

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2010 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 27, 2010 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>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	ABS	P	P	P	P	P	P

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, various teacher guests, and Rockford Register Star reporter Melissa Westphal.

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), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

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

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

Correspondence

- Eight letters of school suspension and one letter of bus 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

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

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

Items included:

1. December 16, 2009 Regular meeting minutes
2. January bills, February payroll, December treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

Technology Initiative

Erin Salberg, Lance Tuula and Monica Way, district SmartBoard certified trainers, presented a brief overview of the training programs for district staff utilizing the new instructional technology tools.

Policy Committee

- Mrs. Neece moved to approve the following policy changes, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.
 - 4:120 – Food Services
 - 4:130 – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
 - 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
 - 4:160 – Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
 - 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:120 – Ethics
 - 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
 - 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications
 - 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
 - 6:50 – School Wellness
 - 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
 - 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program
 - 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students
 - 7:190 – Student Discipline
 - 7:240 – Conduct code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 - 7:300 – Extracurricular Activities
 - 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
 - 8:100 – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

- A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2009-2010 school year

Certified

- David Lynch SMMS Quiz Bowl Coach

Non-Certified

- Kris Saey SMMS Special Teacher Assistant – part-time

b. Resignation

Non-Certified

- Tara Sheetz SMMS Assistant Track Coach (shared position)
- Dave Sheetz SMMS Assistant Track Coach (shared position)

c. FMLA – 2009-10 school year

Certified

- Stori Dimke WPES Teacher

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the December 16, 2009 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Surplus Equipment

Mr. Schubert moved to approve list of equipment obsolete, seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Michowski, Warren, Schubert, Midgett, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Quarterly Investment Review

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided. Superintendent Harezlak provided information and recommendations regarding second quarter investments.

District FOIA and OMA Officers

Mr. Schubert moved to designate the superintendent and business manager to act as FOIA officers and to designate the BOE president and superintendent as OMA officers, seconded by Mr. Midgett, carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting

The finance committee meeting for FY11 budget planning is scheduled for March 3, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Transportation Bid

Superintendent Harezlak provided an update on the status of the bid procedures for transportation services. Two competitive bids were received. A recommendation will be presented at the February BOE meeting.

Race to the Top Federal Grant

A review of the federal grant and the school district's involvement was shared by Superintendent Harezlak. Rockton chose not to pursue the grant because the grant is geared towards school districts with a large number of low income students and a high percentage of low achieving schools.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Annual WCSEC Dinner

Board members are encouraged to attend this year's special annual dinner and open house on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 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 6, 2010 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.

IASB 2010 Constitution and Position Statements

The IASB document was provided to BOE members.

Other

- The IASB Kishwaukee Division dinner meeting is March 10th.
- Draft 2010-11 and 2011-2012 school calendars will be distributed to staff for input. Calendars will be presented at the February BOE meeting.

- The Building Rental agreement is being revised and will be discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting.
- Informed BOE members of a \$7,000 expenditure in the Title I ARRA grant account.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- WPES raised \$2,200 for Pennies for Patients.
- The PTO Fun Fair is March 6th from noon – 4 p.m.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Student Council is working on ways to raise money for the Haiti earthquake disaster.
- MAP testing was this week.
- Seventh grade is going to Navy Pier on January 28th and 6th grade is going to Milwaukee Public Museum on January 29th.
- Lady Warriors basketball team is off to a great start this season.
- Booster Club Rec Night is January 22nd.
- Class Act Assembly is February 11th.
- This week is No Name Calling week.
- A letter sent home regarding website to select time for parent-teacher conferences.

Mr. Terry reported:

- The second H1N1 vaccination for RGS students was January 19th.
- MAP testing is finished at RGS.
- REEF Trivia Night is February 6th.
- Teachers put a tremendous amount of work into creating lessons for SmartBoards.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson reported she met with Dave Winters regarding school funding and also shared a request on behalf of the RTA for staff to donate sick days to a teacher at SMMS. Regular session resumed.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 8:25 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), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, 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 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved date: February 24, 2010

President: _____

Secretary: _____