

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2008 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 January 23, 2008, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call LaForge Meason Pearcy Neece Praneis Schubert Warren
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Mrs. Neece arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Scott Rollinson, Barb Browning, Jay Larson, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Curriculum Coordinator Kindyl Etnyre, Realtor Bob Nieman, Attorney Jack Cook, Attorney Robb Cooper, Rockford Register Star reporter Rob Baxter, RTA Representative/Teacher Glenn Terry, and various teachers.

Closed Session

Mrs. Warren moved to enter closed session at 6:01 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). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Schubert, Warren, Meason, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Correspondence

- Thank you card received from Amy and Todd Stevens for the baby book received for the birth of their son Carter.
- Two letters of out of school suspension and two letters of in school suspension.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schubert moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. December 19, 2007 Regular meeting minutes
2. January bills, February payroll, December treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donation
 - Set of encyclopedias for SMMS from Ann Dreyer
 - Exercise bike for Satellite classroom from Laurie Yost
5. Title I District e-Plan

New Math Textbook

Mr. Schubert moved to approve purchase of Scott Foresman: enVision math textbook series as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Sale of District Property

Mrs. Warren moved to reject bid for contract to purchase School Street property received on January 16, 2008 from Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rock Valley because it did not meet bid specifications, seconded by Mr. Meason, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Warren moved to retain Bob Nieman as realtor with 7% commission to sell School Street property within 120 days, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to accept new bid for contract to purchase from Unitarian Universalist Congregation Church as presented to purchase School Street property contingent upon approval from Attorney Deb Delia, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Praneis, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to direct Superintendent Harezlak to send letter to Village of Rockton in support for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Church to obtain a Special Use Permit for use of the School Street building as a church, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve publishing a resolution to sell school district property located at 400 Chapel Street, Rockton, by sealed bid for a minimum amount of \$125,000 to be published on January 29, February 5 and 12, 2008 with the bid opening on February 19, 2008, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Policy Committee

- At the January 16, 2008 Policy Committee meeting, the following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for BOE action at the February meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes. Copies of the policy changes were provided.
 - 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
 - 2:30 – School District Elections
 - 2:210 – Organizational School Board Meeting
 - 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - 3:60 – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
 - 4:10 – Fiscal and Business Management
 - 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:110 – Transportation
 - 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 5:35 – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
 - 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:250 – Leaves of Absence
 - 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves

- 5:334 – Job Descriptions/Categories/Multi-Level Pay
- 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- 6:65 – Student Social and Emotional Development
- 6:270 – Guidance and Counseling Program
- 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
- 7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:220 – Bus Conduct
- 7:250 – Student Support Services
- 7:340 – Student Records
- 8:20 – Community Use of School Facilities

Mrs. Percy moved to approve January 16, 2008 Policy Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. LaForge, to approve the following personnel report, carried unanimously.

- a. Employment for 2007-2008 school year
 - Non-Certified
 - Jennafer Parrish WPES Special Education Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Evonne Myrick RGS Special Education Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Joel Flowers SMMS Play Director

- b. Rescind Resignation
 - Non-Certified
 - Philip Goudreau Satellite Teacher Assistant

- c. FMLA Request for 2007-2008 school year – 12 weeks
 - Certified
 - Monica Way SMMS Teacher

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, LaForge, Meason, Schubert, Percy, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Percy moved to approve separation agreement for Lisa Holliday, Hearing Impaired teacher, employed by Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Meason, Schubert, Percy, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the December 19, 2007 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

New Regulations for 403B Plans

Information was provided regarding the district’s progress on compiling with the new IRS regulations for the operation of 403(b) plans. Area Business Managers will be attending meetings to have a new plan in place by July 1, 2008.

Quarterly Investment Review

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was discussed. Superintendent Harezlak provided a report listing average second quarter expenditures and revenues, remaining construction costs, and certificates of deposits.

Finance Committee Meeting

A finance committee meeting for FY09 budget planning is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th at 6 pm and Wednesday, March 5th at 6 pm in the district office conference room.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Annual WCSEC Dinner

Board members are encouraged to attend this year's special annual dinner and open house on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the special education cooperative building located at 11971 Wagon Wheel Road.

REEF Trivia Night

REEF is hosting the first annual 'Trivia Night' on February 9, 2008 at SMMS as a fundraiser. REEF has arranged for an enjoyable evening of family fun that will hopefully generate funds to support their valuable teacher grant program.

District Website

Thanks to Kris Holland, Public Relations, the Board of Education link on our district website has been revised to include information about each Board member and new individual pictures.

Other

Superintendent Harezlak informed the BOE of Mr. Rollinson and Mrs. Browning's plans to explore the option of a breakfast program at RGS and WPES for next school year. They will bring a recommendation to the February BOE.

Discussed ethics/gift ban policy.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Larson reported:

- Thank you to the PTO for SMMS grant allocations.
- SMMS has two student teachers – Ms. Glavan and Ms. Ellison.
- The speaker about 'Understanding Poverty' on School Improvement Day was excellent.
- REEF Trivia Night is Saturday, February 9th.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- PTO grant allocations totaled over \$7,300.
- Backpack program starts Friday, January 25th.
- WPES has two student teachers – Donna McCallips and Rachel Webb.
- Invited everyone to the Wax Museum on January 29th from noon until 2 pm.

Mrs. Browning reported:

- Project Fair will be held on April 2nd.
- Thank you to the PTO for grant allocations.
- School Improvement Day speaker was great.
- RGS has a new math software program.
- Teachers participated in a guided reading training on January 22nd.
- RGS has three student teachers – Amy Hanson, Christina Ross, and Jessica Graefe.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- The School Improvement Day speaker about 'Understanding Poverty' on January 18th was great and well received by the teachers.
- Over 20 Rockton staff went to see the movie 'Great Debaters'.
- Jay Larson and Kindyl met with department heads at HHS to share curriculum and instructional program information.

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Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, LaForge, Percy, Schubert, Warren, Meason, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Personnel

Mrs. Warren moved to accept with regret resignation of Jay Larson – SMMS Principal, effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, LaForge, Meason, Schubert, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Percy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. LaForge, carried unanimously.

Approved date: February 27, 2008

President: _____

Secretary: _____