

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2009 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 28, 2009, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

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

	<u>LaForge</u>	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:19 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry and Jim Taphorn, Curriculum Coordinator Lindy Daniels, and RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert 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). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis, LaForge. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Gail Johnson for the plant arrangement sent in memory of her father.
- Thank you card from Nancy Shouler for the plant received after her surgery.
- Thank you card from Julia Saunders for the plant received after her surgery.
- Thank you card from Sue Walsh for the plant received after her surgery.
- Four letters of in-school detention and one letter 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. Schubert moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. LaForge. Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Praneis, LaForge, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. December 17, 2008 Regular meeting minutes, December 17, 2008 Policy Committee meeting minutes, and January 7, 2009 Special Purpose Board of Education meeting minutes
2. January bills, February payroll, December treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action

Appointment of New BOE Member

William Midgett took the oath of office as the new BOE member to fulfill the term of former BOE member Anne Percy.

Election of Vice-President

BOE President Brenda Warren conducted an election for the position of vice-president of BOE.

Mrs. Neece nominated Mrs. Praneis as vice president, seconded by Mr. Meason.

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

New Math Textbook

Lindy Daniels, Penny Lee, Amy Limke, and Monica Way, representatives from the district math selection committee presented information and materials regarding the proposed new math textbook. The new series will be funded in part through the Illinois Textbook Loan program.

Mrs. Praneis moved to approve purchase of new math textbook series, seconded by Mr. Meason.

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

Policy Committee:

- Mr. Warren moved to approve amended policies noted below, seconded by Mr. Meason, carried unanimously.
 - 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
 - 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:70 – Resource Conservation
 - 4:160 – Hazardous and Infectious Materials
 - 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:150 – Residence
 - 5:240 – Suspension
 - 5:250 – Leaves of Absence
 - 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
 - 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - 6:10 – Educational Philosophy and Objectives
 - 6:120 – Education of Children and Disabilities

- At the December 17, 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.
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 - 6:160 – English Language Learners
 - 6:230 – Library Resource Center
 - 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
 - 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - 7:210 – Expulsion Procedures
 - 7:230 – Misconduct by Students with Disabilities

Policy 7:50

Information from area school districts regarding school admission age requirement was shared at the meeting. Superintendent Harezlak recommended removal of language regarding parent/guardian request for early admission for a child. Superintendent Harezlak will rewrite policy section regarding early admission and present it at the next policy meeting.

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2008-2009 school year

Non-Certified

- o Michael Tongue SMMS Custodian/Maintenance
- o Mary Gillis RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time

Certified

- o Rebecca Rathe SMMS Assistant Play Director

b. Child Rearing Leave Request – 2009-2010 school year

Certified

- o Elizabeth Atkins WPES Teacher

c. Resignation

Non-Certified

- o Lisa Motter SMMS Lunchroom Aide

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the December 17, 2008 regular closed session minutes and January 7, 2009 special purpose closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Tax Appeal

Mr. Schubert moved to approve resolution to continue the tax appeal process in conjunction with Hononegah High School District for the appeal that has been filed with the Winnebago County Board of Review, seconded by Mr. Meason.

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

Quarterly Investment Review

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided. Information regarding third quarter investments was discussed.

Finance Committee Meeting

A finance committee meeting for FY09 budget planning is scheduled for March 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Strategic Planning Update

Information regarding the progress of the action items was shared at the meeting.

Annual WCSEC Dinner

Board members are encouraged to attend this year's special annual dinner and open house on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the special education cooperative building located at 11971 Wagon Wheel Road.

DARE Graduation

Congratulations to our school resource officer, Penny Cure, for presenting an inspiring and enjoyable graduation ceremony for our fifth grade DARE class on January 21, 2009.

REEF Trivia Night

REEF is hosting the first annual 'Trivia Night' on February 7, 2009 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.

Other

- Evaluations from School Improvement Day were provided.
- Explained math tutoring internship project that WPES teacher Gina Tuula is implementing. Mrs. Tuula is obtaining her administrative degree.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- The Wax Museum is February 11th.
- Project Fair is February 24th.
- WPES has several after-school activities – Drama Club, Mad Science, and Young Rembrandts.

Mr. Terry reported:

- RGS and WPES students watched the inauguration last week.
- RGS has 67 projects for the Project Fair.
- Several staff members are chaperoning 280 children to CoCo Keys.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- McTeacher's night at the Roscoe McDonald's is February 2nd. Twenty percent of profits go to the Rockton PTO.
- Booster Club has collect \$5800 for the SMMS shed.
- SMMS students watched the inauguration last week.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- The Lady Warriors are off to a great start.
- Valentine's dance is February 13th.
- Science Olympiad has started.

Mrs. Daniels reported:

- Thanked the BOE for support of the new math textbook series.

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.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Meason had a question about moment of silence.
- Mr. Midgett thanked Mrs. Warren and Superintendent Harezlak for their warm welcome.

- Mr. Schubert

- Encouraged people to attend REEF Trivia Night.
- Would like form a committee of community members to look at the future of Rockton.
- Mrs. Warren
 - Appointed Mrs. Neece as chairperson of the Policy Committee and Mr. Midget as member.
 - Discussed possible dates for BOE Retreat – April 19 or 26 and asked permission to employ Randy Jurasek to assist with the Board self-evaluation.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 9:15 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). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis, Midgett, Meason, LaForge. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Midgett, 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 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: February 25, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____