceeds raised, 9 requests for REEF grants were awarded. Also, Mrs. Johnson and Jim Meason thanked Glenn Terry for keeping the Board updated so well during difficult times.
- Katie Littlefield stated she had heard so many positive comments within the community of the wonderful support system of the Rockton School District.

20. Adjournment

Josh Houghton motioned for adjournment at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Jim Meason. The next meeting will be March 15, 2017, 6:00 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Music Room.